

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

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Monday, January 4th, 2021 - 5:30pm

Present: Commissioners Cheryl Brown, Mark Devine, Flora Hawkins, Thomas Murphy. Also present: Mayor Michelle Roman, Deputies Corporation Counsel Pat McGrath and Jason Cafarella, Lockport Journal reporter John D’Onofrio, City Clerk Paul Oates

- Meeting called to order by Comm. Hawkins at 5:32pm
- Motion by Comm. Brown to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 7th, 2020, seconded by Comm. Devine. Ayes 4
- Comm. Hawkins reminded everyone that the first meeting of the year is when the board chair is elected. Comm. Devine made a motion that Comm. Hawkins be elected chair for 2021. Motion seconded by Comm. Brown. Ayes: 4

Chief Abbott’s agenda

- **COVID-19 Update:** Three are out (one recruit, two officers) not including the chief. One officer is due back at midnight tonight. Chief Abbott is hoping to be back in the office by Thursday (Jan. 7th)—he is currently working from home. COVID-19 protocols still in place—masks must be worn. No word on how soon vaccines will be available for officers.
- **Police Civil Service Exam:** 139 passed the test, but the results have not been certified yet—should be by next week.
- **CompStat Report:** In November, 1488 calls for service, 185 case reports, 50 custodial arrests, 67 warrants issued and 14 were served, burglaries and larcenies were up over November, 2019, including a major increase in larcenies from vehicles. In December, 1,222 calls for service, 176 case reports, 43 custodial arrests, 39 warrants issued and 12 were served, larcenies were nearly double from December, 2019. Total crime increased 11% in 2020 over 2019.
- **OT:** The final overtime numbers should be available later this week—Chief Abbott will email the numbers to Police Board members.

Comm. Hawkins noted that the board reviewed the Police Policy Review Report at the last meeting in December. She said she believes the Police Chief and the Mayor should be voting members of the board. Discussion on the topic ensued. Comm. Devine said he is completely against that, and if it were to come to a referendum, he would be its most vocal opponent. Chief Abbott noted that the report gives a baseline—from which to work—moving forward.

Comm. Hawkins asked about Civil Service banding and requirements. Chief Abbott said he would ask Mary Pat Filbert to explain it in more detail at the next board meeting. Comm. Hawkins asked board members to review the report and bring up any issues at the next meeting. Mayor Roman noted that the public hearing on the PPR report would be January 20th, 2021, and a resolution would likely come to a Council vote in February. The mayor said she and Chief Abbott would discuss the report on the next 'Ask The Mayor' session on LCTV on January 14th, 2021.

6:20pm: Motion by Comm. Brown to adjourn. Seconded by Comm. Murphy. Ayes 4

The next regular meeting of the City of Lockport Board of Police Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, February 1st, 2021 at 5:30pm.

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

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