



CITIZEN'S POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CPOC)
Tuesday, March 20, 2018
7:30 p.m.
Room 102, Village Hall

Minutes

Present: **CPOC:** Robert Becker, Chair Kevin Ochalla, James Downing, Tanya Ford, John Nowicki, Bob Pickrell
Absent: Josh Luttig
Police Department: Police Chief Ambrose, Deputy Chief Limon, Deputy Chief Reynolds
Village Staff: Director of Human Resources, Assistant Village Manager Julia Scott-Valdez, HR Generalist Sue Kornatowski

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m.

Roll Call was taken. New Committee Member Robert Becker gave a brief summary of his background. The Committee welcomed Mr. Becker.

There were two guests from the community.

There was a motion to approve the November 16, 2017 minutes. The motion to approve minutes was proposed by Committee Member Nowicki, seconded by Committee Member Downing. Ayes: All, Nays: None. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Chief Ambrose gave an update on training and personnel. In-service training will be provided every week for the next seven weeks. Every sworn officer will participate. Four members are being promoted to sergeant, four are in the field training program and five are in the academy.

Director Scott-Valdez informed the committee that there is a requisition for ten more officers and the goal is 125 sworn staff members. The Village Board approved over hiring in the Police Department because of fluidity with three to four officers pensioning out. The goal is to be fully staffed by the end of the year.

Chief Ambrose reviewed crime statistics and answered questions from the committee. Crime is down 24 percent from the same time last year. Chair Ochalla asked for a report that could be shared with the committee. Chief Ambrose will provide the report at the next meeting. Taser training should be complete by the end of the year.

Chair Ochalla asked the two guests if they had any questions. The committee responded to questions regarding their roles on the committee. Chief Ambrose commented that they appreciate outside opinion of what we do and how we can improve.

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

Chair Ochalla announced that this was be his last meeting since he no longer resides in Oak Park. Director Scott-Valdez stated that we would add an item to the next agenda on choosing a new Committee Chair.

There was a motion to adjourn by Committee Member Downing, seconded by Committee Member Pickrell to adjourn.

The CPOC meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.