

**MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION
BERLIN, WISCONSIN
BERLIN CITY HALL – 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 1, 2017 – 6:30 PM**

President Pionke called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Commissioners Guden, Marks and Eckstein (4). Absent: Lindahl (1). Also present were Chief Plantz, Emergency Services Director Gary Podoll, Fire Chief Paugels, and Ald Secora.

Motion by Guden to approve the open session minutes as presented from the January 4, 2017 meeting, seconded by Marks and carried by voice vote.

Fire Department candidate Jason Hernandez introduced himself and gave a background history of 8 years in the military and worked at Oxford prison, moved to Berlin in 2015 and wants to give back and help the community. Fire Department candidate Micheal Caswell “Mike” introduced himself and gave a background history of being on the Redgranite Fire Dept. 4 years and moved to Berlin last year and wants to help in the community. Motion by Guden to accept Jason Hernandez and Michael Caswell as members of the Berlin Fire Department, seconded by Eckstein, carried by voice vote.

Fire Dept. Chief Paugels, Emergency Services Director Gary Podoll, and President Pionke presented years of service pins to the following firefighters: 10 year pins to Tom Jensen and Joel Johansen and 25 year pin to Brian Bending. Podoll thanked them for their dedicated service and the training they have provided stating it is greatly appreciated and they are a family. Pionke on behalf of all the commissioners thanked the Firefighters and their families for their service and dedication.

Podoll stated the department had no bills for January. Paugels stated there were an average number of calls for 2016 with 1 large fire, mutual aid and accident calls were up, 83 fire calls and 9 mutual aid calls for a total of 117 calls for 2016. Podoll stated he has set the codes for all the agencies for the ID’s for the credentialing. There will be 1-2 persons per department that will be authorized to put names and information into the system and there will be a picture on ID. He will be meeting with city departments, county, law enforcement, and all agencies and the goal is to have completed by summer. There will be a small cost per card and that money will be collected by the County and used for replacement ink/toner for the printer that was gotten on a grant. Cards are good for 7 years except law enforcement for 4 years. Cards will be color coded and will need one for each specific area/department. Chief Plantz stated it is the managing of personnel at a disaster scene that is the hardest and this will help manage at a crisis. Podoll stated he appreciates all the support received from the city and the commissioners. Motion by Guden to approve and file the Fire Department Report (no vouchers), seconded by Marks, and carried by voice vote.

Chief Plantz gave information on the vandalism to St. Mikes cemetery, the reward being offered and that it was covered on the TV, newspaper, and put out to the school. There have been a lot of medical calls and Chief gave thanks to the DPW for keeping the roads clean during all the recent bad weather. Have been attending multiple GLC Mental health meetings for people in crisis and working with Human Services to coordinate services and responses. Chief stated he had received a resignation letter from Sgt. Scott Patterson effective April 3, 2017. Sgt. Patterson has served for 27 years entirely on the midnight shift and has helped to mold all the young officers. He has provided strong leadership on a very demanding shift, and wished the best to Scott and Barb. Reviewed scams and what to be aware of. Motion by Guden to approve the police department report and vouchers for payment, seconded by Eckstein, carried by voice vote.

Chief Plantz reviewed the Resolution authorizing transfer of 2016 budget funds for the Berlin Police Department with the end result being that the Police department was approximately \$7000 in the black for 2016. Motion by Guden to approve resolution authorizing transfer and forward to Common Council, seconded by Eckstein and carried by voice vote.

Chief Plantz stated the application process began two weeks ago and the department has received 12 applications to date. Other agencies that are also hiring are having issues with quantity of applicants. Working with LIFE and other youth mentoring programs early will hopefully help in the coming years.

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 meeting Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 6:30 PM