

# Lockport PPR Committee

## Meeting Minutes July 20, 2020

### I. Call to order

Chief Abbott call to order the first city of Lockport Police Policy Review Committee meeting 5:30 pm at 1 Locks Plaza room m-24, as well as those in attendance remotely at link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/749718949>

Phone: 1 866 899 4679 access 749-718-949.

### II. Roll call

Mary Pat conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Police Chief Steven Abbott; Mayor Michelle Roman; Alderwoman-At-Large Ellen Schratz; Alderwoman Kelly Vandemark; Civil Service/Personnel Director- Mary Pat Filbert; Corporation Counsel Jason Cafarella; Police Union President Kevin Lucinski; Police Union Vice President Tricia Vosburgh; Police Board Chairwoman Commissioner Flora Hawkins; Police Board Commissioner Cheryl Brown; Human Relations Chairwoman Commissioner LauraLee Zagarrigo; Human Relations Commissioner Felicia Grooms

The following members were absent: Community Police Aide Mark Sanders

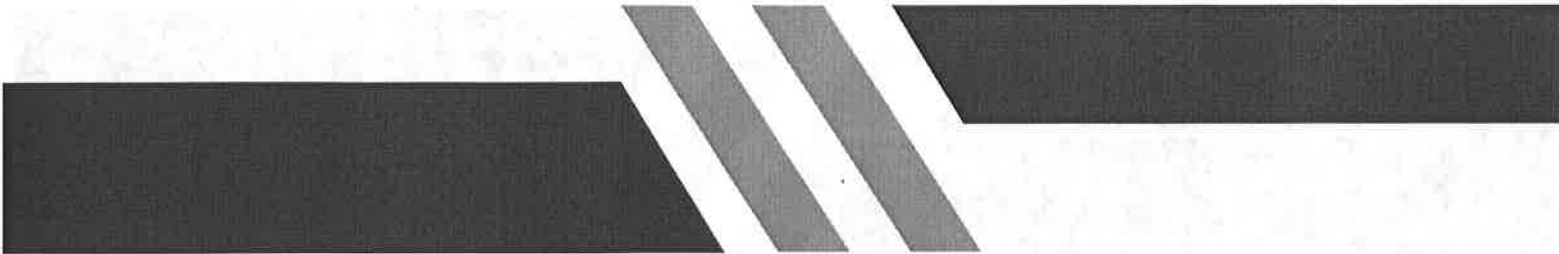
### III. Open issues

- a) Understanding the governor's directive on police policy review
- b) Understanding the city of Lockport Charter regarding police and police board
- c) Understanding the police department, at current status

**Focus on establishing and maintaining a positive relationship with the community, work on building trust between the police department and the community**

### IV. New business

- a) Policy review process- committee members read the information provided by the chief on the current policies, attend ride alongs with officers
- b) Policy review timeline-to committee meets discuss ideas and impacts, public comment period, then suggestions provided to police board and common council by mid-October for discussion and adoption, as necessary.

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- c) Policy review focus- Chief Abbott emphasized to the Police Policy Review Committee to take time to read and understand the 6 Pillars enumerated in the President's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing, forwarded in an email;

Pillar 1. Building Trust and Legitimacy

Pillar2. Policy and Oversight

Pillar 3. Technology and Social Media

Pillar4. Community Policing and Crime Reduction

Pillar 5. Training and Education

Pillar 6. Officer Wellness and Safety

## V. Next Steps

### a) Tasks

- A public input survey regarding the community's perception of our police department. Suggestions on what could be done differently, what changes would benefit the department will be presented at the next meeting;
- Look at the processes in New York State Civil Service to see how it can be adjusted/modified to attract a more diversified pool of candidates
- Look into different forms of training, example; train the trainer, to alleviate the expense of training the entire department at once. Benefit of having an expert in the field on staff as well as training their own department/co-workers.
  - Mental Health
  - De-escalation
  - Use of Force

b) Next meeting- August 10, 2020 at 5:30

## VI. Adjournment

Chief Abbott call to order the first city of Lockport Police Policy Review Committee meeting adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm

