

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION**  
**BERLIN, WISCONSIN**  
**BERLIN CITY HALL – 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**June 04, 2025 -6:30pm**

President Ron Ross called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Present: Commissioners Morgan Monohan, Ron Ross, Denise Krentz, Gary Knoke, and Keith Hess. Seated virtually: None. Absent: None. Also present: Assistant Police Chief Noah Knetzger, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Radke, Silverio Andrude, and City Admin Jessi Balcom, and Berlin Journal: Paul Wiegel. Public appearance: None.

Under approval of minutes, Knoke moved to approve the open and closed P&F Commission minutes of May 07, 2025. Monohan seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Under Fire Department new members, Assistant Fire Chief Radke would like to add Silverio Andrude to the Fire Department. Hess motioned to approve of new member Silverio Andrude to the fire department. Krentz seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

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

Under Fire Department reporting and updates Assistant Fire Chief Radke explained there were 20 calls for last month. That puts the department to 71 for the year. One of the bigger calls was a house fire as a mutual aide to Poy Sippi. There was another house fire on Liberty St that was contained to the bedroom. Maintenance issues, none so far. The trucks are now undergoing their annual pump testing and DOT testing. We also completed hose testing and a few had to be removed and replaced. We had spares so they were replaced easily and we won't need to replace those just yet as we have a couple more just in case. Upcoming events, in June we have a few events. There will be the hometown hero event at the farmer's market. We will also be attending the breakfast on a farm in Green Lake. Training, two officers attended flash hour training at Fox Valley Tech.

Hess moved to approve the Police Department expenses as presented. Monohan seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Assistant Chief Knetzger stated that the chart provided to the commission shows last month's calls. The chart shows that there were 253 traffic stops, 9 drug investigations, 19 welfare checks, 5 theft investigations, and 5 domestic abuse investigations. The chart indicates, higher than average traffic stops due to the State Patrol coming in on the 9<sup>th</sup> for extra enforcement. Of the five theft investigations two were stolen vehicles from the same person within the same family at different times. Domestic abuse and check welfare investigations are higher than average. Monohan asked if the State Patrol will be coming in more often for the extra enforcement or was that a State wide thing. Knetzger stated that it was a preplanned agency assist. We are not at this time planning future ones but that is in discussion and can certainly happen.

Under Police reporting and updates, Assistant Chief Knetzger explained one staff member attended internet crimes against children conference. Two staff members attended Department of Justice peer support team training. We hope to create a peer support team here in the department that can also help in Green Lake County. One staff member had online training regarding crypto

currently investigations. The new squad was sent for outfitting and we hope to have it back by the end of the month. Two staff members are scheduled for front line supervisor training. We executed two different search warrants on homes. One was for possession of child pornography and the other was for possession of illegal drugs and child pornography.

Under old business: None.

Under new business: None.

At 6:46pm Krentz 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) Update on compensation of Fire Department Officers)(Update on Fire Chief hiring)* Hess 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.

At 7:56pm Commission reconvened back into open session.

Ross adjourned the meeting at 7:57pm.

*Submitted by Stephanie Skivers  
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Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, July 02, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Berlin City Hall