

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

July 18, 2023
Conference Room #119
5:30 P.M.

Present: Commissioners: Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Coughlin, Betsy Artz, Ron Draayer, Maurice Groce, Clarkston Morgan, Jessica Ann Tyson, and Mayor Stephen Kepley.

Staff present: Finance Director Emeritus Tom Chase, Executive Assistant Stephanie Fox, Deputy City Administrator Shay Gallagher, Finance Director Keyla Garcia, DPW Director Chad Griffin, City Clerk Dan Kasunic, Police Chief Bryan Litwin, Fire Chief Brent Looman, Fire Department Administrative Assistant Nancy Shane, and Sabo Representative Anna Kendall.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

A. POLICE STAFFING UPDATE.

Police Chief Litwin informed the Committee that the op-out bonus has been finalized. Five officers will continue to leave the department and go to the Kent County Sheriffs Department, with three officers leaving the department for other departments and three anticipated retirements by the end of the year with one pushing back his retirement until a later date.

The department has posted for sponsored program at GRCC for January. The department will sponsor three for Grand Valley Academy. They currently have three in training, and four to begin the Police Academy in August.

The Committee had several questions pertaining to pension vs. 401k and comparables and promotions.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

Dan Kasunic
City Clerk

Robert Coughlin
Mayor Pro-Tem