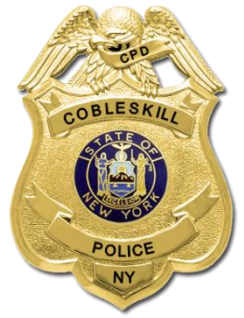




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Citizen Advisory Board Minutes

November 15, 2023

Vice Chair Wendy Cook called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present were CAB members John Sapovits, John Jarvis, Patricia Mesibov, Police Chief James McCrum, Mayor Rebecca Stanton-Terk, and Recording Clerk Marsha McHugh. Absent/excused was John O'Donnell.

The minutes of the September 20th meeting were reviewed, and no corrections were made. Pat Mesibov made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by John Sapovits. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Terk spoke about the LaBarge Report. She hopes to get the final report by December to review it and that LaBarge will be able to present it to the Board of Supervisors at their next meeting. Chief McCrum is moving forward on new hires for the Police Department. The new hires are Rob Kennedy - PT Patrol Officer and Carl Calabrese – PT Patrol Officer.

John Sapovits asked how competitive is the salary to hire new police officers compared to other departments? Chief McCrum discussed the levels of salary and how healthcare cost is very important in retaining police officers especially when its time for retirement. Will need to look at the formula for salary and healthcare.

Wendy Cook asked about the Uniform Crime Report and if she will be able to receive one. Chief McCrum spoke about the breakdown figures between the Sheriff's Department and Cobleskill Police Department for the months of August – November and will check with Sherriff's Office and DCJS regarding report received by County Dispatch to see if he may forward to Wendy.

John Sapovits asked about the License Plate Readers, and can they read a license plate without the display? Chief McCrum explained it is possible and will have more information if the grant gets approved. Should know more by the end of January if the grant was approved.

Please be sure you email Chairman O'Donnell the information you feel should be included in the Annual Report by NOON on December 4, 2023.

CAB Membership Renewal – John O’Donnell will be stepping down. Wendy, John O’Donnell and John Jarvis are up for renewal. Wendy Cook and John Sapovits would like to stay on the board so that leaves 1 position to fill. Mayor will advertise for the position on the county’s website or call previous applicants to see if there are any interests.

Wendy announced The Reason For the Season event at the Village Veteran’s Park scheduled for December 17, 2023 at 4 PM. There will be Christmas caroling in the park and afterwards walk to the Pizza Shack where they will have their backroom open for hot chocolate and goodies to eat.

The Mayor wanted to recognize Chief McCrum for all the hard work he has put in with the Police Department and what a wonderful job he and his staff are doing in cleaning up the department thus far.

NEXT MEETING: **January 17, 2024 at 6 PM** - the 2024 Organizational meeting: Nominations and elections of 2024 Chair and Vice Chair.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Mayor Terk motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM, seconded by Pat Mesibov. Motion carried unanimously.