

PERKINS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

SPECIAL SESSION

July 16, 2020

The Perkins Township Trustees met Thursday July 16, 2020 at the Pavilion at Strickfaden Park located at 318 Bell Avenue. Trustees present were James Lang, Timothy Coleman, and Jeffrey Ferrell. Chairman Ferrell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Mr. Ferrell moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Boyle presented a recommendation to the Board regarding the appointment of a new Police Chief. Mr. Boyle gave an overview of Vincent Donald's tenure with Perkins Township which spans 25 years. His career includes many accomplishments. Letters of support for his promotion to the position of Police Chief have been received expressing the view that he is very well suited to assume that position of leadership. . With that it was Mr. Boyle's privilege to recommend the promotion of Vincent Donald to Police Chief.

RESOLUTION 2020-084

Appoint Vincent Donald Police Chief

Mr. Ferrell moved to appoint Vincent Donald as Police Chief, per a Schedule A, effective immediately. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Mr. Ferrell said that this decision will affect the Township for years to come and is an easy decision for him . Mr. Coleman agreed with Mr. Ferrell. A real testament to Vince is the number of people who were in attendance to witness this promotion. It is with great pride that he will vote in favor of this promotion. Mr. Lang said there was not much else to say except thank you for accepting the position. Roll vote: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

Mr. Ferrell then swore Chief Donald in as Police Chief of Perkins Township.

Chief Donald said he appreciated the faith that the Board and Mr. Boyle have in him. He appreciates the officers who work with him every day. He has been here for 24 years and never thought he would be in this position considering the chief who was here when he was hired. When Chief Klamar took the helm, that is when his career took a change. Chief Klamar stressed training. His fellow officers, such as Sheriff Hilton, also encouraged him. And Chief Parthemore allowed him to help run the department. Once he got into the administrative position, he learned the little things that you must consider like manpower, equipment, funding. These are things you do not consider when you are on the road.

He then thanked and acknowledged the support of his family. His dedication to the Perkins Police Department has meant he has missed a lot of family events. However, that is who he is.

He said that the department is in a good place. There is nothing that is broken; they just need to continue to move forward. He acknowledged that the officers work with him, not for him. The only difference is at the end of the day if there is a decision to be made, that falls on him.

He then thanked the Perkins community. While he did not grow up in Perkins, Perkins gave him his job and his passion is here. Every time the department asks for something, the Perkins community is here to support the Police Department.

He thanked the support of his fellow officers, some of whom he calls on regularly. His said that this is a team effort and he is just one member of that team.

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Chief Donald then introduced some of the people who were there from out-of-town. He especially thanked the Hoty family who has treated him like family and gave him his first job.

Then Chief Donald's daughter Jaiden and girl friend Amanda pinned on his new badge and collar brass.

Trustees Discussion

Mr. Ferrell thanked everyone for coming to this celebration.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Mr. Ferrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye.

Jeffrey Ferrell, Chairman

Diane Schaefer, Fiscal Officer