

**MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION  
BERLIN, WISCONSIN  
BERLIN CITY HALL – 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
OCTOBER 2, 2019 – 6:30 PM**

President Lindahl called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Commissioners Eckstein, Guden, Jenkinson, and Marks (5). Absent: (0). Also present were Interim Chief Mark Putzke, Interim Deputy Chief Curt Olson, Emergency Management Director Gary Podoll, Fire Chief Bob Paugels, City Administrator Jodie Olson, and Liaison Alderman Lehr.

Motion by Marks to approve the open session minutes for the September 4, 2019 meeting as presented with no additions or corrections, seconded by Guden and carried by voice vote.

Motion by Guden to approve the closed session minutes for the September 18, 2019 meeting as presented with no additions or corrections, seconded by Jenkinson and carried by voice vote.

Closed session minutes from September 27, 2019 will be approved at the November 6, 2019 meeting.

EM Director Podoll stated that the SCBA's were tested and passed. The SCBA compressor was repaired and 10 pair of gloves were ordered along with a flashlight. The department is still in good shape with the budget. Podoll stated they had received a DNR fire grant which would go towards hose reel, hose, and fire gloves.

Motion by Marks to approve the fire department vouchers for payment, seconded by Guden, carried by voice vote.

Fire Dept calls: Chief Paugels stated that September was a very slow month and had one car fire with the rest being CO calls or medical calls. Podoll stated that the car fire involved the magnesium steering column which is very dangerous to try to extinguish with water or foam.

Fire Dept Maintenance: Chief Paugels stated preventative maintenance was done on all engines and three will need to have some repairs (not serious). Will be working on a maintenance schedule which may save some monies.

BFD activities: The annual pig roast will be held at the fire house on Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup> will be fire prevention in the schools. The department is making a memory wall with all the plaques and emblems including history of the fire department. The department received some memorial monies from the Don Trampf family which will go towards signs to be put on each brick pillar with a plaque.

BPD Interim Chief Putzke stated there was nothing out of line on the expenses. Motion by Guden to approve the police vouchers for payment, seconded by Eckstein, carried by voice vote.

BPD Calls: Interim Chief Putzke presented the monthly law incident report by nature. Marks questioned if it could be run showing each month with Putzke stating it would be looked into but determining factor would be the time involved.

BPD Past and Upcoming activities: Corp. Schroeder attended Reid's Interview school. On Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at approximately 1:11 am the officer attempted to stop a truck and a high speed chase ensued thru the city with the Supervisor calling it off for safety. A warrant was issued for the 18 year old Berlin man who later turned himself in. On September 29 there was a reported stabbing which ended up being alcohol related and no credible information to substantiate the report.

Interim Deputy Chief Olson presented Berlin PD 2020 budget drawing attention to line 2 and 3 stating monies was taken out of the overtime budget and put into PT salaries to give the future Chief the ability to staff better. Officers have been working alone and worried about burnout. It allows for PT staff at a cheaper rate and if it doesn't work the money can go back into the overtime account. In revenues the municipal court was increased by \$10,000. Interim Chief Putzke recommended the budget be approved. Motion by Eckstein to approve Berlin Police Department's 2020 budget and forward to Common Council. Seconded by Guden and carried by voice vote.

Old Business – None

New Business: None

Public Appearances - None

Motion by Marks to adjourn, seconded by Eckstein, carried by voice vote.

*Submitted by Vicki Murphy  
Administrative Assistant*

Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, November 6 at 6:30 pm at the Berlin City Hall