

**MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION  
BERLIN, WISCONSIN  
BERLIN CITY HALL – 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MARCH 7, 2018 – 6:30 PM**

President Lindahl called the meeting to order. Present: Commissioners Guden, Pionke, and Eckstein (4). Excused: Marks (1). Also present were Chief Plantz, Emergency Services Director Gary Podoll, Fire Chief Paugels, and Ald Secora.

Motion by Guden to approve the open session minutes for the February 7, 2018 meeting as presented with no additions or corrections, seconded by Eckstein and carried by voice vote.

Chief Paugels stated Joel Johannson had gone to Train the Trainer in Eau Claire and will present a report next month. Podoll stated had replaced two helmets and a turn out gear along with 4 other sets of light gear from the DNR grant. Credentialing: The PD, GLSO, and Health Dept are all done and after all emergency service departments are done then will work with Utilities, Public Works and other entities to complete credentialing by end of the year. Each card costs \$2.00 and those monies will go towards replacement ink for the printer that was purchased with grant money. Also working with Salamander Company for a command board (credentialing) which would plug into the Command truck and automatically display personnel and information. Will also be planning a full scale disaster in Berlin this year using FEMA damage assessment protocol. 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 there are still quite a few mental health cases each month and on April 5<sup>th</sup> the second “Dose of Reality” will be at the High School and the PD will have a booth there. Need to keep hitting the kids with information and dangers of opioids. On March 14<sup>th</sup> all of the 5<sup>th</sup> graders will come to the PD for a tour and also with Judge Jaye of Lakeside Municipal Court. This Friday will be the promotional interviews for Corporal and drug investigator positions. Officer Krause will be training to get his drone pilot license for the County drone which will be used county wide. Chief showed and explained the officer’s exterior carrier with molly straps that would hold handcuffs, pepper spray, and flashlight to take weight off the waist and back. Spring pick up is scheduled for April 23-27 and the information is on the city website and working to get some knob hangers to alert residences of problem areas in their yard. Motion by Guden to approve the police department report and vouchers for payment, seconded by Pionke, carried by voice vote.

Chief stated Sgt. Tim Jones will be sorely missed after 28 years of service and commended him for his diligence and always putting service before himself. Wished him, Shelley and family well and all Commissioners were invited to Sgt. Jones’s farewell luncheon on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Gary Podoll stated that Sgt. Jones was always very helpful and professional and will be missed. Motion by Eckstein to accept Sgt. Timothy Jones’s resignation/retirement, seconded by Guden, carried by voice vote.

Hiring update: There were 23 applications with 8 applicants taking the test and 4 used previous test scores. Seven applicants will be interviewed and will then bring 3 quality candidates to the Police & Fire Commission. Discussion regarding the date for interviews and calendars will be checked to see if Monday (3/28/18) or Tuesday 3/27/18 will work and Commissioners will be advised.

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

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

*Submitted by Vicki Murphy*

Next scheduled regular meeting Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the Berlin City Hall