

MINUTES
MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION
BERLIN, WISCONSIN
BERLIN CITY HALL – 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
October 01, 2025 -6:30pm

President Ron Ross called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Present: Commissioners Morgan Monohan, Ron Ross, Gary Knoke, and Keith Hess. Seated virtually: None. Absent: Denise Krentz. Also present: Police Chief Brian Pulvermacher, Interim Fire Chief Doug Dewhurst, Liaison Stobbe, and City Admin Jessi Balcom, members of the Fire Department, family members of Dewhurst, Berlin Journal: Paul Wiegel. Public appearance: None.

Under appointment and swearing in of Fire Chief, Hess motioned to approve Doug Dewhurst as the new Fire Chief for the City of Berlin. Knoke seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of Four (4) ayes, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent. City Admin Jessi Balcom administered the oath of office to Fire Chief Doug Dewhurst.

Under approval of minutes, Hess moved to approve the open and closed P&F Commission minutes of September 03, 2025. Knoke seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Monohan 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 Dewhurst explained there were 6 calls for last month. This was the slowest month of the year so far. Maintenance issues, none. Upcoming events, had a burger/brat fry at Tractor Supply and were able to sell off the car show extra stock and broke even. Next Wednesday we will be at the schools for fire prevention month. We will also be having our pig roast on the 11th. Training, we had a simulated fire at the tower. We also held a simulated training with a hunter who was trapped in his harness hanging from a tree.

Hess moved to approve the Police Department expenses as presented. Monohan 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 208 traffic stops, 10 drug investigations, 13 welfare checks, 6 theft investigations, and 4 domestic abuse investigations. The chart indicates, traffic contacts were slightly below average. Theft reports are higher this month with two being retail thefts.

Under Police reporting and updates, Police Chief Pulvermacher explained three body cameras were delivered and installed last Thursday. We have been wearing them and getting used to the software. The high school homecoming parade and game will take place next week. The county wide firearms training for night shooting has concluded and that went well. One staff member attended alcohol compliance check training for merchants who may sell to underage users. One staff member completed operation rush training for drug investigations. One staff member completed a two-week death investigation course. There will be a county wide firearms state qualification in October. One staff member is scheduled for a 24hr detective academy in November. This will help prepare him for investigations that may be more in-depth. The annual

holiday parade is scheduled for November 20. The tentative date for shop with a hometown hero is December 6th.

Under old business: None.

Under new business: None.

At 6:50pm Monohan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Hess seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

*Submitted by Stephanie Skivers
Administrative Assistant*

Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, November 05, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Berlin City Hall