



CITIZEN'S POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CPOC)

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

7:30 p.m.

Goto Remote Meeting

Minutes

Present: **CPOC:** Kevin Barnhart, Sue Humphreys, John Nowicki, Bob Pickrell, Jack Powers, Khari Reed
Absent: **Curtis Lott**
Police Department: Police Chief LaDon Reynolds, Sergeant Bongat
Village Staff: Kira Tchang, Assistant Village Manager/HR Director, Sue Kornatowski, HR Generalist

Director Tchang called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. She clarified that the meeting is being held remotely because the Village President has determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent due to the COVID-19 outbreak during the Governor's disaster proclamation. It is not feasible to have a person present at the regular meeting location due to public safety concerns related to the COVID-19 outbreak during the Governor's disaster proclamation.

Director Tchang asked for a motion for an Acting Chair. Committee Member Barnhart volunteered to be the Acting Chair for tonight's meeting. There was a motion by Committee Member Pickrell which was seconded by Committee Member Humphreys.

Ayes: 6 Committee Member Barnhart, Committee Member Humphreys, Committee Member Nowicki, Committee Member Pickrell, Committee Member Powers, Committee Member Reed

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Committee Member Lott

Roll call was taken by Director Tchang.

Present: 6 Acting Chair Barnhart, Committee Member Humphreys, Committee Member Nowicki, Committee Member Pickrell, Committee Member Powers, Committee Member Reed

Absent: 1 Committee Member Lott

There were no public comments.

There was a motion to approve the 9/2/20 minutes. Committee Member Humphreys indicated that she has completed the pivot tables. Director Tchang confirmed that information should be sent to her to be shared with the Committee. Committee Member Reed asked about previous year

information for reporting. Director Tchang will speak to the Village Manager. This may be a direction to consider for the 2021 workplan. Director Tchang will update the Committee by next meeting.

The motion was proposed by Committee Member Humphreys and seconded by Committee Member Nowicki to approve the minutes.

Ayes: 5 Acting Chair Barnhart, Committee Member Humphreys, Committee Member Nowicki, Committee Member Pickrell, Committee Member Powers

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Committee Member Lott

Abstain: 1 Committee Member Reed

The minutes were approved.

Report from the Chief of Police

Chief Reynolds announced that Commander Shatonya Johnson has been promoted to Deputy Chief overseeing support services. From a historical standpoint she is the first female to hold the Deputy Chief position in the Village.

Report from Staff Liaison

Director Tchang announced that there is a new Committee Member, Khari Reed. Director Tchang gave her time so Committee Member Reed could introduce himself as a new member.

Committee Member Humphreys asked Director Tchang regarding the reporting that was provided to the Village Board and next steps. Director Tchang indicated that the Board is having conversations on policing in Oak Park and also review of the procedural rules in 2021 workplan. There are no immediate actions including staff recommendations. We are looking at continuing conversations as CPOC commits its 2021 workplan.

Committee Member Humphreys asked the Committee Members if anyone had a chance to watch the October 14th Nacole video. Acting Chair Barnhart did not have a chance to watch it but indicated that all of the members should see it and anyone advising CPOC should also view it. Committee Member Humphreys indicated that Nacole are working on sharing the link.

Director Tchang indicated that potential changes to CPOC and the way CPOC conducts business and operates starts from a policy prospective of what does the Board believes CPOC should be empowered to do. CPOC is currently limited by the enabling ordinance. CPOC has the mechanism to continue to provide recommendations to the Village Board through reporting. In looking at the 2021 Workplan if reviewing procedural rules is a good start.

There was a discussion on a special meeting to discuss these issues. Director Tchang will check with the Communications Department on any available dates and times and share those with the Committee.

Committee Member Lott joined the meeting.

Assistant Attorney Jackson discussed the Nacole virtual sessions that she attended. There were a total of 32 sessions approximately 90 minutes per session and although Assistant Attorney Jackson

did not attend all sessions at this point she would discuss the sessions she did attend. Assistant Attorney Jackson will plan to attend a future CPOC meeting to discuss the sessions she has not yet attended.

Acting Chair asked what can we do to gain access to these sessions. Director Tchang stated that only one person may participate for one fee. If there are specific sessions that are of interest Rasheda would be happy to share information. Sessions are available to pay per session. There was a request by Committee Member Humphreys that the list of sessions be shared. Assistant Attorney Jackson will share the list with the Committee.

Committee Member Reed asked if sessions are purchased if they will be reimbursed. Director Tchang indicated that we purchased one of the full sessions but unfortunately, we would not be able to reimburse but this could be added to the 2021 workplan.

Committee Member Pickrell asked a question regarding approving Executive Session Minutes while in Executive Session and his understanding is that more appropriate to approve these minutes in open session since final action should not be done in executive session but in open session.

Assistant Attorney Jackson will ask the Village Attorney and give the answer to Director Tchang to share with the committee.

Committee Member Reed asked about making a budget request to the Board for 2021. Director Tchang indicated that the workplan comes to the Committee in November. Director Tchang will follow up with the Village Manager to see what next steps would be for CPOC to request additional funding.

There was discussion on school resources and what was currently available. Chief Reynolds informed the committee that since School Resource Officers were removed from the schools there is not a dedicated youth services program anymore. Chief Reynolds shared information regarding the history of the various programs used. Committee Member Reed asked the Chief what type of training the officers have in dealing with youths. Chief Reynolds offered a conversation with Committee Member Reed and the police department to discuss what type of training is used.

There was a request from Committee Member Humphreys to have the matrix which is supplied by the Police Department reformatted and expand the columns to better read the data.

Chief Reynolds notified the Committee that the Police Department has allocated resources to computerize police files 2021 and forward.

There was a motion proposed by Committee Member Nowicki seconded by Committee Member Lott to go into executive session.

Ayes: 7 Acting Chair Barnhart, Committee Member Humphreys, Committee Member Lott, Committee Member Nowicki, Committee Member Pickrell, Committee Member Powers, Committee Member Reed

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

There was a motion to end the meeting. The motion was proposed by Committee Member Barnhart and seconded by Committee Member Lott.

Ayes: 7 Acting Chair Barnhart, Committee Member Humphreys, Committee Member Lott, Committee Member Nowicki, Committee Member Pickrell, Committee Member Powers, Committee Member Reed

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

The CPOC meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.