

**MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION
BERLIN, WISCONSIN
BERLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT – 226 SPRING ST, BERLIN, WI
AUGUST 2, 2017 – 6:30 PM**

President Lindahl called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Commissioners Guden, Marks, Pionke, and Eckstein (5). Absent: (0). Also present were Chief Plantz, Emergency Services Director Gary Podoll, Fire Chief Paugels, and Ald Secora.

Motion by Guden to approve the July 5, 2017 minutes with the correction to “Marks” in 2nd paragraph, seconded by Marks and carried by voice vote.

Podoll reported there were several bills added to the list; JW Enterprise for painting of wheels on truck and radios put in truck. Pionke questioned being able to adjust the accounts more accurately for budgeting and Podoll stated you don't know what to expect on repairs yearly. Motion by Marks to approve and file the Fire Department Report and vouchers for payment, seconded by Guden, and carried by voice vote.

Chief Plantz stated there were 344 calls for service from the last meeting with several persons suspended from parks, several disturbance calls and cases involving guns (domestics) and several large cases are getting tied up. Luke Meyer is nearing the end of his FTO program and will be able to fill shifts soon. The PD will be ordering new disposable gloves due to the dangers of Fentanyl which can absorb through the skin with a little bit of contact. Chief thanked all the sponsors and all the agencies that participated in the National Night Out. It is estimated we had 2000 people attend and we ran out of food. Chief also thanked Chief Paugels, Gary Podoll, the DNR with their fishing game, Theda Star, WISS radio station, and the Berlin Journal for all their help along with a thank you to Chad Krause who brought the idea forward. Pionke questioned the carbon monoxide issue with the Police Ford Explorers and Chief stated that Ford has no current recall but Sheriff Podoll is ordering some squad carbon monoxide monitors and the PD will get some from him. Motion by Guden to approve the police department report and vouchers for payment, seconded by Eckstein, carried by voice vote.

Chief Plantz stated he had reviewed the Boys & Girls Club Alarm System Application permit and everything met the requirements of the ordinance. Motion by Guden to approve alarm application, seconded by Eckstein and carried by voice vote.

Hiring Update: Chief Plantz said there are challenges with hiring law enforcement and tough to get qualified applicants. The deadline for applications is August 7th and currently we have 17 applicants. The department hopes to have a candidate by the September 6th meeting. Mitchel Jazdzewski had resigned his position and Chief stated this has been a tough year with hires but we will continue to strive to find the right person for the position. Capt. Block will also plan to go to Fox Valley Technical College and promote the City of Berlin.

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

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

Submitted by Vicki Murphy

Next scheduled regular meeting Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Berlin City Hall

After the regular scheduled meeting the P&F Commissioners along with Mayor Schramer, Alderman Erdmann and Alderman Secora viewed the new Fire trucks gotten from the DNR. No city business was conducted.