

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

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Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - 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, Attorney John DeMonte, City Clerk Paul Oates

- Comm. Hawkins called meeting to order at 5:32pm on motion by Comm. Brown, seconded by Comm. Patterson. Ayes 4
- Motion by Comm. Brown to approve the minutes of the March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 regular meeting, seconded by Comm. Murphy. Ayes 4

**Chief Abbott's Report:**

- **Easter Egg Hunt:** It was held at Outwater Park on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 organized and conducted by Lockport Peacemakers. The event lasted about two and a half hours and everything went well.
- **LPD has applied for accreditation with the state.** The soonest to review is late August/early September. No problems are anticipated.
- **There have been no new cases of COVID-19 in the department.**
- **CompStat Report for March:** There were 1,523 calls for service, an average of 49 per day; 176 case reports; 51 arrests; 70 warrants with 26 parties arrested; 3 robberies, 5 burglaries, 28 larcenies, and 2 drug arrests. There were 5 overdoses, but no deaths. Chief Abbott was asked about an arrest on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and LPD policy regarding vehicle pursuits. Chief Abbott said they are approached on a case-by-case basis, using common sense judgement.
- **LPD is still awaiting clarification from the state on the new marijuana law.** The law for possession has changed, but the odor of marijuana can still be used as probable cause.
- **Budget:** A \$3,000 increase in overtime was mainly a result of security provided for COVID-19 vaccine pods in the city.

**5:46pm: Motion by Comm. Brown to begin executive session to discuss personnel matters. Seconded by Comm. Murphy. Ayes 4**

**6:17pm: Motion by Comm. Brown to end executive session. Seconded by Comm. Hawkins. Ayes 4**

**-In response to questions from the board, Chief Abbott discussed a letter dated March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 offering LPD's support of Victory Sports Global Outreach's grant application to provide free sports balls and equipment for kids. Also, Chief Abbott said the department's new hires are doing well and getting acclimated.**

**-After discussion between Chief Abbott and the board, it was decided to re-interview three candidates—Bryan Hanover, Karl C. Burkhard, and Danielle M. Adymy—at a special meeting later this month.**

**-Mayor Roman discussed 911 dispatch. The city's contract with the union says they must agree to any change that would move dispatch responsibilities to the county. An ad hoc committee is being created to review the idea. The committee is expected to meet to discuss the matter, with a second meeting in order to make recommendations to the Common Council. It is hoped to have the matter settled by late May/early June. Dispatch must be upgraded by February, 2022.**

**6:28pm: Motion by Comm. Patterson to adjourn. Seconded by Comm. Brown. Ayes 4**

**There will be a special meeting on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm in Council chambers to interview three candidates for police officer. The next regular meeting of the City of Lockport Board of Police Commissioners is Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 5:30pm.**

**Respectfully,**

**Paul K. Oates**

**City Clerk**

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