

**MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION  
BERLIN, WISCONSIN  
BERLIN CITY HALL – 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
OCTOBER 11, 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 Captain Block, Emergency Services Director Gary Podoll, Fire Chief Paugels, and Ald Secora.

Motion by Guden to approve the open session minutes as presented for the September 6<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> meetings, seconded by Marks and carried by voice vote.

Motion by Pionke to approve the closed session minutes as presented for the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, seconded by Eckstein and carried by voice vote.

Podoll stated additional bills had been added to the list for some bad hose and will put a quantity of two more in the budget but will try to get in 2017 if there are monies. Department has 2 meters and will look to replace one meter every other year and will also be replacing life safety rope in orange bag which can only be used once, the current ones which were used are now being used for practical training. Chief Paugels stated calls are down for the month and Andrew Wallner has replaced Matt LaSure to help with mechanical. Motion by Pionke to approve and file the Fire Department Report and vouchers for payment with the typo fixed on bills list, seconded by Guden, and carried by voice vote.

BFD 2018 Budget: Podoll stated there were no increases in the 2018 budget. The itemized equipment has no pagers and he is working on replacing gear but grants are hard to get. May replace several sets of coats and bunker pants per year so that the department would never have to replace all 36 sets at one time. Expectancy of gear is 2 cycles with each cycle being 3-5 years. Inquiries were made regarding having a rollover account for gear but Podoll stated he is satisfied with the budget as it currently is as more flexibility is allowed. Gear amount in budget went up to \$5000. Maintenance on the two Fords may increase and truck 66 is the next truck to go. Aerial tires will need to be replaced at a cost of \$5000 and will try to work that into the 2017 and perhaps some from the 2018 budget. The towns pay one half of the budget and looking at the best way to do the purchases and keep the budget without asking for more. Motion by Guden to approve the BFD 2018 budget and forward to Common Council, seconded by Eckstein and carried by voice vote.

Captain Block stated that the BPD Barracuda backup system is out of space and no longer backing up all files and the estimated update cost is \$1800. The department passed the Training and Standards audit, Ofcr Meyer will attend radar certification school, Corp. Kurczek will attend ICAC training, and Officers Young and Schroeder will attend FTO training. All officers passed the state firearms qualification shoot and with still being one officer short there has been lots of overtime. Motion by Eckstein to approve the police department report and vouchers for payment, seconded by Pionke, carried by voice vote.

BPD 2018 Budget: Block stated the taser, squad car, and radio funds will continue to be budgeted. The 2018 bottom line number is less than last year with the health insurance being less and the new hire will not be taking out insurance. Acct. #210 is up due to new purchases of narcan and safety equipment for fentanyl protection. Acct. #380 Equip & Structures is also up as that account has been over and contains the majority of items purchased. The new employees are at a lower pay rate than the retired multiyear officers. The WI retirement system amount is also down due to sworn officer increased contribution up to 6.7% in 2018 vs. 5% in 2017. Revenues were discussed and the only change is the addition of an account for copy costs when paid for open records requests. Commissioners stated it was a good job and did what was requested to keep the budget in line. Motion by Guden to approve the BPD 2018 budget and forward to Common Council, seconded by Marks, carried by voice vote.

Hiring update: Target date is to have the new officer sworn in at the November 1<sup>st</sup> P&F meeting and employment would begin on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Old Business – None

New Business: None

Public Appearances: None

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

*Submitted by Vicki Murphy*

Next scheduled regular meeting Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Berlin City Hall