

MINUTES
MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION
BERLIN, WISCONSIN
BERLIN CITY HALL – 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
December 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, Emergency Manager Gary Podoll, Fire Chief Robert Paugels, Berlin Police Department Officers, Inv. Alex Schmidt, Inv. Alex Schmidt family members, and Berlin Journal: Paul Wiegel. Public appearance: None.

Under approval of minutes, Hess moved to approve the open P&F Commission minutes of November 06, 2024. Ross 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 Paugels explained there were 132 calls for the year and 12 for last month. That puts us at average at this time. Maintenance issues, there are none. Upcoming events, we had the Christmas parade last week. We will be helping with shop with a hometown hero that is coming up. Training, the entire department attended the driving course training. We have one member who has passed the driver operator training.

Swearing in of Investigator Alex Schmidt.

Hess moved to approve the Police Department expenses as presented. Krentz 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 218 traffic stops, 6 drug investigations, 5 welfare checks, 3 emergency detentions, 1 domestic abuse investigations, and 9 property damage crashes. The chart indicates, traffic contacts are average. Of the nine property damage crashes five of those actually took place in a parking lot. The domestic abuse incidents were below average in comparison to the past few months.

Under Police reporting and updates, Chief Pulvermacher explained the department participated in the light a tree event and the holiday parade. The weather was less than ideal but still went off without any issues. One staff member is scheduled to complete drug identification and trends training. One staff member attended a mental health and wellness training. Three of the newer staff members attended basic portable breath testing training. Active shooter training is scheduled for later this month in Markesan. There will be a selection for a rotational detective/drug investigator later next week. We have hired our last open patrolman spot. Dylan Saylor is scheduled to graduate from the academy on the 18th and start with the department on the 19th. Our last event this year will be shop with a hometown hero which is scheduled for the 14th.

Under old business: None.

Under new business: None.

Hess motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm. Knoke seconded the motion which passed by voice vote.

*Submitted by Stephanie Skivers
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Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, January 08, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Berlin City Hall