

VILLAGE OF WHITEFISH BAY POLICE COMMISSION

Minutes of March 4, 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 meeting were: Commissioners Harron, Gonzales, Kearns, Gilpin, and Markson.

Also in attendance at various times were Chief Michael Young, Assistant Village Manager Tim Blakeslee, Lt. Patrick Whitaker 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. The Commission considered the approval of meeting minutes from January 25, 2021. Commissioner Gilpin moved, seconded by Commissioner Kearns, to approve the meeting minutes of January 25, 2021. The motion carried 5-0.

Next, attention turned to discussion of written comments submitted by members of the public, in advance of our meeting. Per our published agenda protocol, members of the public were given notice of the opportunity to observe the open session meeting virtually. In addition, two members of the public submitted written comments in advance of the meeting. The comments from Anne O'Connor and Chris Erickson were shared with each member of the Commission and taken into consideration. No responses by the Commission were requested from either of these individuals.

Commissioner Gonzales moved, seconded by Commissioner Kearns, to convene in closed session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85 (1)(c), to discuss and consider matters pertaining to employment, promotion and related issues. The motion carried 5-0. Following the motion to convene into closed session, Village Manager Boening managed the virtual meeting access so only authorized participants were in attendance during closed session discussions.

In closed session, the commission conducted extensive discussions and further planning. Commissioner Gonzales needed to leave the meeting at 7:19 P.M. after closed session discussions concluded. Commissioner Kearns moved, and Commissioner Gilpin seconded the motion, to reconvene in open session. The motion carried 4-0. Once again, Village Manager Boening opened the virtual access to the meeting online. Various additional individuals joined online.

Commissioner Gilpin moved, seconded by Commissioner Markson, to elevate Lt. Patrick Whitaker to the position of Interim Police Chief of the Whitefish Bay Police Department, effective April 16, 2021, following the retirement of Chief Michael Young. The motion carried 4-0.

In open session, discussions were held concerning the expectations of meeting again in early April 2021 to continue the process. Commissioner Kearns moved, seconded by Commissioner Gilpin, to adjourn. The motion carried 4-0, and the meeting was adjourned and the videoconference call ended at approximately 7:31 P.M.