

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

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Monday, November 2nd, 2020 - 5:30pm

Present: Commissioners Cheryl Brown, Mark Devine, Flora Hawkins, Thomas Murphy, Miles Patterson. Also present: Police Chief Steve Abbott, Mayor Michelle Roman, Deputy Corporation Counsel Pat McGrath, reporter Jim Sinner-WNY Observer, City Clerk Paul Oates

- Meeting called to order by Comm. Hawkins at 5:39pm
- Motion by Comm. Patterson to approve the minutes of the October 5th, 2020 meeting, seconded by Comm. Brown. Ayes 5

Chief Abbott's Report:

- **COVID-19:** The same rules and stipulations apply. Chief Abbott is trying to get the courts to conduct temperature checks at the Police Department entrance to city hall, in order to free up another LPD radio room officer for road patrol
- **Homicide:** Two juveniles were charged in the homicide case of Cheyenne Farewell. It is still an active investigation and additional charges are pending. LPD has offered to assist the kids having trouble dealing with the tragedy, especially those who need to talk about the incident. About 350 hours of overtime were used investigating the homicide
- **CompStat Report:** There were an average of 52 calls per day for service in October, 188 case reports filed, 81 custodial arrests, and 66 warrants—9 of which were served. Search warrants are being issued for narcotics, but bail reform is making arrests difficult. The shots fired incident at Erie and Walnut Streets is being investigated. It is unrelated to the Farewell homicide. Juvenile crimes continue to be an area of concern, especially since NYS passed 'raise the age' (from 16 to 18). Juveniles are released after being charged with an appearance ticket but often continue to resume criminal activity

- **Overtime:** OT for all of last year (2019) was \$269,236.50. Through October of 2020, OT stands at \$137,531.39. About \$20,000 is left in the overtime line for this year
- **Miscellaneous:** A rough draft of the Police Policy Review committee's report has been completed. The 'Shop with a Cop' program is still being planned for next month. 'Mowvember' will be observed in November and December, as officers have been allowed to grow beards. Chief Abbott would like to start a criminal justice club at Lockport High School—a meeting to discuss it is set for Friday, November 6th. Chief Abbott reiterated that he would like the members of the Police Board to consider taking advantage of the LPD's program to ride along with officers

6:03pm: Motion by Comm. Brown to begin executive session to discuss personnel matters. Seconded by Comm. Murphy. Ayes 5

6:23pm: Motion by Comm. Murphy to end executive session. Seconded by Comm. Devine. Ayes 5

6:24pm: Motion by Comm. Brown to adjourn. Seconded by Comm. Patterson. Ayes 5

A special meeting of the City of Lockport Board of Police Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, November 9th at 5:30pm. The next regular meeting of the board is Monday, December 7th at 5:30pm.

**Respectfully,
Paul K. Oates
City Clerk**

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