

Please note that the Village reserves the right not to respond to questions that we consider matters of public safety.

QUESTIONS FOR THE HASTINGS ON HUDSON BOARD TRUSTEES

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We anticipate that Hastings on Hudson will respond to Governor Andrew Cuomo's executive order seeking recommendations with respect to police operations. However, given the immediacy of the dramatic surge in numbers of protests locally and nationwide, we would like the Hastings Board of Trustees to respond to the following questions by the next Board of Trustees meeting.

A. EQUIPMENT

1. Does the Hastings on Hudson police force use any of the following items, and if so, what is the make or brand and model, how many are owned or leased, and what is the cost of each? Has the Board of Trustees approved the future purchase of any of these items?
 - a. Taser-**Yes**
The Hastings-on-Hudson Police force utilizes Axon X26P Conducted Energy Weapon and officers on patrol are equipped with this less lethal force option. The Hastings-on-Hudson Police Force has a policy in place that provides guidance and direction in the use of the Axon X26P Conducted Energy Weapon.
 - b. Body camera- **NO**
 - c. Drone- **NO**
2. Do our police utilize the services of the data collection and record-keeping computer system Evidence.com, or a similar platform, and if so, what specific services do our police force purchase; and what is the monthly cost of the service per police officer and in total?- **NO**

B. POLICY

1. **Use of Force:** Does Hastings on Hudson have policies or regulations that forbid our police to use:
 - a. Choke holds and other forms of life-threatening restraint? – **YES, a policy is in place.**
 - b. Tear gas-**No, the Hastings-on-Hudson Police Force does not use**
 - c. pepper spray- **YES, a policy is in place.**

- d. rubber bullets- No, the Hastings-on-Hudson Police Force does not use.
- e. flash-bang grenades- No, the Hastings-on-Hudson Police Force does not use.
- f. water cannons- No, the Hastings-on-Hudson Police Force does not use.

- g. or any other so-called non-lethal crowd control weapons- No, the Hastings-on-Hudson Police Force does not use

- h. and does the Board of Trustees forbid any county, state or federal agency or the military from using such weapons in our community? – No. The Board of trustees does not have the authority to regulate other levels of government.

2. Protection of First Amendment Rights: Does Hastings on Hudson have policies or regulations that:

- a. Forbid the use of police drones or body cameras at protests unless there is an instance of physical violence, and are any other rules established for the use of drones and body cameras in order to protect the privacy and First Amendment rights of the public **NO**
Please see A. 1. B.
- b. Ensure that any drone or body camera video taken at protests is held on the servers of our police only and that it not be entered into large data bases, such as Evidence.com, or any county, state or federal agency data base? **N/A**
- c. Ban electronic, drone or any other technical or human political surveillance in the community, whether conducted by local, county, state or federal agencies? **No**
- d. Ban any engagement with Amazon’s “Ring” doorbell surveillance service or any similar service? - **NO**

3. Cooperation with County, State and Federal Agencies: Does Hastings on Hudson have policies or regulations that protect our residents from violations of our rights by county, state or federal agencies, including:

- a. Prohibiting cooperation with county, state or federal agencies that may attempt to gather political surveillance information on local individuals or groups; will you immediately announce to the public any contacts made by county, state or federal officials seeking such cooperation? - **NO**
- b. Arrest of any county, state or federal agents who seek to intimidate, detain, interrogate or assault any member of the community in connection with their political activities, including exercising their First Amendment rights? - **NO**

- c. Prohibiting county, state and federal governments from flying over the community with police, military, border patrol or other surveillance aircraft of any type in connection with protests? - **NO**

Thank you for considering these questions.