



Altona Police Board

“The mission of the Altona Police Board is to provide civilian oversight and governance of the Altona Police Service in order to ensure a safe community.”

Minutes of the Altona Police Board public meeting held in the Town of Altona council chambers on Thursday April 11th, 2024 at 12:00pm

Present: Chair Audrey Schmidt, Gord Sawatzky, Tammy Braun, Police Chief Dan Defer, S/Cst Julie Seniuk.

Regrets: Vice Chair Katie Eyre-Saunders, Archie Heinrichs.

1. **Call to order** at 12:00 and approval of agenda

Motion: Gord Sawatzky-moved-Tammy Braun that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

2. **Approval** of the minutes of January 25, 2024

Motion: Gord Sawatzky-moved-Tammy Braun to approve the January 25th minutes as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Chairs Report**

3.1 Provincial appointment: no word on an appointed member. Mayor Schroeder will be contacting Brandon Burley again in hopes of moving forward on this process.

3.2 Special Olympics vs Altona Police Service basketball game: it was a charity game for the Rhineland Food Bank. Excellent attendance from the public, athletes, and members of the Police Service. A great night was had by all who attended.

3.3 Rivers Police Board newly appointed chair Ian Dyer: In an email sent by Andrew Minor, Executive Director of the Manitoba Police Commission, Ian Dyer was introduced to Audrey and several other Chairpersons from various regions of the province. The email requested information regarding salary levels and data pertaining to police officers and chiefs of police. Audrey responded by providing the compensation history, along with the 2024 Altona Police Salary Grid. Additionally, she highlighted that the Altona Police Service, although not unionized, typically negotiates wages in conjunction with all other Town of Altona employees. However, there have been instances where negotiations have occurred independently. Mr. Dyer has not raised any further questions.

3.4 Altona Police Board Annual Report was submitted to Andrew Minor, Executive Director, Manitoba Police Commission.

3.5 Altona Police budget presentation on February 21st: **this item has been deferred until the next meeting when Katie Eyre-Saunders is present.**



4. **Police Chief's Report**

4.1 Monthly Police reports: highlights. The month of March was very quiet.

4.2 Strat plan review: review targets.

4.3 Budget update: 2024 budget was approved by Town of Altona council. Capital expenditures are going to start soon, starting with the back-alley access to our back entrance and the kitchen upgrade.

4.4 General operations update: Nothing new to report. We are still anticipating the resignation of two members in the near future. Two spots have been reserved for Altona Police Service with the Saskatchewan Police College in anticipation of new hires training.

5. **New Business**

5.1 Chief Defer to provide overview on how the Altona Police Service policies are generated, reviewed, updated, and communicated, etc: **this item has been deferred until the next meeting.**

Adjourned 1:05pm

Next meeting September 19, 2024