

**CITY OF HARTFORD
COUNTY OF VAN BUREN
STATE OF MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION 2025 - 007**



TO APPROVE PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR POLICE CHIEF

At a Special meeting of the City of Hartford Commission at 19 West Main Street called to order by Mayor Richard A. Hall on February 6, 2025 at 3:30p.m.

The following resolution was offered:

Moved by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____.

WHEREAS, the City Manager has been meeting with police agencies chiefs, county sheriffs, and the State of Michigan police captain and retired lieutenant to assist me with the search of a part-time police chief; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has interviewed several candidates for the position, unfortunately the candidates have withdrawn their application. The City Manager has been in search of a candidate that is able to rebuild the police department's ethics, perception, integrity, and honesty; and

WHEREAS, Brian Matthews is currently a Sergeant at the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Tribal Police. He has been a police officer for 24 years. His career started at the Bangor police department for a few years, then hired by Van Buren County Sheriff for fifteen years. Brian has a Bachelor of Science degree from Grand Valley State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Matthews has paved a path for himself with continuing education and certifications for police leadership/supervision, expert witness and status certifications. He has numerous awards, a member of numerous committees and organizations, presented at several conferences and trainings; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Matthews would work part-time at a minimum of fifty hours a month for 6 months. The City Manager will evaluate Brian's job performance and the status of priority departmental goals by 6 months; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager will give a recommendation to the Commission of how to move forward after reviewing the status of the police department after the six-month period. Some of the primary priorities will be the evidence room and current evidence, updating department policies, training and certifications, and duty equipment for officers; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the City of Hartford City Commission approve the proposed part-time employment agreement to hire Brian Matthew's as the City's Police Chief contingent upon completing MCOLES background check.

YEAS: Commissioner's

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

DATE: February 6, 2025

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk

I RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, Clerk for the City of Hartford, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the City Commission of the City of Hartford during a meeting held on February 6, 2025

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk
City of Hartford
19 West Main Street, Hartford MI 49057