

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION**  
**BERLIN, WISCONSIN**  
**BERLIN CITY HALL – 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**August 14, 2024 -6:30pm**

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

Under approval of minutes, Hess moved to approve the open and closed P&F Commission minutes of July 10, 2024. Ross seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

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

Under Fire Department reporting and updates Fire Chief Robert Paugels explained there were 87 calls for the year so far. That puts us above average at this time. Maintenance issues, there are none. Upcoming events, there are no upcoming events. We did attend the car show this past Sunday and that went well. Truck committee, the bid has gone out and is currently advertised. On the bid if the company has questions, they are directed to Radke. The bids should be all in by Aug 30. After that we will open them all up and they will go to the committee. The committee will then go through all of them and choose the best ones to bring back to the Chief. After agreement they will be brought to the towns for approval which we hope will be by the end of October. Then in November we will bring it to the commission. Training, on Aug 06 we trained at the tower with ladders. We put ladders up on each side and they would then go up the ladder then climb back down to get the feel for climbing with all the gear. The previous night we also worked with our new air packs.

Hess moved to approve the Police Department expenses as presented. Ross 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 280 traffic stops, 7 drug investigations, 15 welfare checks, 2 emergency detentions, and 9 property damage crashes. The chart indicates, traffic enforcement went up which in turn resulted in higher OWI arrests. Vehicle crashes have gone up, this could be due to the increase in summer traffic.

Under Police reporting and updates, Chief Pulvermacher explained the current hiring process is ongoing. We have no applicants that are certified. We do have two applicants that will need the academy. I have expressed that we can sponsor but I am looking for an employee and not just to sponsor an individual to leave after probation. Both are understanding of this and are still willing to move forward with ride-a-longs. Officer Johnson is still in field training. He is doing well and is looking to get a couple more aspects of the job under his belt before being on his own. We have had a recent uptick in cocaine involved cases. Within the past six to seven months, we have had several cases. Three staff members are scheduled for basic swat training in September. We have gone through county wide firearms training for the department. The bugle mouth bass tournament went without any incident. The car show and cruise were last weekend. During this event the department was not able to block traffic for the parade. We informed the individuals in

charge of the show that we were unable to this year and they would have to abide by traffic laws if they chose to continue a parade like event. During the cruise there was only three citations written. The car club that puts this event on expressed that they are not against the department or the city with the events that happen during the show. They want this to be a community event and wish people wouldn't take advantage of it to try to get away with not following traffic laws. In comparison to last year the car show has improved a bit but there is still much needed work. Body worn camera update is the department was awarded a \$1,500 grant from 2024 Hero Fund Private Grant. We are still continuing to research companies and gain more grants.

Under old business: None.

Under new business: closed session for Police Chief Evaluation and staff wages as we cannot go into closed session due to no liaison.

Public appearances: None.

Guden adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm.

*Submitted by Stephanie Skivers  
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Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, September 04, 2024 at 6:30pm at the Berlin City Hall