



**Police Commission Meeting**  
**August 19, 2021, 6:30 p.m.**  
**In-Person at the Community Center, 3 Veterans Dr.**  
**Also Via Zoom**

**Present:** Commissioner Neil Bettez, Commissioner Dan Torres, Commissioner David Brownstein, Chief Rob Lucchesi. **Absent:** Commissioner Alex Baer, Commissioner Julie Seyfert-Lillis

At 6:31 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Bettez to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Commissioner Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Agenda:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bettez to adopt the agenda as written. Seconded by Commissioner Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 6:32 p.m. Commissioner Baer arrived.

**Announcements:**

- The New Paltz Opioid Overdose Prevention & Response Team (OOPRT) will be offering in-person Narcan training and FREE Narcan kits. Recovery support, as well as harm reduction information & resources will also be available. No appointment or registration needed. Simply stop by Hasbrouck Park on Tuesday, August 31st between 4PM-7PM. This important community event is being offered in recognition of International Overdose Awareness Day.
- The monthly Conversations with the Police will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Times and locations vary. Check the website for more information.
- The Citizens Police Academy will start Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>-Oct 27<sup>th</sup>. Check the website for more information.

At 6:36 p.m. Commissioner Seyfert-Lillis arrived.

**Public Input:**

Mateo \_\_, resident, had questions and concerns regarding anti-racism efforts and how the Town can build familiarity, trust and recognition with community members and police officers.

**Monthly Report-July 2021:**

- Increase in Detective cases from last year.
- An officer was assaulted at Moriello Pool, the subject was charged with a felony.
- A subject involved in a fight spit blood and saliva into the face and mouth of an officer. The subject stated that he was HIV positive. He was charged with a felony.
- The PD was able to identify and apprehend 2 of the 3 suspects and the firearm involved in an armed robbery.

**Commendations (5):**

1. A letter was received for Officer Pece, thanking him for helping retrieve keys out of the sewer.
2. A thank you letter was received for Office Marsh following a traffic stop.
3. A Get-Well card was received for Officer Marsh following her assault at Moriello Pool.
4. A letter was received for Sgt. Fuoco and Officer James, thanking them for their response and kindness when they helped free a child who fell into a sink hole.
5. A NYS Code Enforcement Official thanked the PD regarding a road hazard, which was rectified with help from Highway Supt. Chris Marx and his crew.

**Defensive Actions (10)**

1. Harassment x3, Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument 3<sup>rd</sup>, Resisting Arrest
2. Assault 2<sup>nd</sup>, Attempted assault 2<sup>nd</sup>, Resisting Arrest, Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Disorderly Conduct
3. Disorderly Conduct
4. Disorderly Conduct, Harassment 2<sup>nd</sup>, Resisting Arrest, Reckless Endangerment of Property
5. Trespass
6. Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest
7. Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest
8. Disorderly Conduct
9. Disorderly Conduct
10. No charges filed

**Training Report:**

Officers White, Vespe and Claud attended NPPD new hire in-service training.

Chief Lucchesi clarified from the last meeting, that the policy regarding body worn cameras is in alignment with what the committee recommended.

**Review recommendation of the NPPRRC: Any time an officer stops a civilian, they must provide the person with a business card containing their name and badge number and a clear reason for the stop (no "do you know why I pulled you over?") allowed:**

Chief Lucchesi indicated that the V&T Policy had already been amended to require the Officer to Offer and provide their business card.

**Review recommendation of the NPPRRC: A discipline matrix be created for the NPPD within the next six months which includes penalties for unauthorized use of force and failure to utilize body cameras:**

Chief Lucchesi agrees with the recommendation. He feels it is important to provide a certainty to the public and the officer. The plan is to provide a draft to the labor attorney and the NPPRRC then to the Commission for review.

**Review and discussion newly issued policy 140.0 Personnel File FOIL Request. Policy issued to address the repeal of Article 50-a and the New York State Civil Rights Law and provides guidance on how requests are processed:**

Chief Lucchesi indicated that a policy has been drafted by the Town's labor attorney, in consultation with the Union attorneys, which has been enacted and put into place. This policy makes the process more transparent.

**Review and discussion of revised policy 50.2 Electronic Recording of Interviews and Interrogations. Policy revised with updated definitions, municipal training council updates and the interview of juveniles:**

Chief Lucchesi indicated that some of the definitions were updated to be aligned with more modern media. The most important addition made was making sure all members know that any custodial interview and interrogation of the juvenile has to be recorded in its entirety.

**Review and discuss the Citizens Police Academy Curriculum:**

Chief Lucchesi indicated that it is scheduled to start September 8<sup>th</sup> but only 1 person has signed up. He needs a minimum of 10 people to sign up, otherwise it will have to be moved to the Spring. It is

an 8- week program, every Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. The curriculum includes various speakers from different agencies.

**Review and Referral-Approval to hire:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bettez to refer the hiring of Meghan E. Miller as part-time dispatcher to the Town Board. Seconded by Commissioner Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:50 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Bettez to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Rosenkranse  
Town Clerk