

MINUTES
MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION
BERLIN, WISCONSIN
BERLIN CITY HALL – 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
September 07, 2022 -6:30pm

President Joanne Guden called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Commissioners Dan Johnson, Keith Hess, and Chad Martin. Absent: None. Also present: Police Chief Brian Pulvermacher, Fire Chief Paugels, Emergency Manager Gary Podoll, Liaison Alderman Kristina Boeck, City Administrator Sara Rutkowski, Mayor Bruessel, Mark Podoll, Berlin Police officers Cody Wiesmueller, Brandon Lippold, Scott Strahan, Zach Plath, Tyler McDowell, Alex Schmidt, Noah Knetzger, Family/Friends for Wiesmueller: Kelsey Lang, Clint Wiesmueller, Judy Scottile, Family/Friends for Lippold: Paul Lippold, Sue Lippold, Kenneth Lippold, Hannah Schueler, Eric Schueler, Family for Chief Pulvermacher: Denis & Melodie Pulvermacher, Terri Pulvermacher, and Berlin Journal: Paul Wiegel. Public appearance: None.

Under approval of minutes, Martin moved to approve the open and closed P&F Commission minutes of August 03, 2022 and open/closed sessions minutes for July 20, 28, and 29, 2022. Hess seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Police Chief Brian Pulvermacher was sworn in by Joanne Guden.

New Officer Cody Wiesmueller was sworn in by Chief Pulvermacher.

New Officer Brandon Lippold was sworn in by Chief Pulvermacher.

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

Fire Chief Paugels stated that there were 13 fire calls last month. A majority of the fire calls were structure fires. Maintenance issues, there were very little issues this month. Upcoming events: Last month the car show went on and it went very well. Last week we also went to the farmer's market. We held an event for the football players of the high school and they completed the firefighters challenge. Everyone that participated in that event really seemed to enjoy it. The high schoolers were very engaged and thought it was a good learning experience to know what a fire fighter would have to do.

Hess motion to approve the 2023 fire department budget for recommendation to Common Counsel. Johnson seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Johnson moved to approve the Police Department expenses as presented. Hess 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 118 traffic stops, 4 OWI/Drug OWI arrest, 7 welfare checks, and 9 property damage crashes. The traffic stops have gone up this month as a result of there being fewer check welfare cases. There was also a vehicle recovered within the city that was flagged as stolen from Stevens Point PD. No charges will be brought on this person as it appears to be a

civil matter between the two owners. There is an ongoing investigation of a fatal bicycle crash. The rider was not wearing a helmet and alcohol may have been a factor.

Under police activity updates, Chief Pulvermacher explained we assisted the Green Lake County tactical unit with attempting to locate an armed subject. Ultimately the subject was found deceased by the river. Officer Wiesmueller started August 08 and is getting to know the city and staff. Officer Lippold started only one week after Wiesmueller and is in the same boat. At this time the department is only short on the Assistant Chief position. The department had firearms training with Green Lake County Sheriff's office. This training helped to identify which unit you are using such as taser or firearm. Our investigator will be starting a two week training program for death investigation this month. The school resource officer has returned to school duties. The CJIS/CIB audit is completed and this generally happens every three years.

Under Alarm permit, Guden explained the request was for Clarity Care. Johnson moved to approve the alarm permit. Hess second the motion which carried by voice vote.

Under Police Department Pharmaceutical disposal program policy update Chief Pulvermacher explained that the model policy that came from CSI had very minor changes to it. Most of the changes would reflect the personalization to Berlin. Guden asked if there were any questions for this policy. There were no questions for this policy.

Under Police Department Evidence property maintenance policy update Chief Pulvermacher explained this model policy was given to us by CSI. Again very little was changed but to reflect a personalization for Berlin. One thing to mention on this policy is to be compliant we bought the fire safe to house the potentially flammable material. Guden asked if there were any questions for this policy. There were no questions.

Under Police Department Evidence collection and preservation policy update Chief Pulvermacher explained that this is really the little brother to the previous policy. Again very little changes were made from the model given. Guden asked if there were any questions for this policy. There were no questions. Chief Pulvermacher did ask the Commission if they would like to continue to have the policies presented for review every month. Guden stated yes and to keep them condensed. Pulvermacher explained that there could be up to three or more on each agenda to get through them all. Hess motioned to approve all three policies as presented. Johnson seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Under old business: None.

Under new business: None.

Public appearances: None.

At 7:10pm Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Hess. Motion carried via voice vote.

*Submitted by Stephanie Skivers
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Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, Oct 05, 2022 at 6:30 pm at the Berlin City Hall