

C.A.B. MEETING MINUTES – May 21, 2021

Present:

Jim Stabler
Chief David Birk
Det. Jason Wargo
Vanessa Clark
Major Condrey
Dr. Celeste Davis
Ruth Kelly
Ed Dobrozsi
Stefan Wannemacher

Katrina Wilson
Sgt. Earl Nelson
Dan Allnutt
Paul Gomia
Holly Owens
Rick Pearce
Earl Nelson
Julie Sullivan
Mike Sullivan

Excused Absences:

Jelani Johnson
Jeff Wilder

- Jim Stabler called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance at 1732 hours.
- Vanessa called roll-call and it was established enough members were in attendance to proceed with an official meeting.
- The minutes from the March 17th meeting were approved.

FOP REPORT

- Det. Jason Wargo gave the update on negotiations between the City and the FOP in reference to emergency pay during the pandemic. The arbitration hearing is still set for June 8th.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- Chief Birk gave the Discipline Report that only consisted of one written reprimand given to an officer due to a traffic accident.
- There was one citizen complaint submitted since the last meeting. It was in reference to an individual being stopped for tinted windows. The complaint was determined to be unfounded.
- We are in the final stages of being 100% compliant with the Ohio Collaborative now that all officers have finished their RITE training. The process of becoming CALEA accredited is moving along well. Our goal is to be fully accredited by April 2022.
- We currently have 68 of our 72 allotted sworn officer positions filled. Two of these positions are already filled by candidates that have been approved by City Council and are waiting to graduate the Police Academy in June. They are currently going through their pre-employment testing with us and will be available to start as soon as they graduate. We are still interviewing for the other two vacancies.
- We will be reorganizing our organizational chart as the current Deputy Chiefs retire by bringing back the Lieutenant positions to replace them. Major Reeve is retiring in September and Sgt. Nelson will take over the Detective division. At that time, we will cut that Deputy Chief position and replace it with a traffic officer on the street.
- Sgt. Nelson reported that juvenile crime is up from 12 arrests to 27. They are committing more crimes with guns and violence than before. They accounted for a home invasion, 2 pursuits from stolen cars, a robbery at Dominos and two separate reports of gun shots fired on Church St., all during a 48-hour period recently.

