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Rockland Legislature To Call On Clarkstown Town Board To Reinstatement Police Chief Michael Sullivan

Chief's Suspension Done On 'Specious Charges That Are Highly Questionable And Political In Nature'

New City, NY (July 29, 2016) – The Rockland County Legislature intends to call on the Clarkstown Town Board to formally dismiss all charges leveled against Clarkstown Police Chief Michael Sullivan when it meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at 11 New Hempstead Road in New City.

Chief Sullivan began his law enforcement career 33 years ago, and in 1987 joined the Clarkstown Police Department, where he was promoted to Sergeant in 1995, Lieutenant in 2000, Captain in 2009 and Chief in 2011. His appointment to the department and his subsequent promotions were all approved by the Clarkstown Town Board.

On July 20, the Clarkstown Town Board voted to suspend Sullivan from his position as Chief.

It has since emerged that the charges leveled against Sullivan by the Clarkstown Town Board are specious and the circumstances of the charges leveled against him are highly questionable and political in nature. Sullivan himself has publicly stated, "There can be no doubt that the board's charges are completely without merit."

Additionally, on July 26, with little notice, between 500 and 1,200 residents and law enforcement officers gathered in front of Clarkstown Town Hall to declare their public support for Sullivan and their strong desire to see him reinstated as Chief.

The Clarkstown Police Benevolent Association, as well as other police benevolent associations in Rockland County, several chiefs of other police departments across Rockland, and numerous law enforcement officials, have all publicly stated their support for Sullivan as well as their belief that no charges should have been leveled against him and that he ought to be immediately reinstated as Chief of the Clarkstown Police Department.

The County Legislature's resolution will express support for Sullivan, and call upon the Clarkstown Town Board to immediately dismiss all charges leveled against him and immediately reinstate him as Chief of the Clarkstown Police Department.

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