

# **VILLAGE OF WHITEFISH BAY POLICE COMMISSION**

## **Minutes of January 25, 2021 Meeting**

**Whitefish Bay Village Hall  
5300 North Marlborough Drive  
Whitefish Bay, WI 53217**

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic (SARS-CoV-2), the meeting was held virtually, through the use of the Whitefish Bay Village's "GoToMeeting" Video Conferencing computer platform. Present virtually for the duration of the meeting were: Commissioners Harron, Gonzales, Kearns, Gilpin, and Markson. Also in attendance on the phone or at Village Hall were Chief Michael Young, Assistant Village Manager Tim Blakeslee, and Village Manager Paul Boening. A number of additional citizens utilized the "GoToMeeting" access permitted to observe the portions of the meeting that were held in open session.

Commission Chair Harron called the videoconference meeting to order at approximately 6:00 P.M.

Per our Agenda, we began with the consideration of prior meeting minutes, which were deferred due to unavailability at previous meetings. Those included minutes from April 20, 2020, November 20, 2018, and July 19, 2017. Minutes from April 20, 2020 were approved 5-0, after a motion made by Commissioner Gilpin and seconded by Commissioner Kearns. Minutes from November 20, 2018 were approved 5-0, after motion made by Commissioner Gilpin and seconded by Commissioner Markson. Minutes from July 19, 2017 were approved 5-0, after motion made by Commissioner Gonzales and seconded by Commissioner Kearns.

Next, attention turned to discussion of elections of Chair and Co-Chair positions. Following discussions, Commissioner Kearns moved, seconded by Commissioner Gilpin, to name Commissioner Harron to the Chair position, and Commissioner Gonzales to the Co-Chair position. This arrangement is a continuation of the positions held during the prior several years. The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners Harron and Gonzales expressed gratitude for the gracious comments from fellow Commissioners in support.

Following discussions with Chief Young concerning his announcement of upcoming retirement planned for April 16, 2021, and the general staffing needs of the Department, Commissioner Kearns moved, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales, to convene in closed session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85 (1)(c), to discuss and consider additional matters in light of Chief Young's retirement announcement letter dated January 7, 2021. The motion carried 5-0.

In closed session, the commission extensively discussed matters further and discerned further planning needed in light of the expected vacancy created by Chief Young's announced retirement.

After extensive discussions, Commissioner Kearns moved, and Commissioner Gilpin seconded the motion, to reconvene in open session. The motion carried 5-0.

In open session, discussions were held concerning the expectations of meeting again in early March 2021 to continue the process. Preferences were announced for available dates of March 2, 3, or 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 P.M. The meeting will be held virtually due to the pandemic.

Commissioner Kearns moved, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales, to adjourn. The motion carried 5-0, and the meeting was adjourned and the videoconference call ended at approximately 7:26 P.M.