

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

President Lindahl called the meeting to order. Present: Commissioners Guden, Pionke, Marks, and Eckstein (5). Absent: (0). Also present were Chief Plantz, Capt. Block, Emergency Management Director Gary Podoll, Fire Chief Paugels, and Ald Secora.

Chief introduced the two new BPD Officers Matthew Mayer and Brady Felmer. Chief then administered the Oath of Honor to Matthew Mayer and Matthew's father pinned on his badge. Chief then administered the Oath of Honor to Brady Felmer and Brady's mother pinned on his badge. The families were introduced and both Matthew and Brady were welcomed to the Berlin Police Department.

Election of Officers:

President: Marks nominated Justin Lindahl with Guden seconding. 3 calls for further nominations with none presented. Roll call vote: Guden-aye, Marks-aye, Eckstein-aye, Pionke-Nay, Lindahl-aye / 4 ayes, 1 nay passed for Justin Lindahl as President.

Vice-President: Guden nominated Ed Marks with Lindahl seconding. 3 calls for further nominations with none presented. Roll call vote: Guden-aye, Marks-aye, Eckstein-aye, Pionke-Nay, Lindahl-aye / 4 ayes, 1 nay passed for Ed Marks as Vice-President.

Secretary: Guden nominated Pionke which nomination was not accepted. Lindahl nominated Eckstein which nomination was not accepted. Eckstein nominated Guden with Lindahl seconding. 3 calls for further nominations with none presented. Guden-aye, Marks-aye, Eckstein-aye, Pionke-aye, Lindahl-aye / 5 ayes passed for Joanne Guden as Secretary.

Motion by Guden to approve the open session minutes for the April 4, 2018 meeting as presented with no additions or corrections, seconded by Marks and carried by voice vote.

Emergency Services Director Gary Podoll stated there had been a lot of calls and structure fires which saved the houses but lost a shed. Chief Paugels stated the rain has helped with the grass fires but a reminder given that a burning permit is needed and that is only for brush and grass, no leaves, wood, or other materials. Podoll stated in order to get a permit need to come to city hall and no burning barrels are allowed and only a UL rated fireplace pit is allowed and if causes smoke or neighbor complaints the burning would need to stop. If regulations are not followed a citation can be issued. Motion by Pionke to approve and file the Fire Department Report and vouchers for payment, seconded by Guden, and carried by voice vote.

Chief Plantz stated the PD had partnered with the Fire Department and played kickball with the 5th grade class at Clay Lamberton. The PD was then presented with a \$500 donation check from the 5th graders which will be used to purchase stop sticks and a big thank you to the 5th graders. On May 16th it will be Bike To School and Georgia Trochinski will be presenting rules of the road, helmet wearing, and other bike riding regulations. There were no issues with the prom. PSLO Trochinski is also planning showing a 26 min video of driving too fast to High School students. Received \$1300 reimbursement from state CEASE program for overtime involved with the drug grow operation. Officers have been working hard notifying residents of the spring cleanup and thanked the residents for getting their items to the curb. There were no crashes during the recent snow storm and with the nice weather starting to have some driving issues and officers will be on heightened awareness. There is an ATV group out of Waushara that will be proposing a route through Berlin and they will be at the Berlin Council meeting next Tuesday.

Chief Plantz stated he had received a Dept. of Corrections notification letter regarding their contract with Genesis providing a transitional housing at 145 W. Berlin which is causing issues among the area residents.

The property is not within the Child Safety Zone and the Mayor has it on next week's Council agenda. Capt. Block restated that the City and Berlin PD has no bearing on the situation and Chief Plantz did not sign off on it as it is the DOC that contracts with Genesis. During the discussion among the Commissioners Ed Marks at 7:10 pm did stand up and state that he was resigning due to animosity and then left the meeting. Further discussion then ensued regarding GPS monitoring was discussed but Capt. Block stated it depends upon the individual and it is case by case. A bulletin would be issued if a level sex offender was housed there.

Chief Plantz also mentioned that the PD has had several Emergency detentions of which one began at 7:30 am with Officer Meyer doing an excellent job handling it but it continued throughout the day until 10:30 PM. Chief also stated that he and Officer Krause had responded to a medical call with a 62 year old female, not breathing and resuscitated her and she was taken to the hospital. Saw the daughter in Walmart the following week and she hugged Chief Plantz and stated "you saved my mom". President Lindahl gave kudos to both officers. Motion by Pionke to approve the police department report and vouchers for payment, seconded by Eckstein, carried by voice vote.

Old Business – None

New Business: None

Public Appearances: None

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

Submitted by Vicki Murphy

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