



**Police Commission Meeting**  
**July 15, 2021 6:30 p.m.**  
**Community Center, 3 Veterans Dr.**

**Present:** Commissioner Neil Bettez, Commissioner Dan Torres, Commissioner Alex Baer, Commissioner Julie Seyfert-Lillis via videoconference, Chief Rob Lucchesi.

**Absent:** Commissioner David Brownstein.

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:** -Referral to Town Board, Appointment of Officer

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

**Public Input:** None

**Executive Session:**

At 6:38 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Bettez to go into executive session with the Chief to discuss personnel. Seconded by Commissioner Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 6:54 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Bettez to come out of executive session with no action taken. Seconded by Commissioner Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Review recommendation of the NPPRRC: Body and car cameras should be always running, unless there is a specific reason for them to be turned off (domestic violence victim, etc.):**

The Chief indicated that this was not discussed with him during the review process. He does not agree with this recommendation, for many reasons. Some of those reasons include privacy issues and concerns, which would subject that footage to FOIL. This would significantly change the work environment and would have to collectively be bargained. Backing-up 24/7 data would have a major impact to the budget.

**Review recommendation of the NPPRRC: Commendations are regularly shared with the Police Commission. Going forward, complaints will be shared as a matter of course as well:**

The Chief indicated that complaints are usually shared. However, there have not been any complaints received in quite a while.

**Review and discussion of revised policy 47.1 Enforcement of Traffic Violations. The policy was revised to include reflect the NPPRRC recommendation related to data collection as well as incorporate NPPD policies and procedures 125.0 In-Car Video Recording System, 134.0 Body Worn Cameras and 137.0 Right to Know into the existing policy:**

Chief Lucchesi explained that the policy was updated to reflect the NPPRRC recommendation about data collection by indicating this in the "PURPOSE" section of the policy.

Under PROCEDURES:

- Section 2 (a) language about the activation of in-car and BWC cameras was added to reflect those policies

- Section 2 (h) language added to reflect NPPD policy 137.0 Right to Know, requiring members to identify themselves and the purpose of the stop.
- Section 7 (g) language added to reflect NPPD policy 137.0 Right to Know, specifically the issuance of a business card if no summons is issued.
- Section 9 added to reflect data collection.

**Referral to Town Board: approve the expenditure of \$6,000.00 to purchase back-up storage for in-car and BWC camera video using seized asset funds:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bettez to refer this to the Town Board. Seconded by Commissioner Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Monthly Report-June 2021:**

**Commendations (4)**

1. A letter was received thanking Lt. Butler for his presentation to the Study Club of New Paltz.
2. An email was received for Officers Yeager, Kraus, Halstead and Sgt. Lewis thanking them for their assistance with a difficult autistic child.
3. A letter was received thanking the Agency and Officer Yant in particular, for clearing the snow along the walkway for a woman in the middle of the night.
4. An email was received thanking Officers Kraus and Marsh for directing traffic for the High School graduation.

**Defensive Actions (2)**

1. Custody MHL and later arrested on Criminal Mischief warrant related to this incident.
2. MHL, no charges filed

At 7:20 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