

MINUTES
MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION
BERLIN, WISCONSIN
BERLIN CITY HALL – 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
January 03, 2024 -6:30pm

President Joanne Guden called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Commissioners Joanne Guden, Gary Knoke, Denise Krentz, Ron Ross, and Keith Hess. Seated virtually: None. Absent: None. Also present: Police Chief Brian Pulvermacher, Fire Chief Paugels, Emergency Manager Gary Podoll, BPD officers, family members for officer Fox, and Berlin Journal: Paul Wiegel. Public appearance: None.

President Guden announced the joining of Ron Ross to the Commission.

Swearing in of Officer Codi Fox.

Under approval of minutes, Hess moved to approve the open and closed P&F Commission minutes of December 06, 2023. Krentz seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Knoke 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 146 traffic stops, 4 drug investigations, 14 welfare checks, and 9 property damage crashes. The chart indicates an unusual trend with no domestic abuse incidents or emergency detentions for the month. Theft investigations are also low. Property damage crashes are slightly higher most occur in parking lots due to slippery conditions. Hess asked how field training was going with all the new officers. Chief stated that it is a struggle with staffing and getting all of the aspects we would like to show the new recruits. It is however something the department is handling well considering the shortfalls of staffing.

Under police activity updates, Chief Pulvermacher explained as you observed the swearing in of Officer Fox which still leaves us two short within the department. We have a Wilenet posting up and that will end at the end of the month. With the two new hires we hope to have them out on their own by early March. One staff member is scheduled for marijuana related training in February. Two staff members are scheduled for Recue Tactics for Patrol in April. We have county-wide in-service training on various classroom topics and defense/arrest tactics this month. I am scheduled for the Chief's conference in early Feb. Shop with a hometown hero was a great success. Generous donors of money and food made it possible for over 100 children to join the event this year. We are truly grateful for Brenda Al-Ghetta, Green Lake Health and Human Services and Walmart's coordination for this event.

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

Fire Chief Paugels stated the total number of calls for the year is 153. This has put us about 30 call more than normal for the year. Maintenance issues Engine 69 has many issues but will be serviced by Red Power hopefully next Monday. Upcoming events, Shop with a Hometown Hero was a great day and went well. Truck Committee, Podoll stated the committee is actually in a meeting currently. They are discussing the spec sheet and that will hopefully be done for

presentation soon. Krentz asked when they have to complete the spec by. Chief indicated they have until May 1st to complete that and have it ready to present. Chief presented a list of all the ranking officers on the department. Guden asked who appoints these people to their ranks. Chief stated that he does and the new Chief will then appoint as needed.

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 (*Staff update*) Krentz seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays, and zero (0) absent. Motion carried.

Hess moved to seat Chief Pulvermacher. Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion continued in closed session.

Krentz made a motion at 7:33pm to convene into open session, with a second by Knoke. Motion carried by voice vote.

Guden adjourned the meeting at 7:35pm.

*Submitted by Stephanie Skivers
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Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, February 07, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the Berlin City Hall