

MINUTES
MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION
BERLIN, WISCONSIN
BERLIN CITY HALL – 2nd FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
May 07, 2025 – 7:00 pm

Vice President Denise Krentz called the meeting to order at 7:00. Present: Commissioners Denise Krentz, Morgan Monahan, Ron Ross, Gary Knoke, and Keith Hess. Seated virtually: None. Absent: None. Also present: Police Chief Brian Pulvermacher, Assistant Police Chief Noah Knetzger, Interim Fire Chief Doug Dewhurst, City Admin Jessi Balcom, and Council Liaison Stobbe. Public appearances: None

Under general public comments. Krentz welcomed new Commissioner Morgan Monahan to the commission. Morgan gave a brief introduction of herself. Next P & F Commission meeting will be held June 4, 2025 at 6:30pm

Under election of Officers for the Commission, Hess nominated Ron Ross for President, Ross nominated Krentz for Vice President and Hess for Secretary. Knoke seconded all nominations which passed by voice vote.

Under approval of minutes, Ross moved to approve the open and closed P & F Commission minutes of April 02, 2025. Hess seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Hess moved to approve the fire department expenses as presented. Knoke seconded the motion which carried by voice vote. Commissioner Ross received a compliment from one of the firefighters who expressed how well things are running under the interim Chief, guys are sticking around after meetings, and comradeship is growing. Under Fire Department reporting and updates Interim Chief Dewhurst explained there were 12 calls last month, 2 major, a couple of auto fires and a couple of brush fires. Maintenance issues, check engine light on engine 64. Training focused on rescue of fire fighters in distress, and hose testing.

Chief Pulvermacher stated that the chart provided to the commission shows last month's calls. The chart shows 210 traffic stops, 8 drug investigations, 8 welfare checks, 7 OWI/Drug OWI arrests, and 7 theft investigations. Traffic stops decreased slightly but are still above average. Two of the Property Damage crashes were parking lot related. Drug investigations increased slightly higher than average, with one of those being a marijuana production "grow" operation. Of the seven theft cases two are retail theft and one was identity theft. Emergency Detentions were higher than typical and none appeared to be related to the others. Domestic investigations fell to a below average number. On a motion by Knoke, seconded by Monahan Police Department expenses were approved for the month.

Chief Pulvermacher recommended Ass't Chief Knetzger attend Command College with use of Fund 15. Ass't Chief Knetzger applied for a seat at the Department of Justice Wisconsin Command College(Class #12). The Wisconsin Command College is a joint venture of the

Wisconsin Department of Justice and the UW-Madison Local Government Education Program. The training is broken into one week sessions between August 2025 and June 2026. Hess asked what is Fund 15. Chief explained it is what the old city software system referred to as capital expenditures. The training expense is \$2000, which includes lodging and meals. The entire 2025 police department training budget is only \$6000. On a motion by Knoke and seconded by Monahan, it was moved to forward the request to the Common Council with the recommendation to use "roll-over" Fund 15 money. Motion passed by voice vote.

Old business: None

New business: None

At 7:28 Ross moved to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis Stat 19.85(1)(d)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (1) Update on Fire Chief Job Position Description (2) Update on compensation for Fire Department Officers. Seconded by Hess. A roll call vote resulted in five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) absent. Motion passed

Discussion continued in closed session.

At 8:11 Commission reconvened back into open session

Krentz adjourned the meeting at 8:12

Submitted by Keith C Hess
Secretary

Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday June 04, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Berlin City Hall