

**TO: CHICAGO LODGE #7 /BOARD OF DIRECTORS
/UNIT REPRESENTATIVES
/WATCH REPRESENTATIVES
/MEMBERS**

FROM: KEVIN GRAHAM
(In the absence of)

SIDNEY M. DAVIS
RECORDING SECRETARY

**SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE GENERAL
MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 19, 2008
AT F.O.P. HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

President Donahue called the meeting to order at 12:03 hours

Deceased Members Who Were Remembered During The Opening Prayer Were:

Thomas J. Schmidt, John E. Naughton, Victor W. Madrecki, John Alagna, Brian Mitchell, James A. Gage, Robert A. Noonan, Michael J. O'Connor, Daniel J. Conroyd, Thomas J. O'Callaghan, Leo J. Mikol, Robert J. Brogi, James L. Swank, Vito M. Orseno, Jr., Michael J. Jamen, George P. Schimmel, John A. DiMaggio, Reinaldo C. Jimenez, Harry Kent, Jesse J. Buttry, Michael J. Keas, Edward C. Jablonowski

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following officers were awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge No. 7:

Police Officer Richard Hanrahan, Police Officer Craig Brownfield, Police Officer Keith Blair and Police Officer Bernard McDevitt.

The following officers were awarded the Life Saving Award by the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge No. 7:

Police Officer Chris Haralampopoulos and Police Officer Thomas Murphy

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

President Mark Donahue explained to those in attendance that three of the Board Members are sick and absent, including Sid Davis. Trustee Graham will assist in taking the minutes for today's General Meeting.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report

Mark Donahue

Contract Negotiations:

Two agreements with the City have been reached on non-monetary issues. The objective is to have a contract on which members can vote.

Legislative Issues:

The Lodge has had our top three bills reintroduced into the State Legislature: Pension Portability Bill #4816
3% compounded and COLA Bill #4817

Retiree Health Insurance:

The Illinois Municipal League is trying to reduce pension benefits for new hires. IML is attempting to establish a two-tiered pension system - defined contributions and defined benefits. President Donohue spoke about the differences and explained that he and the President of the Firefighters' Union have just been asked to serve on the Committee which looks into the funding of City pensions. Until last week, Police and Fire had been excluded.

Leasing of Midway Airport:

Should the lease occur, 45% of the proceeds would go to the 4 City Pension Funds. This could amount to as much as a 10% increase to the Police Pension Fund. President Donohue explained that we have our legislation ready to go, should this occur.

National Legislation:

On Monday, February 26, 2008, President Donohue will be attending the F.O.P. Day on the Hill in Washington, D.C., where our top priorities will be Social Security Fairness Act as well as Police Officers' Bill of Rights.

Superintendent Jody Weiss:

President Donohue met with the new Police Superintendent Jody Weis at Starbucks on 35th Street. They discussed a broad spectrum of issues, including "swiping out". The following day, which was his first day in office Superintendent Weis rescinded the "swiping out" order. President Donohue stated that he is "cautiously optimistic of the new Superintendent. Although Alana Rosenzweig, Director of the Independent Police Review Authority, is not a fan of the sworn affidavit, Superintendent Weiss is a fan, and he believes it is a "fairness issue.

48-Hour Rule:

City Attorneys and F.O.P. Attorneys have a difference of opinion over the time in which an accused individual must be brought before a judge after the accused is charged with a crime. Talks continue with the City on the issue.

Blood Drive:

President Donohue reminded members present that a Blood Drive would take place on February 20 at F.O.P. from 10am until 5pm.

Unk Member:

Spoke on the issue of contract talks

President Donahue:

Those issues "cannot yet be public knowledge, " due to an agreement with the City and FOP, not to discuss the contract in the press.

Charles Palka, Unit 167:

Spoke on the issue of 2-tiered pension system

President Donohue:

Explained defined contributions and defined benefits, a 401-K type of benefit, as well as Windfall Elimination in regard to Social Security.

Motion by

Joe Butney

2nd by

Frank DiMaria

Motion:

To accept the President's Report.

Motion passes.

1st Vice President's Report

By Bill Dougherty

Medical Grievances:

Since the February 2008 General Meeting, the Lodge filed seventeen (17) grievances, of which eight (8) were for denial of I.O.D's, four (4) for officers placed into the psychological physical evaluations and five (5) for miscellaneous.

