

VILLAGE OF BUCHANAN
POLICE REFORM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.
The Meeting was conducted in Accordance with Executive Order 202.1

PRESENT: (This meeting was conducted via zoom and zoom audio)

Trustees Duane Jackson and Nicolas Zachary
Acting Police Chief Shane Farrell, Buchanan Police Department
Attorneys: Harvey Loeb and Stephen Ronco
Members: Awilda Baez, Jeremy Basso, Daniel Chelladurai, James Ferguson, James Lent,
Paul B. Matthews , Diane Tangen, Linda Willey

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Trustee Duane Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Duane Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. INTRODUCTIONS:

Each panelist shared information in reference to their professional background as well as their interest in serving the community. During this time Acting Chief Shane Farrell stated that the Buchanan Police Department has commenced their work towards reform. Police Officers have all completed several trainings that include de-escalation, use of force, and procedural justice. In addition, initiatives (i.e. Park, Walk and Talk, partnerships with the school community, meeting new residents, etc.) have been implemented.

3. ELECTION RESULTS:

The results of the election for chairperson and secretary were agreed upon by all panelists. The results are as follows:

Jeremy Basso, Chairperson
Awilda Baez, Secretary

4. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

a. Chief Farrell stated that they have redone and continue to update their entire policies and procedures. They are currently working with Lexipol, a company that writes specific policies based on federal and state case law. As changes occur, Lexipol updates the policies and informs the Buchanan Police Department of the updates. Police officers are trained on a monthly basis on the policies and procedures.

b. Ideas on how to commence the reform plan were shared. It was agreed upon that the NYS Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Handbook would be used as guide.

c. It was agreed that the committee would receive a copy of the monthly phone call statistics of the Buchanan Police Department from 2019 -2020.

d. The panelists agreed that additional meetings were needed in order to meet the April 1, 2021 deadline for the submission of the reform plan.

e. Ideas on how to meet new residents, both homeowners and renters, were discussed.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

There were nine (9) in attendance. There were no comments.

6. APPROVAL OF FUTRE MEETING DATES:

All panelists agreed to the following meeting dates:

January 25, 2020

February 8, 2021

February 25, 2021

March 8, 2021

March 15, 2021

7. ADJOURNMENT:

At approximately 8:27PM a motion to adjourn was made and all were in favor.