

MINUTES
MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION
BERLIN, WISCONSIN
BERLIN CITY HALL – 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
August 02, 2023 -6:30pm

President Joanne Guden called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Commissioners Joanne Guden, Gary Knoke, Denise Krentz and Dan Johnson. Seated virtually: Keith Hess. Absent: None. Also present: Police Chief Brian Pulvermacher, Liaison Nigbor, Fire Chief Paugels, Fire department members, and Berlin Journal: Paul Wiegel. Public appearance: None.

Under approval of minutes, Hess moved to approve the open P&F Commission minutes of July 12, 2023. Johnson seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

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

Under Fire Department replacement of Engine 66, this discussion will be moved to next month's meeting.

Fire Chief Paugels stated that there were 15 calls last month. Most of the calls were small fires but one was a shed fire. Maintenance issues there will be two batteries being replaced. The annual maintenance for all the trucks is currently still being scheduled for this year. Upcoming events, next Sunday is the car show and we were at National Night Out. That event went on very well and we were able to showcase the hovercraft and tower. Knoke asked why there were so many cancelled calls. Paugels explained that when we get called out if it is accident and police make it there first, we may get cancelled in the event we are not needed.

Johnson 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 173 traffic stops, 6 drug investigations, 9 welfare checks, and 4 property damage crashes. Traffic enforcement has been average for this month. Drug investigations were up this month along with emergency detentions.

Under police activity updates, Chief Pulvermacher explained the transition to the new 9MM guns will be complete this week. We received our left-handed holsters so the remaining staff will be switched over, and the pistols will be sent back to the vendor for the trade-in value. We have received the cameras and equipment for the security update within City Hall and the PD. We will be working with Corporate Network Solutions to get this all set up. The new squad continues to have some issues. Right out of the box the computer was not able to work after all of the programs were loaded onto it. We are also still awaiting on the radio. This month we saw significant issues with squad 59. As noted on the expenses there were two tires with screws, AC problems and coolant issues. With all that being either replaced or patched we hope there will be no more problems. Two sets of tires will be ordered for our squads so we can have them placed on before winter. The arbitrator video system for the squad cars has been updated. From looking at our records it looks like this system was not updated within the last 8 years. In order for the new squad to work properly we needed to update this. One staff member is attending instructor development training. Two staff members will be in evidence-based interview training later this

month. Officer Bennett has given his two weeks' notice and will be leaving us for Green Lake PD. With the open position already underway we will have to open another as soon as that closes. As we stand now, we are two patrolman short and one Assistant Chief. Knoke asked if the backgrounds from the last two job interviews were any good. Chief stated at this time we chose not to go with either candidate.

Under old business: None.

Under new business: Fire Department replacement of Engine 66 and in closed session Chief's evaluation.

Public appearances: None.

At 6:50pm Guden adjourned the meeting.

*Submitted by Stephanie Skivers
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Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, September 06, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the Berlin City Hall