



CITIZEN'S POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CPOC)
Tuesday, December 16, 2014
Room 102, Village Hall

Minutes

Present: **CPOC:** Chair Bruno, Albert Berry, Andreen Neukranz-Butler, Robert Benoit, James Downing, T. Ford, Kevin Ochalla
Police Department: Chief Tanksley, Deputy Chief Ambrose
Village Staff Liaison: Kimberly Shamley, Human Resources Director

Chair Bruno called the meeting to order at 7:40pm

Public Comment – None

Chair Bruno asked the two new members to introduce themselves and give their background.

Ms. Ford has her Master's degree in Forensic Psychology. Mr. Ochalla is an Oak Park resident and works as an attorney for Cook County.

Chair Bruno requested a motion to approve the minutes from the July, 2014 meeting as drafted. The motion was proposed by Al Berry and seconded by Robert Benoit. The minutes were approved unanimously as amended.

At this time Chief Tanksley and Deputy Chief Ambrose gave an update on staffing in the Police Department. There are two new commanders, four officers successfully completed the academy and are currently in the FTO program. Five completed the training program and are on solo patrol.

President Bruno asked if the department was at full complement. Chief Tanksley responded that the department is never up to full complement – there are four people on the medical roll – in over twenty years the department is close to being fully staffed. A new deputy chief has been appointed. Frank Limon is a 37-year veteran, who was the Police Chief in River Forest and New Haven Connecticut. He will be sworn in on December 29, 2014.

Mr. Benoit asked about the crime situation. The Chief responded that crime is down 8% from this time last year. Burglaries/robberies are down, thefts are up, which drives crime. Mr. Berry inquired about town hall meetings. The Chief responded that the department is revamping the community policing initiative. During the monthly zone meetings, attendance has dropped, but plans to have meetings at Village Hall in the future.

Chief Tanksley explained how the Fire and Police Commission is no longer involved in the disciplinary process involving patrol officers.

The Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:30pm.

Upon returning from Executive Session, the CPOC meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.