

MINUTES
MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION
BERLIN, WISCONSIN
BERLIN CITY HALL – 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
May 03, 2023 -6:30pm

President Joanne Guden called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Commissioners Joanne Guden, Keith Hess, Gary Knoke, and Dan Johnson. Absent: None. Also present: Police Chief Brian Pulvermacher, Fire Chief Paugels, Alderman liaison Joshua Nigbor, Investigator Knetzger, and Berlin Journal: Paul Wiegel. Public appearance: None.

President Guden would like to thank Commissioner Chad Martin for his time spent on the panel.

Under approval of minutes, Hess moved to approve the open P&F Commission minutes of April 5, 2023. Johnson seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Election of officers: Hess to nominate Guden as President and Johnson second, unanimous vote and decision passed. Guden to nominate Johnson as Vice President and Hess second, unanimous vote and decision passed. Guden to nominate Hess for Secretary and Johnson second, unanimous vote and decision passed.

Johnson moved to approve the fire department expenses as presented. Hess seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Fire Chief Paugels stated that there were 17 calls last month. Very busy month for calls with two of the calls being structure fires. Maintenance issues would be all of the engines are going for their yearly services and DOT inspections this month. The did finish the brush truck with wiring and replacement of some lights but nothing major. Upcoming events, will be in the Memorial Day parade.

Hess moved to approve the Police Department expenses as presented. Knoke seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Chief Pulvermacher stated that the chart provided to the commission shows last month's calls. The chart shows that there were 141 traffic stops, 3 drug investigations, 13 welfare checks, and 7 property damage crashes. Traffic enforcement is down this month but remains average. Check of welfare calls have gone up slightly this month. The PD had a significant stop involving a vehicle that contained large amounts of cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana. The two occupants were transported to jail. After booking the male subject was transported to Theda Care for medical clearance and ultimately the new WRAP restraints were deployed for the first time and everything went well with that deployment.

Under police activity updates, Chief Pulvermacher explained there were several letters of commendation given to the officers within the police department. One went to Det Knetzger for his extensive investigation in a fraud case that led to multiple charges going to the DA office. Others went to officers McMartin, Meyer, Schmidt and McDowell for their involvement with the drug case that was just talked about. I have received the new pistols but there is a slight delay on the holsters so once those come in, we will be switching over. Camera evaluation for the PD and City Hall is still ongoing. There are multiple companies coming in to give quotes on a new system. The new squad car is here and will be sent in for outfitting the first week of June. We

continue to purge old files and we are currently up to 2001. All various old and broken electronics have been recycled during the city-wide electrical disposal back in April. All staff members have been involved in training this past and upcoming month. Two staff members went to basic SWAT training and one staff member will be attending first line supervisor training. The new SRO is currently in SRO training and then will be job shadowing at the end of May. Several more trainings will take place this upcoming month such as firearms training and drugged field sobriety testing.

Under Police Department Fund 15 purchase of interview and recording device. Guden stated that she did see the current system and does think the PD could use an upgrade. Guden also asked if the price quoted is the price we pay or if taxes and fees would also come out of fund 15. Chief stated that no tax will come out as we are tax exempt. Knoke stated that he wouldn't mind seeing the process. Chief explained that it is basically like the old tube TVs. If you ever recorded a television show back in the day with a VCR that you would set it up for the hour show. The system that we use now is much like that except we don't know how long an interview will take so we leave it going until completion. When this happens the quality of the interview recording goes down drastically and the video playback is not great quality. Johnson motion to approve the Fund 15 purchase of new interview and recording device software for the total of \$2,543.83 and recommend the decision to Common Council. Hess second the motion which carried by voice vote.

Under old business: None.

Under new business: None.

Public appearances: None.

At 6:50pm Hess moved to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat §19.85(1)(d) 19.85(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises (1) *Update of SRO* Knoke seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in four (4) ayes, zero (0) nays, and zero (0) absent. Motion carried.

At 6:50pm Guden moved to seat Liaison Nigbor and Police Chief Pulvermacher. Knoke seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in four ayes, zero nays and zero absent. Motion carried.

Discussion continued in closed session.

Guden made the motion to convene into open session, with a second by Knoke. Motion carried via voice vote.

Guden made the motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Knoke. Motion carried via voice vote.

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Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, June 07, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the Berlin City Hall