

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF POUND RIDGE HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE, COMMENCING AT 8:00 PM**

**PRESENT: SUPERVISOR KEVIN HANSAN  
COUNCILPERSON ALISON BOAK  
COUNCILPERSON CARLA BRAND  
COUNCILPERSON DIANE BRIGGS  
COUNCILPERSON DANIEL PASCHKES**

**ALSO**

**PRESENT: DEPUTY SUPERVISOR LES MARON  
TOWN ATTORNEY WILLIAM HARRINGTON  
TOWN CLERK ERIN TROSTLE**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Hansan called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

There will a Special Town Board meeting at 8:00 pm on March 30, 2021, when the Board hopes to approve the final report of the Criminal Justice Reform and Reinvention Committee (CJRRC).

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Boak, seconded by Councilperson Paschkes, all voting aye, to open the public hearing on the CJRRC report.

A resident asked that all recommendations be specified and questioned the need for review as an ongoing process. Councilwoman Boak responded that reasons for establishing a permanent advisory board include conducting further review of the police department's extensive policies and addressing disciplinary issues and civilian complaints as they arise. Chief Ryan added that such an advisory board would promote greater openness and provide beneficial oversight.

A resident questioned the desirability of attempting to achieve diversity within the police department that is not reflective of Pound Ridge's population. Councilwoman Boak pointed out that the population the police department interacts with also includes those who travel through Pound Ridge and those who work in Pound Ridge.

A resident asked how demographics in Pound Ridge had changed since the pandemic began. Supervisor Hansan responded that the town does not collect that type of data and that data from the 2020 Census is not yet available.

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Town Attorney Harrington remarked that greater sensitivity to diverse perspectives is desirable no matter what the town's demographics look like. A resident expressed the view that educating the public in that way is not the role of town government. Another resident expressed support for anti-bias training. A third resident suggested offering anti-bias training for residents as well as police officers.

A resident asked whether the police department might work with the elementary school to help educate with the public about the department's work. Chief Ryan noted that this is one mode of communication that will continue and expressed the view that it is desirable to communicate in a variety of ways in order to reach different segments of the population.

Supervisor Hansan suggested that the overall review process be implemented every ten years. Councilperson Boak indicated that the advisory committee would report annually but said that a more formal report might be done every five or ten years. A resident wondered whether such a process would replace the ongoing advisory committee. Supervisor Hansan clarified that he was suggesting that a periodic review be done in addition to having a standing advisory committee.

Councilperson Boak noted that the CJRRC would meet again to consider resident input before presenting its final report to the Town Board.

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Boak, all voting aye, to close the public hearing.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the meeting at 9:40 pm.

Erin Trostle, Town Clerk  
Dated at Pound Ridge, New York  
April 13, 2021