

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION**  
**BERLIN, WISCONSIN**  
**BERLIN CITY HALL – 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**April 01, 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, Assistant Chief Noah Knetzger, Fire Chief Doug Dewhurst, City Admin Jesse Balcom, and Berlin Journal: none. Public appearance: None.

Under recognition for Commissioner Gary Knoke, the Commission members thanked Knoke for his time and dedication and his years of service as he is stepping down.

Under approval of minutes, Hess moved to approve the open P&F Commission minutes of March 04, 2026. Krentz seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Under fire alarm permit for Tiffany Williams, Krentz motioned to approve the alarm permit. Monohan seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Knoke 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 12 calls for last month. Maintenance issues, none. Upcoming events, none. Training, the department will have a search and rescue training. There will be a sprinkler training also. The department is also looking to get a grant from fire house subs.

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 140 traffic stops, 8 drug investigations, 9 welfare checks, 5 theft investigations, and 3 domestic abuse investigations. The chart indicates, traffic contacts have decreased for last month. There was a sharp OWI increase which may have contributed to this decline. Theft reports have reduced from last month.

Under Police reporting and updates, Police Chief Pulvermacher explained the third and final defense and arrest tactics training took place last month. Two staff members attended PBT calibrator training and our last officer was certified for PBT operator. One staff member attended property and evidence management training today. One staff member is scheduled for ballistic shield training. We have been awarded a new PBT from a grant hosted by the WI DOT chemical test section. We have not heard back yet on the small rural tribal BWC grant. We will have emergency vehicle operations and firearms training later this month. Knoke asked for an update from Assistant Chief Knetzger on his command college. Knetzger stated that he just completed the third week with one more week to go. That will be in later June. Thus far the course has been helpful in learning more about aspects like employee management, HR related issues, and budgeting.

Under old business: None.

Under new business: None.

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

*Submitted by Stephanie Skivers  
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Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 6:30pm at the Berlin City Hall