

MINUTES
MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION
BERLIN, WISCONSIN
BERLIN CITY HALL – 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
May 06, 2026 -6:30pm

President Ron Ross called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Present: Commissioners Morgan Monohan, Ron Ross, Gary Podoll, and Keith Hess. Seated virtually: None. Absent: Denise Krentz. Also present: Police Chief Brian Pulvermacher, Fire Chief Doug Dewhurst, liaison Hill, and Berlin Journal: none. Public appearance: None.

Under welcoming to new Commissioner, the commission welcomed Gary Podoll.

Under elections of Officers for Commission: Hess motioned for Ron Ross to be President, for Denise Krentz to be Vice President, and Monohan motioned for Keith Hess to be Secretary. Ross seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Under approval of minutes, Ross moved to approve the open P&F Commission minutes of April 01, 2026. Monohan seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Hess moved to approve the fire department expenses as presented. Podoll 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, and 49 calls for the year. Maintenance issues, none. Upcoming events, none. Training, the department had sprinkler system training. The department also secured a \$3,000 grant for battery operated exhaust fan. Upcoming events, there will be a bike a-thon coming up later this month and the Memorial Day parade.

Podoll 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 175 traffic stops, 7 drug investigations, 9 welfare checks, 4 theft investigations, and 3 domestic abuse investigations. The chart indicates, traffic contacts have returned to normal levels. Theft reports continue to be lower with three of the four being retail related.

Under Police reporting and updates, Police Chief Pulvermacher explained one staff member completed 16hrs of ballistic shield training. One staff member completed 8hrs of evidence and property management training. One staff member completed 24hrs of highway drug investigation for patrol. Two staff members are scheduled to attend the ceremony at the law enforcement memorial in Madison on Friday. Two staff members are to attend a-ride training in May. The department has completed emergency vehicle operations and firearms training last month. There will be another firearms training planned for May. We still have not heard back on the small rural tribal body worn camera grant. Next month we will be presenting to the Common Council a new fee schedule for open records. Later this month we will be attending the bike a-thon and the Memorial Day parade.

Under old business: None.

Under new business: None.

At 6:47pm Podoll motioned to adjourn. Hess seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

*Submitted by Stephanie Skivers
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Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 6:30pm at the Berlin City Hall