

**CITY OF PAPILLION  
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT  
April 6, 2021 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Submitted By:</b>
Papillion Police Retirement Committee Appointments	Resolution R21-0067	Chris Whitted, Interim Chief of Police

**SYNOPSIS:**

Every four years the Papillion Police Department and the City of Papillion designate six members to serve on the Papillion Police Retirement Committee. Four of these members are selected to serve by the Officers serving the City of Papillion Police Department. Additionally, two members shall be designated by the Papillion City Council.

Together these six representatives will serve as representatives on the Papillion Police Retirement Committee, in accordance with Nebraska State Statute 16-1001 through 16-1018, until February 2025.

The Police Retirement Committee is recommending the appointment of Kevyn Sopinski and Joel Dighans by the City Council. Mr. Sopinski has served on the Committee since 2017.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None. There is no salary as a Committee Member and there is no compensation for expenses.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Papillion Police Officers Pension Committee recommends approval.

**BACKGROUND:**

In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 16-1014 and 16-1015, a Retirement committee shall be established to supervise the general operation of the Retirement system established pursuant to the Police Officers Retirement Act. The governing body of the City shall continue to be responsible for the general administration of such Retirement system unless specific functions or all functions with regard to the administration of the Retirement system are delegated, by ordinance (specifically Article VII; Chapter 9: Police Department Retirement Committee), to the Retirement committee.

Each Retirement committee established pursuant to Nebraska State Statute shall consist of members from both the police force and designees of the city council. The committee shall consist of six members of which four members shall be selected by the officers from the police force of the city. Two members shall be designated by the city council. The members who are not participants in such Retirement system shall have a general knowledge of Retirement plans. Members of the governing body of such city may serve on the Retirement committee. The committee members shall be appointed to four-year terms. Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of the term by a person with the same representation as his or her predecessor. Members of the Retirement committee shall receive no salary and shall not be compensated for expenses.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Resolution R21-0067
- Non-sworn applicant biographies

**RESOLUTION NO. R21-0067**

**WHEREAS**, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 16-1014 and 16-1015, and Papillion City Code Article VII Chapter 9: Police Department Retirement Committee, establish the requirements for the Papillion Police Department Retirement Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Officers Douglas Moeller, Brandon Stigge, Frank Matyja, and Travis Rozeboom, Sworn Officers of the Papillion Police Department and willing participants in the Papillion Police Retirement Plan, have volunteered and been elected by their peers to serve the next four-year term on the Retirement Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Kevyn Sopinski of Pathfinder Wealth Advisors and Joel Dighans of First Command Financial Planning have also graciously volunteered to serve the next four-year term as representatives of the City on the Retirement Committee.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Papillion to approve the appointments of Kevyn Sopinski and Joel Dighans to serve a four-year term on the Papillion Police Pension Retirement Committee from February 2021 to February 2025.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF APRIL 2021.**

**CITY OF PAPILLION, NEBRASKA**

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David P. Black, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Nicole Brown, City Clerk

## **Biographies**

### **Kevyn P. Sopinski of Pathfinder Wealth Advisors**

A resident of Papillion since 2001, Kevyn Sopinski is a graduate of Creighton University with a degree in economics and received an MBA from Bellevue University. Prior to starting his financial planning career in 2006, Kevyn worked for over 10 years at TD Ameritrade on the margin and option desks and also spent considerable time on several corporate acquisitions. Kevyn holds the FINRA Series 7, 24, 63 and 65 securities registrations.

In 2015 Kevyn purchased the former home of the Papillion Flower Patch, and considers himself lucky to own this piece of Papillion real estate. After a complete renovation, in 2017, Kevyn forged a partnership with several advisors and friends to create Pathfinder Wealth Advisors. Kevyn has a strong passion for serving others and helping clients build a better financial plan.

His wife, Martha, is full-time mom to twin 12-year-old girls, Piper and Cameron, but also is a paraprofessional at Prairie Queen Elementary. Kevyn is very active in Papillion sports and in the community. Hobbies include coaching kids, anything fun outdoors, woodworking, and pulling the kids on their wakeboards and skis.

### **Joel Dighans of First Command**

Joel grew up on a farm and ranch in the big sky country of Montana, and then went east into North Dakota to attend college. North Dakota is where he met his future wife, Sally, graduating from North Dakota State University in Fargo. Joel started working for UPS in Fargo, and this career eventually landed him in the Omaha area. After 27 years with UPS, Joel made a career change over to First Command in 2010, where he has been ever since. His work as a Financial Advisor includes being very passionate about helping people plan for their financial future, by developing personal relationships to help people achieve their goals and objectives in life. He and Sally have raised four amazing kids that are now young adults – Sarah, Abbey, Emily, and Sam. Joel enjoys spending time with his family, including a new son-in-law and a soon to be son-in-law.