

**MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION
BERLIN, WISCONSIN
BERLIN CITY HALL – 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NOVEMBER 1, 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, and Ald Secora.

Introduction of new BPD Officer Noah Knetzger, along with his family and friend. Deputy City Administrator Midge Seaman swore in new Police Officer Noah Knetzger. Chief Plantz then introduced Noah and administered the Oath of Honor with his father then pinning on his badge. Officer Knetzger was then welcomed to the Berlin PD.

Motion by Guden to approve the open session minutes as presented for the October 11, 2017 meeting, seconded by Eckstein and carried by voice vote.

Podoll stated there were 4 calls in the last two days but everything is going good, getting prices on tires for the aerial truck and will try to pay for some this year yet. Credentialing will start next week putting in system. When that is complete then it will be given to the Fire Dept. and Police Dept. to assign who will be responsible for the information put into the system and get that part done. All credentialing as long as it is still valid will be attached to the employees name. The cards will have pictures, descriptions and hold as much information as needed. Chief Plantz questioned if this could be used as an official Police ID to which the answer is yes as it will be officially credentialed through the State of Wisconsin. Gary is also getting information on a bar code reader next week but that will possibly be after the complete program is set up. Motion by Pionke to approve and file the Fire Department Report and vouchers for payment, seconded by Marks, and carried by voice vote.

Chief Plantz stated that October was busy with 314 calls for service with a lot of animal complaints of various natures. The drug drop off box has been getting a lot of use and November 30th will start the winter parking season with warning the first night. Reminder to the public to drive carefully and slow down as winter starts and to be prepared with safety items in the vehicle. There is another new scam involving Publishers Clearing House. There are currently four abatement plans active with one being a nuisance activity which is a 3 strike situation and the other three involving drugs which are a one-time violation along with gangs & prostitution thereby beginning the abatement process after one occurrence. Pionke reminded everyone that it is the property itself that is held liable whether it involves one person or multiple. Chief stated that Noah will be stating on November 3rd with Field Training and the Holiday Parade and tree lighting ceremony will be November 16th. Chief also reminded everyone to be careful as the deer are running. Motion by Eckstein to approve the police department report and vouchers for payment, seconded by Guden, carried by voice vote.

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, December 6, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Berlin City Hall