



CITIZEN'S POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CPOC)

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

7:30 p.m.

Room 102, Village Hall

Minutes

Present: **CPOC:** Chair Kevin Ochalla, James Downing, Tanya Ford, Josh Luttig, John Nowicki, Bob Pickrell
Police Department: Police Chief Ambrose, Deputy Chief Limon, Commander Reynolds
Village Staff: Director of Human Resources, Assistant Village Manager Julia Scott-Valdez, HR Generalist Sue Kornatowski

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m.

Roll Call was taken.

There were public comments from James Kennedy from Boy Scout Troop 16 regarding procedures in place to avoid future incidents similar to Castillo being pulled over a few years ago. Commander Reynolds, Deputy Chief Limon and Chief Ambrose discussed the highly selective process. Oak Park only takes the top percent from the police test. The recruits go to a state certified training academy followed by field training with three separate officers. The field training officer and supervisor are accountable coupled with technology such as cameras and microphones. During the field training there is an evaluation daily. Chair Ochalla followed-up with explaining to Mr. Kennedy that Oak Park is very progressive and transparent, using non-lethal equipment. He also mentioned the training video that Oak Park was asked to be part of. Mr. Kennedy thanked the committee and left the meeting.

There was a motion to approve the June 20, 2017 minutes. The motion to approve minutes was proposed by Committee Member Downing, seconded by Committee Member Nowicki. Ayes: All, Nays: None. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Chair Ochalla asked Director Scott-Valdez about the CPOC ordinance. Director Scott-Valdez explained the sections that were removed that have become obsolete. Chair Ochalla asked for the process for complaints which was explained by Director Scott-Valdez. Director Scott explained that the investigation reports are kept in the Police Department if the committee ever needed to refer to one and the matrix will be added to the agenda and reviewed every month.

There was a report from the Chief Ambrose regarding staff updates. Two officers that were recently sworn in are in their fourth stage of training; three are in the academy set to graduate September 11 and then they will start the sixteen week field training program; in the process of hiring five police officers, one is state certified and will begin the field training program and four will attend the Chicago Police Academy; we are in the promotional process for Deputy Chief and Commander for the next four to six weeks and nineteen officers will be taking the sergeant exam. Chair Ochalla asked how Oak Park compares in salary to other communities. Chief Ambrose stated that we are one of the highest paid police departments in the state.

There was a motion by Committee Member Ford seconded by Committee Member Luttig to go into Executive Session. Ayes: All, Nays: None. The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

There was a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Downing, seconded by Commissioner Luttig to adjourn.

The CPOC meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.