

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION**  
**BERLIN, WISCONSIN**  
**BERLIN CITY HALL – 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**September 04, 2024 -6:30pm**

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

Under general public comment, Tara Schubert stated her concern with the Police Chief and how he handles issues within the city. She also expressed dislike for the police issuing citations during the Berlin Car Show.

Under approval of minutes, Hess moved to approve the open and closed P&F Commission minutes of August 07 & 14, 2024. Knoke seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Knoke 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 90 calls for the year so far. That puts us at average at this time. Maintenance issues, there are none. Upcoming events, we attended the car show which went well. We will be hosting the pig roast. Truck committee, last Friday we opened two bids that came back out of the eight we sent out. Those two were then sent to Radke for review with his committee. Training, no updates.

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 292 traffic stops, 7 drug investigations, 14 welfare checks, 2 emergency detentions, 4 domestic abuse investigations, and 12 property damage crashes. The chart indicates, property damages are higher this month than average. Most of those crashes occurred within parking lots. Domestic investigations are higher also this month. It should be noted that most domestic incidents go unreported. Knoke asked what is the percent for traffic stops? Chief stated that the traffic stops are contributed to many factors such as speeding, non-registration of a vehicle, windshield tint, or other equipment related violations. Our officers are looking for violations to correct when they are out on the road.

Under Police reporting and updates, Chief Pulvermacher explained Officer Johnson has finished field training and is now on his own. One staff member completed scenario instructor training. One staff member is scheduled for advanced swat training in September. Three of our newest officers will be attending ARIDE training in September. We are completing county-wide firearms training that focuses on low light shooting. Three officers will be attending basic swat training in September. The homecoming parade is scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup>. The farmers market had to reschedule the home town hero event from August, that will now be September 17. We do not have any new applicants for the patrol hire. Guden asked if the officers are on their off days when they come in for trainings. Chief explained that we try to work with the schedule as best

we can. If the officer elects, they can choose to take a different day off if the training day falls on their off day or we have to pay them overtime.

Under old business: None.

Under new business: None.

At 6:45pm 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. Staff wages*) (*2. Police Chief Evaluation*) Ross seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays, and zero (0) absent. Motion carried.

Discussion continued in closed session.

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

Krentz motioned to approve staff evaluation as presented, with a second by Hess. Motion carried via voice vote.

Guden adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.

*Submitted by Stephanie Skivers  
Administrative Assistant*

Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, October 02, 2024 at 6:30pm at the Berlin City Hall