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As the Mayor of the Village of Wappingers Falls, I am responding to the recent reports regarding the Board of Trustees not reappointing Paul Italiano as the Police Commissioner.

In summary, Mr. Italiano 's appointment was a one-year appointment which ended on April 1st, 2024, at 12:00 noon.

The board wanted to restructure and reorganize. As a courtesy, I notified the police commissioner earlier that day and informed him that the board was going in a different direction prompting him to put in a formal resignation if he so desired. It is not the board's wishes to identify reasons why we decided to go in a different direction and not reappoint Mr. Italiano.

The board's reorganizational meeting was met with numerous officers both off duty and on duty as well as the police commissioner.

The board did not publicly announce who they were going to appoint for police commissioner. Therefore, all that has been reported in the news is hearsay and rumors. It is within the board's full discretion to appoint anyone they so desire.

The board is not pleased by the news reports that identify any potential or former police department staff. The Village of Wappingers Falls Board of Trustees hereby distances itself from any type of slander or misinformation that is being circulated among media sources. All this is doing is creating questionable doubt about the board's actions.

The board's primary obligation is to protect its community. And it is within the board's right to appoint who they choose.

We thank Mr. Italiano for his service and wish him much success in his future endeavors.



Kevin D. Huber
Mayor