



CITIZENS-POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION

612 Federal Avenue
Police Department Lobby
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June 16, 2026
MINUTES

Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chair Milne called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present: Roberta Bidwell, Bishop Timothy Holden, Evelyn McGovern, Debbie Melkonian, and John Milne

Absent: Andrea Foster, and Pastor Bob Davis

Also Present: Police Chief Robert Ruth, Deputy Police Chief Matt Gerow, Lt. David Kendziorski, Lt. Nathaniel Voelker, and City Attorney Amy Lusk

Announcements:

None.

Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Melkonian, seconded by Commissioner McGovern to approve the April 21, 2026, minutes as corrected. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Public Comments:

None.

Chair Report:

Chair Milne encouraged Commissioners to do a ride along with a member of the Saginaw Police Department.

Incident Review:

None.

Recommendations: Police, Practices, and Compliance:

None.

Reports:

Chief Ruth stated that there have been several tips received from Crime Stoppers since the last meeting and that the Director of Crime Stoppers spoke directly with the citizen that expressed concerns at the last meeting.

Chief Ruth further reported that there are currently three officer openings and there are background checks currently being conducted on several potential candidates.

Community Relations:

Discussion was held on the opening and Police Department coverage of Ojibway Island.

Miscellaneous Business:

Commissioner Bidwell asked how the Public Service Announcement videos on the Police Department website are still being used. Chief Ruth stated that the videos were made several years ago as a collaboration with the NAACP and are still relevant and used in the schools. Discussion was held on the possible creation of Conflict Resolution scenario videos.

Chief Ruth stated that Front Porch Roll Calls will continue when locations have been volunteered for use.

Adjourn:

Moved by Commissioner Holden, seconded by Commissioner McGovern to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

As recorded by,

Kristine Bolzman, City Clerk