



# DARIEN POLICE



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**POLICE COMMITTEE**  
**January 20, 2020**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Police Department Training Room**  
**1710 Plainfield Road**

1. Call to Order  
**Chairman Joseph Kenny called the regular meeting of the Darien Police Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were commissioners Lester Vaughan and Thomas Chlystek and Chief of Police Greg Thomas**
2. Public Comment and Communications  
**Commissioner Vaughan brought to the committee concerns that he received from Darien residents in his district who were looking for answers about the recent incidents of home invasions and burglaries to motor vehicles. Chief Thomas reviewed the statistics of the recent criminal activity in Darien and noted that crime is actually down from 5 and 10 years ago. Chief feels that the recent use of social media to share crime activity may be contributing to a perception that crime is on the rise. A discussion ensued about officers' frustration about the no vehicle pursuit policy in Darien. Chief explained that the return of recovering low value items stolen from motor vehicles does not justify the high liability potential that occurs with vehicle pursuits. The potential for crashes, injury and vehicle damage for the City does not justify changing the vehicle pursuit policy. A discussion followed regarding the purchase of a Star Chase Pursuit Management System. Chief reviewed the pros and cons of the system and does not recommend it due to liability issues. To implement the device correctly police vehicles need to be in very close proximity to the fleeing car which increases the potential for crashes and injury.**
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the November 18, 2019 meeting.  
**Chairman Kenny called for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2019 police committee meeting. Commissioner Chlystek motioned to approve seconded by commissioner Vaughan. The minutes were unanimously approved.**
4. Agenda Memo – A resolution approving the payment of the Fiscal Year 2019 Police Reporting Management System (PRMS) equipment replacement contribution, operating expenses and cutover costs to DuPage County ETSB in the amount of \$24,153.41.

**Chief Thomas reviewed with the committee that this new system was purchased from Hexagon through DuPage County in consortium with 37 other agencies. It was implemented in June of 2019. There are some hiccups with any new system, but overall it is working pretty well. Staff recommends paying this installment which is under budget estimates. Commissioner Vaughan motioned to approve seconded by commissioner Chlystek. The resolution was unanimously approved.**

5. Next Meeting Date – February 18, 2020

6. Adjournment

**Chairman Kenny called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Vaughan motioned to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Chlystek. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Alderman: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas Chlystek

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph Kenny

Alderman: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lester Vaughan