

**MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION
BERLIN, WISCONSIN
BERLIN CITY HALL – 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 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 minutes as presented from the February 1, 2017 meeting, seconded by Marks and carried by voice vote.

Podoll stated the department had 17 calls on report and the department has been very busy with an additional 9 calls since. Chief Paugels expressed gratitude to Chief Plantz for the Police Dept. having all the people evacuated from the apartments during the Quarry Street fire and complimented on the professionalism with all officers and Corp. Kurczek and Capt. Block and how well the police worked with the fire department. Podoll stated the bill for Langkau was for update of all personnel in CPR and Blood borne Pathogens. The DNR grant is completed and sent in and the 2% dues from townships is all done. Motion by Marks to approve and file the Fire Department Report and vouchers for payment, seconded by Eckstein, and carried by voice vote.

Chief Plantz stated the Sergeants position has been posted in the department to fill Sgt. Patterson's position. 29 testing letters have been sent to applicants and doing everything we can to get the best personnel for the position. Will bring the top 3 candidates before the Commissioners for interviews. The new squad is in and working with Havey for the switchover which is approximately 3-4 weeks out. February 9th snowmobiler went in the river and was fortunate to be able to get out. February 16th had 6 canines at Berlin High School and did not find anything. Chief thanked all departments involved with the canines and stated we are fortunate to have such good neighbors that share their resources to assist us. On Feb 21 & 22 all BPD officers had county wide training including legal updates, emergency crisis, and OWI refresher. Have also met with All Saints church reference their vandalism and discussed lights, signage, fences, and cameras for their cemetery. This week had a unresponsive male overdose and 2 shots of narcon were administered by the EMS. There was also a local 30 year old female found dead in Milwaukee from an overdose. Chief gave kudos to the tactical unit and Sgt. Jones for the subject barricaded in the apartment on Waushara Street with a taser deployed. The training and experiences are the heart of all personnel working together. Podoll stated he was impressed with the professionalism and cooperation between all officers to get the job done. Chief Plantz also stated that the police department has been selected to receive funds from the Clay Lamberton 5th grade classes "Elves R Us" fundraiser and this will be used to purchase items for the children at the National Night Out in August. Motion by Eckstein to approve the police department report and vouchers for payment, seconded by Guden, carried by voice vote.

Chief Plantz reviewed the BPD 2016 Annual Report numbers and changes in the department along with the training development of officers Kurczek, Young, Schroeder, and Strahan. They are taking leadership roles within the department and countywide. Reviewed highlights of each category: Law incidents; controlled substance problem and custodial interferences were up, disorderly conducts, sexual assaults, and thefts were down and Chief explained difference between voluntary and involuntary emergency detentions which are extremely intensive for manpower coverage. Chief stated he had attended a statewide meeting for mental health and tried to convey the law enforcement side. Citations were up overall which included operating a MV while suspended/revoked, animal issues, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Reviewed warnings, parking tickets, stolen/recovered values (which was very good percentage for 2016), officer activity summary, and the training for each officer which you "get out what you put into your staff". Also reviewed some of the newspaper highlights for 2016 and Chief thanked the Commissioners and Liaison Alderman for their support of the Police Department along with thanking all of the Officers of the Berlin PD and Vicki for her exemplary administrative skills. Motion by Eckstein to approve the Berlin Police Department 2016 Annual Report, seconded by Guden and carried by voice vote.

Chief Plantz discussed a date with the Commissioners for applicant final interviews. Monday, March 27th beginning at 6:30 was scheduled and stated he will plan to bring forth the top 3 candidates.

Old Business – None

New Business: None

Public Appearances: Had one scheduled with a participation card but no one appeared. None

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

Submitted by Vicki Murphy

Next scheduled regular meeting Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 6:30 PM