

MINUTES
MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION
BERLIN, WISCONSIN
BERLIN CITY HALL – 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
November 05, 2025 -6:30pm

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

Under approval of minutes, Hess moved to approve the open and closed P&F Commission minutes of October 01, 2025. Knoke seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Under alarm permit application for Beiser Realty LLC. Krentz motioned to approve the alarm for Beiser Realty LLC. Monohan seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Under Fire Department adding non-residential members to the department Fire Chief Dewhurst explained he had a few people reach out to him interested in joining Berlin Fire Department. Those individuals do not reside within the limits of the city but work within the city. He did state that one individual in particular is on the Omro Fire Department but works here in Berlin and would like to offer his services here as well. I did look at the policy and ordinances for the department and did not see anything about having to live within a specific mileage from the city. Ross specifically asked to ensure there was no residency restrictions. City Admin Balcom did state there was nothing she could see within the policy to restrict any from joining. Krentz asked with the one individual who is with Omro Fire would Omro be okay with him joining here also. Dewhurst stated he is not sure and did not want to mention it to anyone without making sure it was okay by the Commission first. Ross asked if the individuals who are interested because they work here are able to even leave work to go on a call. Dewhurst explained that one individual owns his own business so that is not a problem. Anyone else who would want to join the department would need to ensure their employer is okay with that. Ross stated that it is fine with us. I feel that the more people we can get for the department, and help during fires the better.

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

Under Fire Department reporting and updates Fire Chief Dewhurst explained there were 11 calls for last month. The month started off very quiet and then by the 17th we had several calls. We had a major car accident on HWY 91 that involved three cars and needed the jaws to get the doors open. We also had a mutual aid for Ripon for a house fire. Maintenance issues, none. Upcoming events, the past events we had the touch a truck at Tractor Supply. We also had our open house and pig roast. Fire prevention month also took place at the schools. The Christmas parade is upcoming. Training, we had members go through all of the pumps. We also set up a driving course to have all the members go through and back trucks up and train on driving. Next week we will have a jaws unit training. We will have some items donated to us to use for the training from Tractor Supply and Expert towing.

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 155 traffic stops, 12 drug investigations, 8 welfare checks, 7 theft investigations, and 4 domestic abuse investigations. The chart indicates, traffic contacts were slightly below average. Drug investigations continue on an upward trend. Six out of the nine accident cases were parking lot related.

Under Police reporting and updates, Police Chief Pulvermacher explained we continue to work with the body cam pilot program and server. We had to upgrade the city's internet upload speed in order to get the system to work better. Since we have gotten that upgrade for a penny, we are seeing better uploads to the server. We have been utilizing the new digital cloud storage and are now working on the best way to get the information to the District Attorney's office for discovery. We had county wide firearms state qualification training. Some of our officers need to qualify yet since they were gone during this training. Two staff members completed basic swat training. One staff member is currently at a detective academy training. The annual holiday parade is scheduled for November 20th. The annual shop with a hometown hero event is scheduled for December 6th. We anticipate there being about or more than 100 children in attendance.

Under old business: None.

Under new business: Police Department awards.

At 6:52pm Krentz motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ross seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

*Submitted by Stephanie Skivers
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Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, December 03, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Berlin City Hall