

MINUTES
MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION
BERLIN, WISCONSIN
BERLIN CITY HALL – 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
March 04, 2026 -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, City Admin Jesse Balcom, Liaison Stobbe, and Berlin Journal: none. Public appearance: None.

Under Fire Department applicant Bob Johnson, Hess motioned to approve the appointment of Bob Johnson to the Fire Department. Knoke seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Under approval of minutes, Knoke moved to approve the open and closed P&F Commission minutes of February 04, 2026. Hess 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 Fire Chief Dewhurst explained there were 13 calls for last month. There was a mutual aid call to Redgranite for a structure fire. Maintenance issues, none. Upcoming events, none. Training, we had fit testing for the air masks. The department also had a search and rescue training. We will also be conducting a live burn training. This is where we set a car on fire and have a dummy in the vehicle to practice for accidents.

Krentz 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 201 traffic stops, 2 drug investigations, 9 welfare checks, 8 theft investigations, and 7 domestic abuse investigations. The chart indicates, traffic contacts have increased for the month. Theft reports are up slightly this last month, with only two being retail related. Domestic abuse cases continue to remain elevated.

Under Police reporting and updates, Police Chief Pulvermacher explained the second defense and arrest tactics training has taken place and another is scheduled for later this month. Two staff members attended leadership training. One staff member is scheduled for ballistic shield training. We did apply for the small rural tribal BWC grant. The deadline for that is later this month and we are unsure when we will hear back. We put in for \$11087.00 so our portion if granted would be \$5543.50. This money would come from our capital account. If we are granted this, we are requesting four more body cameras, a laptop capable of processing videos for redaction, redaction software and the IT support for that. The Assistant Chief has two weeks left in Command College. The graduation date for that is June 6 in Madison.

Under old business: None.

Under new business: None.

At 6:45pm Hess motioned to adjourn. Krentz seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

*Submitted by Stephanie Skivers
Administrative Assistant*

Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 6:30pm at the Berlin City Hall