

## **C.A.B. MEETING MINUTES – April 21, 2021**

### **Present:**

Jim Stabler	Jelani Johnson
Chief David Birk	Sgt. Earl Nelson
Det. Jason Wargo	Enorris Thomas
Vanessa Clark	Dora Bronston
Major Condrey	Paul Gomia
Dr. Celeste Davis	Rick Pearce
Ruth Kelly	Holly Owens
Ed Dobrozsi	
Stefan Wannemacher	

- Jim Stabler called the special meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance at 1733 hours.
- Vanessa called roll-call and it was established enough members were in attendance to vote on the approval of the bylaws and to have the election of a Chairman & a Vice-Chairman of the Board.
- The Minutes from the March 17, 2021, meeting were approved.

### **FOP REPORT**

- Det. Jason Wargo advised the FOP has had their arbitration hearing postponed until June 8<sup>th</sup> in reference to a contractual issue that officers should be compensated hour per hour in the event that the City declares a state of emergency. This refers to when the City Building was shut down for almost two months due to the COVID epidemic.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

- Chief Birk advised that OSP has started traffic enforcement in the City again. There have been 4-5 recent motor vehicle fatalities/ejections in the city limits, in which speed was a factor. Troopers wrote 192 tickets during the past week. Traffic enforcement is also being stepped up by placing speed signs and trailers around town.
- The RITE (Racial Intelligence Training) will be finished at the end of this quarter.
- We are now 100% compliant with the Ohio Collaborative. Last Friday the latest CALEA meeting was held. We are completing a self-assessment of our Property Room, which we are currently running out of room in. SRO Alfrey will be helping Property Officer Swartzel perform an audit as soon as school is out for the Summer.
- We will start contract negotiations again this year.
- We have selected candidates for two of the four vacancies we currently have. We are still in the process of interviewing for the other two spots.
- Chief Birk is scheduled to have a meeting with Downtown businesses at 1PM this coming Monday in reference to going over the homeless issue protocol and the vision for this upcoming Summer.
- The discipline report was given that addressed officers' traffic accidents. There was also one Citizen Complaint which was ruled exonerated.

- We have recently adjusted schedules due to a recent increase in shootings around town. It is found that these mainly take place in the evening hours and are not Middletown residents. We are currently tightening down on enforcing liquor laws due to the recent problems at local bars.
- **UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:**
  1. Casting with A Cop Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>
  2. Jeep N Eats Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>
  3. National Night Out Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Sgt, Nelson advised the Detective's Section has had problems with homicides located in bars recently. If someone from the community reaches out to you in reference to their case not being assigned to a detective, please inform us and we will address it.
- Officer Owens will be starting the Neighborhood Watch Program back up in the near future. Meetings took a hit with the Covid Epidemic.

### **BYLAWS**

- The following groups will have an opportunity to have a voting member represent their organization:
  1. Middletown Area NAACP Chapter 3194
  2. Hispanic Community
  3. Chamber of Commerce Serving Middletown, Monroe & Trenton
  4. Butler/Warren County Association of Realtors
  5. Middletown Area Ministerial Alliance
  6. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Community Council
  7. Middletown City School District
  8. Middletown Neighborhood Watch Association
  9. Butler County Bar Association
  10. Safety Council of Southwest Ohio
  11. Middletown Youth Coalition
  12. Miami University Middletown
  13. American Legion/VFW Veterans Associations
- Ed Dobrozsi motioned to accept the proposed changes to the Bylaws, Ruth Kelly seconded and it was unanimously accepted.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

It was unanimously voted that the Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Board will be Mr. Jim Stabler and the Vice-Chairman will be Mr. Ed Dobrozsi.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Jerry Martin submitted his resignation from the Board today due to an illness in the family.

### **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

- A concern in reference to park design in green infrastructure was referred to Scott Tadych in Public Works

The meeting adjourned at 1821 hours. The next board meeting will be **Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at 1730 hours.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vanessa Clark