



CITIZEN'S POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CPOC)

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

7:30 p.m.

Room 101, Village Hall

Minutes

Present: **CPOC:** Chair Albert Berry, Tanya Ford, Josh Luttig, Kevin Ochalla  
Absent: John Nowicki  
**Police Department:** Police Chief Ambrose, Deputy Chief Limon, Commander Partyka, Commander Waitzman  
**Village Staff:** Director of Human Resources, Assistant Village Manager Julia Scott-Valdez, HR Generalist Sue Kornatowski

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m.

Roll call was taken.

There were no public comments.

Chair Berry indicated that there are two new members, James Downing and Robert Pickrell, who will be joining the committee at the next meeting.

Chief Ambrose distributed police data reports.

There was a comment from Chief Ambrose that there are still nine vacant positions and seven officers on extended medical and one sergeant has retired since the last meeting. The police test is scheduled for Saturday, March 4 at Oak Park River Forest High School and there are four academy slots for four applicants, however, if two are already certified we can hire them as well as we are equipped to train six officers at a time.

Commissioner Luttig asked if there was an update about the uptick in armed robberies. Chief Ambrose pointed to one of his handouts and discussed the number of robberies. Commissioner Luttig asked if the data was for January only and Chief Ambrose responded that it was. Chief Ambrose indicated that crime is up based on weather and the mild January. He discussed crime in the surrounding areas. Commissioner Ochalla asked if they have seen a geographic trend that corresponds with the information and Chief Ambrose indicated that there has not been a pattern. There was a further discussion regarding the recent burglaries.

There was a motion to approve the January 24, 2017 minutes. Chair Berry noticed a few grammatical errors which will be corrected. The motion to approve minutes was proposed by Commissioner Ochalla and seconded by Commissioner Luttig. Ayes: All, Nays: None. The minutes were approved unanimously.

There was a motion to go into Executive Session. Ayes: All, Nays: None. The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

The meeting resumed from Executive Session at 8:14 p.m.

There was a discussion regarding the Village of Oak Park being a sanctuary city and if the police anticipate any problems. Chief Ambrose stated that we have a welcoming city without fear of retribution.

Chief Ambrose reviewed the additional stat reports that were distributed to the committee. There were questions from the committee regarding the data on the reports which Chief Ambrose and Deputy Chief Limon responded to.

There was a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Ochalla, seconded by Commissioner Luttig.

The CPOC meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.