Health Fair:

The Lodge has scheduled the first Health Fair for 2008 at the FOP Hall, February 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th 2008. The Company providing the service is Internet Health Solutions. You may call for an appointment at 1-800-840-6100. A full page ad listing what services are available is in the current February FOP Newsletter.

Motion by **Jim Bailey**
2nd by **Darren Bourret**
Motion: **To accept the 1st Vice President's Report given by President Donahue**
Motion passes

Don Richardson, Unit 022:

Spoke on the issue of an officer involved in a traffic accident (26th and Cal) and the City covering the officer.

Discussion on the "Heart Check Systems" and "Wellness Program"

2nd Vice President's Report

Frank DiMaria

Vest Safety Day:

On February 14, 2008 Lodge 7 conducted a Vest Safety Day in which 11 vendors participated for the benefit of our membership. 300 Lodge members took advantage of the benefit. It was a huge success. We will repeat this benefit again in February of 2009

Blood Drive:

Mark mentioned the blood drive which helped the son of a Detective from Area 1.

Parole Hearing:

Please sign the petitions in the back of the room, which will help keep a convicted cop killer in prison. The hearing is scheduled for February 20th and so far we have obtained 2400 signatures.

Uniform Resale:

Lodge 7, has scheduled a Uniform Resale for April 16, 2008 in the FOP Hall from 1pm until 6pm

Firearm Safety Day:

On June 10th and 11th, the Lodge will sponsor a Firearm Safety Day in the FOP Hall from 9am until 5pm. Most Gun Manufactures will be present.

Motion by **Don Richardson**
2nd by **Mike Garza**
Motion: **To accept the 2nd Vice President's report**
Motion passes

3rd Vice President's Report

By Greg Bella

Call-Outs or Shootings:

For the month of January 2008, there were (3) call outs involving four (4) officers in three (3) shootings.

Discipline Screening Panels:

There were fifth teen (15) DSP cases heard recently of which an alternate recommendation was given in six (6) cases.

General Order 02-03:

The Department has issued a revision to General Order 02-03. which references individuals arrested without a warrant. 3rd Vice President Bella spoke on the issue and reasons for the 48-hour Rule, as well as F.O.P.'s position, and how it differs from the City's position, cited the U.S. Supreme Court's position that an arrestee must be brought before a judge "in a reasonable amount time."

Motion by Rhonda Bullock

2nd by Rick King

Motion: To accept the 3rd Vice President's report

Motion passes

**Recording Secretary's Report
By Sid Davis**

Secretary Davis is away this month (no report)

**Treasurer's Report
By John Capparelli**

Treasurer Capparelli is away this month (no report)

**Financial Secretary's Report
By Timothy Fallon**

Financial Secretary Tim Fallon explained the EL.5.A. law suit (to the membership) which is in the hands of a Federal Judge, awaiting a ruling. The City may appeal to the Appellate Court, but this would enable officers to take F.L.S.A. time at will, but with some restrictions. Fallon also explained the difference between F.L.S.A. time and Contractual time. The Lodge is still monitoring the Korshack numbers for retiree's health care and the issue of retiree's right to register handguns in the City of Chicago.

Labor Board:

A grievance has been filed for Lodge members regarding qualifying with Duty and Alternate Duty weapons.

Duty Availability (P.P.O's)

The City and the Lodge are still trying to ascertain the number of officers and the amounts which they are to be paid regarding duty availability.

Independent Police Review Authority:

wants to interview witnesses on the same day as the shooting, to avoid someone's influencing a witness's account of the incident. The LP.R.A. will conduct interviews only when the Detectives have completed their interviews with witnesses.

Motion to accept the Financial Secretary's Report was made by Tim Murphy; seconded by Gerry Majerczyk.

Questions: Tim Murphy asked, "Who is responsible when the witness wants to leave and is denied because I.P.R.A. wants to retain him or her?" Answer: Responsibility is that of the Street Deputy, whether or not to hold the witness.

Motion by
2nd by
Motion: To accept the Financial Secretary's Report
Motion passes

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD OF THE ORDER

After determining that no other business was pending....

Motion by
2nd by
Motion: To adjourn the meeting
Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at _____ hours

Fraternally,

Sidney M. Davis
Recording Secretary

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