

VILLAGE OF WHITEFISH BAY POLICE COMMISSION

Minutes of April 14, 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 at Village Hall during all or parts of the meeting were Chief Michael Young, Lt. Patrick Whitaker and Village Manager Paul Boening. Also available in person at Village Hall was one applicant for the position of patrol officer, whose interview with the Police Commission was held virtually. 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 6:02 P.M.

The Commission considered the approval of meeting minutes from March 4, 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 portions of our meeting virtually, and to submit written comments. Village Manager Boening confirmed that no written submissions were received prior to the Police Commission's April 14th meeting.

Commissioner Kearns moved, seconded by Commissioner Markson, 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. The meeting convened in closed session at approximately 6:06 P.M.

In closed session, the commission conducted extensive discussions and interviewed an officer candidate. Following our discussions and further planning, Commissioner Markson moved, and Commissioner Kearns seconded the motion, to reconvene in open session. The motion carried 5-0. Once again, Village Manager Boening opened the virtual access to the meeting online. Various additional individuals joined online.

Commissioner Gilpin moved, seconded by Commissioner Kearns, to certify Mr. Robert Leon as eligible for hiring as a Police Officer for the Village of Whitefish Bay, at the timing discretion of Interim Chief Patrick Whitaker. Such certification for eligibility prevails for one year from today's date. The motion carried 5-0. It was discussed that the Department's need for a patrol officer was relatively immediate.

In open session, congratulations and thanks were offered Chief Young on his impending retirement on 4-16-21. We will gather that day to honor him. Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Gonzales and seconded by Commissioner Gilpin. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 7:46 P.M.

