

CITY OF LOCKPORT
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING – OFFICIAL RECORD

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Monday, October 5th, 2020 - 5:30pm

Present: Commissioners Cheryl Brown, Flora Hawkins, Thomas Murphy, Miles Patterson. Also present: Police Chief Steve Abbott, Mayor Michelle Roman, Deputy Corporation Counsel Pat McGrath, Deputy CC Jason Cafarella, City Clerk Paul Oates

- Meeting called to order by F. Hawkins at 5:30pm
- Motion by Comm. Brown to approve the minutes of the August 11th, 2020 meeting, seconded by Comm. Hawkins. Ayes 4

Comm. Hawkins introduced Comm. Patterson, and Chief Abbott welcomed him to the board.

Chief Abbott's Report:

- COVID-19 update-Everybody's healthy. The same protocols remain in place. Chief Abbott expressed concern about Governor Cuomo's latest update regarding enforcement of mask-wearing in public.
- Police exam-Testing went well, with just under 150 people taking the exam. Only 4 did not show up, but may have taken the test elsewhere. Results will probably be available after Jan. 1st, 2021. LPD has 4 spots to fill.
- School Resource Officer-Chief Abbott spoke with Superintendent Bradley, and the district wants a SRO at the high school. The position will be filled after the first of the year. Mayor Roman added that the SRO acts as a liaison between the school district and LPD.
- Overtime-LPD's OT spending is about \$100,000 under where the department stood at the same time last year
- CompStat Report for September-There were 1,542 calls for service, 202 crime cases, 57 arrests, 21 warrants (5 were served), 6 overdoses (none resulting in death). The city has had 23 confirmed shootings since April 6th, but no shots fired calls over the last 5 weeks.

- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program-Niagara Falls is using the LEAD Program, and LPD hopes to next year. The program allows law enforcement officers to redirect low-level offenders engaged in drug or prostitution activity to community-based services, instead of jail and prosecution.
- NYMIR University training-Some officers will be taking online courses prior to the end of the year. Chief Abbott has selected 11 topics for training purposes. The courses represent almost 20 hours in training at no cost to the city.
- BolaWrap-Currently on hold. Being retrofitted after a malfunction problem with the cartridges.
- STOPit App-Residents can report suspicious activity in the community via videos, texts, and photos. Passcode: LockportPDTips.

Comm. Hawkins asked about identification cards for Police Board Commissioners. Mayor Roman advised that they can be made, with the city seal, in the Civil Service office.

6:51pm: Motion by Comm. Brown to begin executive session to discuss personnel matters. Seconded by Comm. Patterson. Ayes 4

7:18pm: Motion by Comm. Brown to end executive session. Seconded by Comm. Murphy. Ayes 4

Mayor Roman informed the board that the Police Policy Review online survey will close this week, and that the subcommittee will meet Tuesday, October 13th.

7:20pm: Motion by Comm. Patterson to adjourn. Seconded by Comm. Murphy. Ayes 4

The next scheduled meeting of the City of Lockport Board of Police Commissioners is Monday, November 2nd at 5:30pm.

Respectfully,

Paul K. Oates

City Clerk

CC: Police Board, Chief Abbott, Mayor Roman, Common Council and Corporation Counsel