

PORTER METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSION

March 16, 2021

ZOOM MEETING

The Porter Police Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance were Jeff Huckaby, Mark Lynk, Chief James Spanier, Don Craft, Brian Finley, Council Liaison

Appointment of Officers-Mr. Lynk made a motion to appoint Mr. Huckaby for President, Mr. Craft seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Mr. Craft made a motion to appoint Mr. Lynk Vice President, Mr. Huckaby seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Approval of Minutes- Mr. Lynk made a motion to approve the minutes of November 11, 2020, Mr. Huckaby made second. Motion passed 3-0.

Monthly Reports-Chief Spanier states there was not a lot of activity for the month of February. We had the bad weather, and it was a short month.

Old Business-None

New Business-Possible Promotion-Chief Spanier states the Lieutenant Torok is retiring March 24, 2021. As you know since Captain Lane left in January, we do not have one. He would like to promote Lieutenant Torok to Captain for his last eight days. It would only be a title only; there will be no pay raise. Lieutenant Torok will be hard to replace. He has 27 years on the force. If the Commission is willing to promote Lieutenant Torok to Captain for his last eight days, he would be looking for a motion.

Mr. Lynk made the motion to promote Lieutenant Torok to Captain for his last eight days, Mr. Huckaby made second. Motion passed 3-0.

New Hire-Chief Spanier states we need to get Torok's replacement hired as soon as possible with the weather getting nice and the issues we have at the beach, it will be a long summer. He has talked to Mr. Stinson, Town Council President, about hiring from within with a part time to full time. He has reached out to his part time officers and he has three that would be interested. He would be happy

with anyone of them. If the Commission agree, he would like to have an executive meeting to interview the three officers, and then a special meeting to hire them.

Mr. Lynk made the motion to hire from within the part time officers, Mr. Craft seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Special Meeting-Chief Spanier asks if March 30, would work for Commission for an executive session. Also, if they would be willing to do a special meeting right after the executive session to do the hiring of the new full-time officers. All Commissioners agreed for March 30, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. for Executive session with a Special meeting following it.

Proposed amendment to Use of Force Policy-Last year President Trump issued a special order about chokeholds. We were going to wait to see how it played out, but he learned that if the policy was not amended, the whole town would not receive any grants. He is asking that we suspend the rules with two meetings and enact it tonight. The change is the use of chokeholds is strictly prohibited except that Officers of the Department may use chokeholds in situations where the use of deadly force is allowed by law.

Mr. Lynk made a motion to pass the proposed amendment to Use of Force Policy, Mr. Craft made second. Motion passed 3-0.

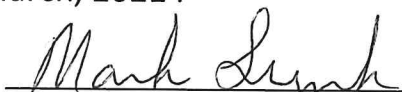
Public Comments-None


Comments-Liaison- Mr. Finley wished Lieutenant Torok the best.

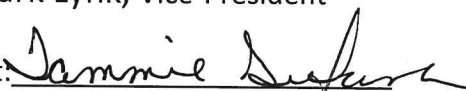
Commission Comments-Chief Spanier and other Commissioners welcomed Mr. Craft to Commission. Chief Spanier comments the Officer Holloway just went for some continued education on accident reconstruction. He has been an asset and a half to the department.

Minutes approved this 30th day of March, 2021 .

  
Jeff Muckaby, President

  
Mark Lynk, Vice-President

  
Don Craft

Attest:   
Tammie Sufana