

**MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION
BERLIN, WISCONSIN
BERLIN CITY HALL – 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 3, 2018 – 6:30 PM**

President Lindahl called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Present: Commissioners Guden, Marks, and Eckstein (4). Absent: Pionke (1). Also present were Capt. Block, Emergency Services Director Gary Podoll, Fire Chief Paugels, and Ald Secora.

Motion by Guden to approve the open session minutes as presented with no additions or corrections for the December 6, 2017 meeting, seconded by Marks and carried by voice vote.

Podoll stated an additional bill was added for repairs to Engine 66 and there were 128 calls for the year. Per Chief Paugels, Joel Johanssen who is Captain and in charge of department training has requested to attend a conference in Eau Claire the end of February and some items on the agenda are geared towards small departments. Registration will be February or before so that is why it was mentioned this month. Per Podoll the 2017 budget numbers were good even with the negative maintenance. Since the department has gone down to 2 meetings per month vs 3 per month, attendance is up at the monthly meetings. Comm. Guden inquired about the fire inspections account and Podoll stated it was over due to having to pay the inspector to come to meetings. Have been working with Capt. Block and Chief Plantz on non-compliance of fire inspections and citations will be issued. Capt. Block stated that with the abatement process now it will be easier to issue citations and follow-up. Motion by Guden to approve and file the Fire Department Report and vouchers for payment, seconded by Marks, and carried by voice vote.

Capt. Block stated there were 3491 calls for service in 2017 which is 386 more than 2016, which is not counting calls not requiring a case number. There were 825 citations issued for 2017. The Berlin Journal Newsmaker of the Year was the National Night Out in August involving all GLC law enforcement agencies, fire departments and EMS. The event is scheduled to be in Markesan in 2018 coordinated by Chief Will Pflum. Motion by Eckstein to approve the police department report and vouchers for payment, seconded by Marks, carried by voice vote.

Old Business – None
New Business: None
Public Appearances: None

Motion to Adjourn by Guden, seconded by Marks and carried by voice vote.

Submitted by Vicki Murphy

Next scheduled regular meeting Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the Berlin City Hall