

**CENTENNIAL LAKES  
JOINT POWERS POLICE GOVERNING BOARD**

**Monday, November 8, 2021  
Centennial Lakes Police Department**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

D. Love, Centerville Mayor  
Darrin Mosher, Centerville Councilmember (Chair)  
Dave Bartholomay, Circle Pines Mayor  
Jennifer Rauner, Circle Pines Councilmember  
Kim Devris, Lexington Councilmember  
Diane Harris, Lexington Councilmember

**Also Present:**

Mark Statz, Centerville City Administrator  
Patrick Antonen, Circle Pines City Administrator  
Chief James Mork, Centennial Lakes Police (Attended remotely)  
Captain Pat Aldrich, Centennial Lakes Police  
Kathy Honkomp, Centennial Lakes Police

**2. CITIZEN FORUM**

None.

**3. NEW CORPORAL INTRODUCTION**

**A. Introduction of Corporal Jon Krueger**

Captain Aldrich introduced Jon Krueger. Jon has over 24 years of patrol experience with the Centennial Lakes Police Department. Jon is a military veteran who served 4 years in the USMC where he attained the level of Corporal. Jon is the liaison to CLPD's multi-housing facilities and the Snowmobile Association. He has led the commercial vehicle inspection program, has been the union steward for the past three years, and set up impromptu Coffee with a Cop meetings. For these and many more reasons, Jon is being promoted to the Corporal position. Jon's wife, Ladine, pinned his new Corporal badge on him.

**\*\*\*A brief reception will follow the ceremony\*\*\***

**4. CHIEF'S REPORT**

**A. Deadly Force Statute**

Chief Mork explained that the State Legislature wanted to tighten up restrictions with the Deadly Force Statute. The statute was changed quickly without time to train officers. Numerous law enforcement groups including the Sheriffs Associations, MN

Chief of Police Association and the Law Enforcement Labor Services Union for Police Officers all sued saying that this new Deadly Force Statute is unconstitutional. One of the aspects of the new Deadly Force Statute was that Officers would have to articulate with specificity their reason for using the force, which would violate the 5th amendment right to remain silent and not incriminate oneself. As a result, the Ramsey County District court judge looked at the new statute and ruled to null and void it and return to the previous Deadly Force Statute.

Chief Mork stated that after talking with our city attorneys (Kurt Glaser and Eckberg-Lammers), the safest way for our department to handle this situation is to adopt the new Deadly Force Statute because it's a more conservative approach. It would also cause less confusion for the Officers to not need to constantly change the statute and procedures.

Captain Aldrich added that for the past few years the department has guided and trained the Officers through the department's Lexipol policy. They've learned to take a more conservative and less lethal approach as stated in the new statute.

City Administrator M. Statz summarized and Captain Aldrich confirmed that CLPD's training has been and remains in compliance with either version of the Deadly Force Statute.

Chief Mork added that he and Captain Aldrich recently attended the 2021 Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association's Executive Training Institute (ETI) & Law Enforcement Expo last week in St. Cloud. This was one of the largest gatherings of police Chiefs and law enforcement leaders in our state. This year the conference brought in national and local experts to address some of the most relevant topics facing the law enforcement profession today. Chief Mork stated that he appreciated the opportunity for Captain Aldrich and he to attend and they came back with some valuable information and resources.

Chief Mork stated that he had completed his Emergency Management Certificate Program.

## **5. OPERATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT**

### **A. Legal Services Updated**

City Administrator P. Antonen explained that CLPD has been without a labor relations attorney on contract since Mary Lee Abrams and Tiffany Schmidt closed their firm in 2019. CLPD will be entering into Officer's contract negotiations next year so the Operations Committee interviewed three qualified law firms. After a thorough discussion with the Chief and the Operations Committee, it was recommended CLPD enter into a contract with Barna, Guzy and Steffen firm. The firm is located in Coon Rapids. This firm would work on an as needed basis and they would be paid an hourly fee for their representation, which was how CLPD utilized the previous firm.

**A motion was made by D. Bartholomay to enter into contract with Barna, Guzy and Steffen law firm for the departments labor contract negotiations and labor relations issues. Motion was seconded by D. Love. Motion carried. None opposed.**

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Recommendation to Approve Minutes of August 9, 2021**
- B. 2021 Financial - Unaudited**

**A motion was made by D. Bartholomay to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by J. Rauner. Motion carried. None opposed.**

**7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Acknowledgement of Auditor's Conflict of Interest Form**

The attached Acknowledgement of Auditor's Conflict of Interest Form needs to be filled out by the Governing Board members, City Administrators and the Chief of Police. These forms are for year 2021 and will be included in the next audit.

**B. Compensation Recommendations for Non-Bargaining Unit Personnel – 2.75% cost of living increase**

City Administrator M. Statz suggested that the matching cost of living compensation (2.75% increase) be extended to the non-bargaining unit personnel. This is the same increase that was given to the union employees per their 2020-2022 contract.

**A motion was made by D. Love and seconded by J. Rauner to compensate the non-bargaining unit personnel with a 2.75% cost of living increase on 01/01/2022. Motion carried. None opposed.**

**C. Televis future Governing Board meetings**

City Administrator M. Statz reviewed the previous Governing Board comments (pros and cons) on televising future Governing Board meetings. After a lengthy discussion, a decision was made to not proceed.

City Administrator P. Antonen added and K. Devris agreed that CLPD is unique by having a JPA (Joint Powers Agreement) with the three cities (Circle Pines, Centerville, and Lexington) which makes up the Governing Board.

D. Harris asked and it was confirmed that all Governing Board meetings are open to the public.

D. Bartholomay suggested additional means to reach out to the public such as videotaping messages or by having Officers attend the city council meetings to discuss current events, statistics, and/or issues.

City Administrator P. Antonen added that he noticed with other cities the police departments send out monthly reports of current events, statistics, and/or issues.

Captain Aldrich commented that in the past, CLPD assigned one Sergeant to attend one of the city's council meetings. Currently CLPD has three Sergeants and they could each be assigned to a city and attend their council meetings. The Sergeants

could update the councils on events, statistics, and/or issues. The meetings are televised.

Below is a list of the Sergeants assigned to each city:

1. Admin. Sergeant Matt Giese will be assigned to Circle Pines' council meetings.
2. Sergeant Brian Goetzke will be assigned to Lexington's council meetings.
3. Sergeant Nolan Wahlberg will be assigned to Centerville's council meetings.

**D. Governing Board Chairmanship rotates to Lexington in 2022**

**E. 2022 Proposed Governing Board Meeting Dates**

Governing Board meetings for 2022 will be held on February 7, May 9, August 8, and November 14. Kathy Honkomp will send out meeting invitations to the Governing Board members.

**D. Love made a motion to approve the Governing Board 2022 meeting dates of February 7th, May 9th, August 8th, and November 14th. D. Bartholomay seconded the motion. Motion carried. None opposed.**

D. Bartholomay wanted to clarify and it was confirmed with the Operations Committee that Chief Mork is the spokesperson for Centennial Lakes Police Department.

**8. ADJOURNMENT – 8:05 p.m.**

**A motion to adjourn was made by D. Bartholomay and seconded by J. Rauner. Motion carried. None opposed.**