



Public Safety

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Terry Clements

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Tuesday, May 17, 2022

4:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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With a quorum present, Chair Clements called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

Present: Committee Chair Clements

Absent: Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Pierce and Committee Vice-Chair Smith

Remote: Legislator Alvarado, Legislator Cunzio, Legislator Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Chair Clements began this meeting with a moment of silence for those who lost their lives in Buffalo.

Chair Clements recognized the officers who responded to the scene quickly and noted that they did their job effectively and professionally.

1. [ACT-2022-62](#) **IMA(Amend)-Add Community Resource Officer-Cortlandt**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester, to retroactively amend its inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Cortlandt, whereby the County, acting by and through its Department of Public Safety Services, provides police services to the Town for a term commencing February 1, 2020 and expiring January 31, 2025, in order to add the services of a County Police Officer, specially trained as a Community Resource Officer.

Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Guests: Department of Public Safety

Deputy Commissioner Terrance Raynor

Captain William McGuinness

Lieutenant Edward Reich

Sergeant James Dress

Deputy Commissioner Raynor, Sergeant Dress, Officer Deopaul Mahadeo (CRO in Cortlandt),

Officer Eddie Ramirez (CRO in Mt. Kisco), and Siva Golpalkrishna appeared before the Committee to discuss item #2022-255-IMA(Amend)-Add Community Resource Officer-Cortlandt. This would authorize the County to amend its inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Cortlandt, whereby the County, acting through its Department of Public Safety, provides services to the Town for a term commencing February 1, 2020 and expiring January 31, 2025, in order to add the services of a County Police Officer, specially trained as a Community Resource Officer who will be assigned to the Cortlandt Precinct on a 40-hour work week schedule. Sgt. Dress discussed that the CRO model is based off the SRO model. He noted that during the police reform meetings, it was suggested that there be a community liaison and this idea is the response to that suggestion. They worked with the New York State Police and Juvenile Officers Association to develop a 40 hour block of training for community policing. This program was introduced in the fall of 2021 here in Westchester for our officers and for officers throughout the County and throughout the region.

Chair Clements asked what CRO's do in the community? Sgt. Dress responded that through consistency and relationship building, the assigned officer will utilize a combination of tactics including proactive outreach within the community with a special focus on crime prevention, mitigating diversity gaps, supporting underprivileged segments of the community, patrol level field investigations, and condition/crime pattern analysis. The activity of the CRO will be fluid and guided by the needs and input of the community in partnership with Town officials and the community itself. PO Ramirez discussed that as the CRO for Mount Kisco, he works with the village government and village board to focus on quality of life issues such as traffic safety and other ongoing issues. His focus is to get into the root of these issues rather than just react when incidents happen.

On motion of Legislator Cunzio, seconded by Legislator Alvarado, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Clements, Legislator Alvarado, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Pierce and Committee Vice-Chair Smith

WO Prejudice: Legislator Johnson

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

1. [2022-209](#) CLERK OF THE BOARD - 2021 Westchester County Fire Mutual Aid Plan Report

Forwarding the 2021 Westchester County Fire Mutual Aid Plan Report.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

This COMMUNICATION - Report was continued

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Cunzio, seconded by Legislator Johnson, the Committee adjourned at 4:25 PM.