

**VILLAGE OF BUCHANAN
POLICE REFORM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 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)

Trustee Duane Jackson

Village Administrator Marcus Serrano

Acting Police Chief Shane Farrell, Buchanan Police Department

Attorney Harvey Loeb

Members: Awilda Baez, Jeremy Basso, James Ferguson, James Lent, Paul Matthews,
Diane Tangen, Linda Willey

1. Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairperson Jeremy Basso called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Minutes

The committee members approved the minutes for January 25, 2021.

3. General Discussion:

- Jeremy Basso discussed the importance of completing the plan in time to meet the April 1, 2021 deadline. He reviewed the timeline needed to be followed in order to achieve that goal.
- The importance of public feedback was discussed. The panelists agreed to display the drafted plan during the Zoom meeting on February 22, 2021 to afford the public the opportunity to ask questions and/or make comments.
- Trustee Duane Jackson encouraged the public to email him and/or the Acting Police Chief with any questions. Jeremy Basso encouraged the public to email him as well.
- The recommendations from the plan were read and discussed. Duane Jackson inquired about additional resources that could be provided to the police officers when addressing

medical and social issues. Harvey Loeb stated that the county is planning on establishing regional crisis teams. If these teams come to fruition they would serve as a resource to the Buchanan Police Department. Panelist James Ferguson shared that while health care professionals can serve as a resource to the police department, they may do so only when the scene is safe. Therefore, the police officers will have to be the first responders.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

There were no comments.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

At approximately 7:48 PM Awilda Baez made a motion to adjourn and all were in favor.