

**POLICE REFORM COMMITTEE MEETING:**

**FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

**A Police Reform Committee Meeting took place on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. on Zoom and at Village Hall, 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville, New York, 10992.**

**PRESENT:**

**Mayor Bucco, Police Chief Brian Zaccaro, Trustee Laudato, Trustee Calore, Trustee Sampson, Lisa Stivers, Elijah Sampson.**

**DISCUSSION – SURVEY – SENT TO RESIDENTS / STAKEHOLDERS IN VILLAGE OF WASHINGTONVILLE – POLICE CHIEF BRIAN ZACCARO:**

**Survey for Community; mult. choice; 193 participants**

**Reviewal of Questions / Answers of Survey**

**Member: 1 Survey Question, 8/9% for other**

**Comments including, "Training, ATV Laws, Animal Cruelty, Active Shooter, More education, Substance Abuse, etc."**

**BZ: About 7 Officers are CIT Trained; # is rough we can revisit; beneficial to us.**

**LS: We run community residence in VOW community; 12 mentally ill adults in house; activities to engage youth w/police; not fear police; good relationship w/police; they do not fear police; housing w/diagnosed mental illness in community; our house interactions w/police are neg; hospital for eval or arrested; need positive interaction.**

**BZ: Have community events but interactions w/your community is neg. Members of community; they can come anytime they want to event; we can improve on. Events committee posts events on social media; they can attend events.**

**JB: Are you aware of stigma-free communities; program made to eradicate stigma associated w/mental illness & substance use disorder?**

**LS: We have 1 regarding mental illness & development disabilities etc. something informal would be efficient for adults.**

**A lot of people from group homes were hanging out in front of bank doing nothing wrong, completely fine, community needs to know who they are; roughly 90% of complaints about 1 group in front of bank; amount of phone calls we are receiving.**

**BZ: We will strive to better in dept.; socialize w/them & work w/staff; taking them to community events will help situation; social workers; other staff.**

**LS: Think Differently; Steve Newhouse; county; couple ppl; pushed it out before COVID; I can ask for more info. On that.**

**Working on implicit training; more people to work on mental illness; professional development days; speakers; reach out to topics to try to get training on that; general training wont hurt to gain perspective on other side of situation.**

**BZ: Adding to Village Website; adding officers names, more transparent; email maybe? Shield #, social media is good for pictures. We have a personnel complaint report.**

**RC: Individual emails can cause a problem w/harassment or even officers not consistently checking email & issues being sent to email can be ignored.**

**BZ: Maybe we can do sergeant email, detective emails, etc. Update form for personnel complaint report b/c it has been there for 15 yrs.; if complaints come in, need to be addressed. Most expenses training; no line items for training; only overtime; salary membership; conference dues; it would not be bad to make a**

specific line item I think a lot of depts. have that; profess. speakers might be something we look at in future; personal mental health worker have person part of team if dispute occurs. Putting arrest data on website would be good start; body cams are pricey, something talked about; training other communities have talked about.

Middletown & Newburgh have more significant issues, much larger jurisdiction.

Sensory in cars could be updated; more pictures in drills, community, etc. to see what officers are doing. Add summaries so public sees what officers are doing;

**DISCUSSION – SCHEDULING NEXT MEETING – MAYOR BUCCO:**

Next meeting is going to be held on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**SOPHIA FOLEY  
ASSISTANT CLERK**