

## **New Paltz Police Commission Meeting**

**February 14, 2023, 7:00pm**

**Town of New Paltz Community Center**

**3 Veterans Drive, New Paltz, NY**

### **I. Meeting Details**

Chairperson: Cindy Sanchez

Secretary: Haley Nechamkin

### **II. Roll Call**

Present:

Cindy Sanchez

Chief Lucchesi

Karrie Rahaman-Bunce

Janice Butcher

### **III. Call to Order**

7:11 pm.

Approval of Agenda: Cindy moves to approve agenda for today. All in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes for January 2023: Cindy moves to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion passed.

Announcements:

- Monthly Conversations with the Police: 2/15/23 @6PM.
- Reality-Based Training coming up at the middle school this weekend (4 days).
- Community Racism Workshop from April 17th-19th (35 slots available for this training cycle); looking to send members from various town agencies/groups.
- Department's accreditation was successful; ceremony by the Accreditation Council will be on March 9th.
- Department will receive a \$10,000 grant for body cameras.
- 2/28- Pop-up Narcan training from 6-7PM.

### **IV. Old Business**

No old business to review.

## **V. New Business**

### *Public Comments:*

- Edgar Rodriguez: Was in an accident a few hours prior to this meeting and wanted to offer a commendation for how NPPD helped him handle the situation. Another commendation he wants to offer to the department was from 2-3 weeks ago, when an immigrant family in the community needed help and the officer who came to help handled the situation appropriately and efficiently. Also asked about policy and reform suggestions and brought up the E0203 Report that the governor issued.
- Tom Jelliffe: Brought up NYC Racism Training and mentioned few long-term impacts and effects- asked if there is a way for NPPD to keep track of long-term effects of this training. Also brought up Qualified Immunity- a legal doctrine meant to protect government officials from frivolous lawsuits. Qualified Immunity applies to civil lawsuits, not criminal and was mentioned in terms of police officers.

## **VI. Other Items**

Review Juvenile Operations revisions, new ERPO and Mandated Reporting Policies:

- Revisions include complying with specific aspects of recent changes in legislation, raising the age of juveniles incrementally over the next 2-3 years. Also discusses what to do exactly when involved in handling a situation with a juvenile and provides information for officers processing and handling a juvenile who has committed a felony, etc.
- NPPD has seen an increase in juvenile reports over the past 6 months or so; theft, cyberbullying, etc.
  - Focus: What can be done holistically to help these juveniles and correct some of this behavior? What resources can be offered to help them be more successful?
- ERPO Policy: Wording in this law mirrors the Mental Hygiene Law, so this leads to some questions about how to handle a situation with an individual who may be a danger to themselves or others.
- Mandated Reporting Policy: The department is adopting the newest policy, which is more of a procedural policy.

Discussion regarding upcoming police officer interviews:

- Two officers leaving the department and anticipating one more officer retiring before September.
- The department wants to schedule interviews and do background checks on at least 5-6 candidates to have new officers ready to go for work in June.

Monthly Report:

- Two complaints.
- Two commendations.
- Two officer accident reports from the same incident; one is back at work.

**VII. Move to Executive Session**

8:18pm.

**VIII. Return from Executive Session**

8:45pm. No action taken during Executive Session.

**IX. Adjournment**

Cindy motions, Janice seconds to adjourn at 8:46pm. All in favor. Motion passed.