

MINUTES OF POLICE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER AND THE HUNTER POLICE DEPARTMENT HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022, AT 5:30 PM AT THE TOWN HALL VIA ZOOM.

Present:	Sean Mahoney	Supervisor
	Raymond Legg	Councilman
	Ernest Reale	Councilman
	Dolph Semenza	Councilman
	Corina Pascucci	Town Clerk
	Sgt. Robert Haines	Hunter Police Department
	Lara Hamrah-Poladian	Secretary to the Supervisor
Present via Zoom:	Steven Nash Weber, Chip Thomas, Gary Slutzky	
	Also see attached sign in sheet.	

Absent: David Kukle Councilman

Supervisor Mahoney calls the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Questions from the public if there will be improvements made to publicizing this process and these meetings.

Supervisor Mahoney states the Town Board is discussing a social media presence for future use.

Discussion on the calling cards that the police were to hand out.

Sgt. Haines states the officers were instructed to hand out at every interaction as long as it was not a safety hazard. He adds that since implemented he has received eleven notes of recognition commending officers and not one single notice admonishing anyone. He adds that one complaint was received regarding procedure and was unfounded upon investigation.

G. Lubow suggests posting the commendation letters.

Sgt. Haines states that some information would first have to be redacted for privacy. He will share the letters with the Town Board and the Town Clerk for publishing in the minutes once he has redacted that information.

Questions from the public about sensitivity training.

Sgt. Haines states that all officers were offered online training via the Town's insurance company (NYMIR) and a good percentage of the officers have completed the training, some are still working on it. He adds that training for harassment and discrimination will be annual. The Town has budgeted for 24

hours of annual training for part time officers and 48 hours for full time officers. He continues to review the NYMIR catalog and other sources for updated training opportunities.

Questions from the public about the status of the manual.

Sgt. Haines states that he is working on it, and it is 25-30 % complete.

G. Lubow feels that this is unacceptable.

Sgt. Haines adds that he is working from the Greene County Sheriff's manual and tailoring it to Hunter PD. The manual is voluminous with approximately 120 policies, some of which are 35 pages each.

Councilman Reale asks if clerical assistance would help, freeing up the police department to patrol.

Councilman Semenza states that the Police Department would first have to determine what content is going in the policy and what is not.

Supervisor Mahoney states if there is a way that the Town Board can offer manpower then they will have this discussion. He adds that the summer date for the next meeting has not been scheduled yet.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to adjourn at 6:14 PM. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Councilman Kukle)

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC

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