

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION**  
**BERLIN, WISCONSIN**  
**BERLIN CITY HALL – 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**September 03, 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: Police Chief Brian Pulvermacher, Interim Fire Chief Doug Dewhurst, Liaison Stobbe, and City Admin Jessi Balcom. Public appearance: None.

Under approval of minutes, Hess moved to approve the open and closed P&F Commission minutes of August 06, 2025. Krentz seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Under alarm permit application for Dollar Tree, Krentz motioned to approve the residential alarm permit. Hess seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Under Fire and Police CIP reports, Chief Pulvermacher explained there would be some changes to the report in terms of total or completely taking off items. The police car would likely be kept the same for the money that should be allocated into that budget, but the cost has continually gone up. The body camera cost or replacement is unknown at this time since we have yet to conduct our pilot program. I would anticipate \$6,000 for a year. The portable radios would need to be replaced in 2030. The current tasers are on their last leg of life. To replace the entire department, we are looking at \$40,000. They last about 5 years and the current model we have is a model that will no longer be produced. The IT server was just replaced and when it needs to be replaced again in about 5 years, we would need to budget \$5,000 more, with a total cost to be about \$15,000. The Chief squad car that is listed is not necessary and can be removed. Interim Fire Chief Dewhurst stated for the fire department the budgets look okay. The furniture in the fire house has been there since it was built so we are trying to budget for \$5,000 to get some new stuff. Engine 66 will be here for 2027 so that total will be \$266,000. We will also need to budget for Engine 69 in 2028. This we can just replace parts and continue to run the truck as it is mostly used to haul water. We will also need to budget about \$250,000 for a new command vehicle at some point. Krentz asked if this is just the cities portion since the other towns would also contribute. Dewhurst stated yes this is the cities portion. Krentz asked if any action is needed or if this is just informational. City Admin Balcom stated yes this is informational only and was just for discussion.

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 Interim Fire Chief Dewhurst explained there were 7 calls for last month. The calls are significantly down from last month. One of the calls we went to was a combine fire in a field. We had to remove all of the product from the combine to ultimately distinguish the fire. There was also a grass fire in a marsh that we assisted with. Maintenance issues, none. Upcoming events, we attended the car show and on that day it rained. We were out there to sell burgers/brats but did not do very well. That left us with leftovers and we are actually attending an event at Tractor Supply to hopefully sell off the remaining burgers/brats so we can at least break even. Training, no updates.

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

Police Chief Pulvermacher stated that the chart provided to the commission shows last month's calls. The chart shows that there were 236 traffic stops, 5 drug investigations, 7 welfare checks, 3 theft investigations, and 4 domestic abuse investigations. The chart indicates, traffic contacts were slightly above average. This month the theft reports, as well as check welfares are lower.

Under Police reporting and updates, Police Chief Pulvermacher explained two staff members attended the first responder festival in Green Lake. The festival was called National Night Out but it became difficult to fundraise for this, so we switched names and dates. By doing this it would appear the attendance was a lot lower than normal this year. It is being talked about that we will move it back to a date closer to the National Night Out date in hopes that it will draw in more people. School has officially started and our SRO is now back at the schools. One staff member attended a breaching course. One staff member attended domestic violence case training. One staff member attended operation rush for drug investigations. One staff member is scheduled for a two-week death investigations training. Two staff members are scheduled for basic swat training. There was a county wide firearms training in August and another training will take place in low light during September.

Under old business: None.

Under new business: None.

At 6:55pm Monohan 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) Review of applications for Fire Chief)(2) Selection of interview panel and questions for interviews)* Krentz 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 7:22pm Commission reconvened back into open session.

At 7:23pm Ross adjourned the meeting.

*Submitted by Stephanie Skivers  
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Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, October 01, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Berlin City Hall