

POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, September 02, 2026 6:30 PM
108 N CAPRON ST-2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS-BERLIN, WI
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1. Call to order/roll call
2. Seat Virtual Attendees (if necessary)
3. General Public Comments.
4. Appointment and swearing in of new Police Chief Noah Knetzger
5. Fires Department new member Owen Bending. RECOMMENDATION: Approve new member of Owen Bending.
6. Approval of open and closed minutes August 05, 2026 and closed minutes August 19, 2026. RECOMMENDATION: Approve the August 05, 2026 open and closed minutes and August 19, 2026 closed minutes of Police and Fire Commission.
7. Fire Department Expenses. RECOMMENDATION: Approve the August 2026 Fire Department expenses as presented.
8. Fire Department Reporting and Updates.
 - Discussion on Fire Department Fire Calls
 - Discussion on Maintenance Issues with Fire Department Equipment
 - Discussion on past month and upcoming month activities
9. Police Department Expenses. RECOMMENDATION: Approve the August 2026 Police Department expenses as presented.
10. Police Department Reporting and Updates
 - Discussion on Police Department Calls
 - Discussion on past month and upcoming month activities
11. Old Business (To be used to request items of old business be put on a future agenda for further discussion or action; or used to make a motion for reconsideration of an item from the current meeting or immediately previous meeting; or to make a motion to take items off the table which were laid on the table only during the current meeting.)
12. New Business (To be used to request items of new business be put on a future agenda)

13. Adjourn

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 07, 2026 at 6:30 PM

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MINUTES
MEETING POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION
BERLIN, WISCONSIN
BERLIN CITY HALL – 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
August 05, 2026 -6:30pm

President Ron Ross called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Present: Commissioners Morgan Monohan, Ron Ross, Gary Podoll, Denise Krentz, and Keith Hess. Seated virtually: None. Absent: None. Also present: Interim Police Chief Noah Knetzger, Fire Chief Doug Dewhurst, City Admin Jesse Balcom, and Berlin Journal: Paul Weigel. Public appearance: None.

Under general public comments, none.

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

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

Under Fire Department rescue squad replacement Fire Chief Dewhurst explained the rescue squad is at the end of its life. There is \$100,000 earmarked for the replacement. We are currently looking for equipment made for hauling our stuff. Podoll stated they could look into Towns.

Under Fire Department reporting and updates Fire Chief Dewhurst explained there were 18 calls for last month, and 99 calls for the year. Maintenance issues, the tank rebuild will happen next month. Upcoming events, we held our family night cookout which went well. The department participated in Neshkoro parade, July 3 festivities, and the farmer's market. Training, conducted water training by the river.

Hess moved to approve the Police Department expenses as presented. Monohan seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

Interim Police Chief Knetzger stated that the chart provided to the commission shows last month's calls. The chart shows that there were 181 traffic stops, 10 drug investigations, 14 welfare checks, 3 theft investigations, and 2 domestic abuse investigations. The chart indicates, traffic contacts have a slight decrease. There has been a slight increase in property damage but three of the crashes happened in a parking lot.

Under Police reporting and updates, Interim Police Chief Knetzger explained that we have not heard yet from the small rural tribal body warn camera grant. The department executed two drug related search warrants resulting in the seizure of over 200 grams of cocaine. We have submitted for training re-imbursement from the DOJ. We should see something for that this November or December. Officers provided patrol to the bugle mouth bass event. Two staff members will be attending first line supervisor training. One officer will be attending narcotics association conference. Another staff member will be attending AR-15 armorer school. We have the upcoming first responder community festival in Princeton this year.

Under Police Chief interview process, the interviews will be conducted on August 13. After that we will set up a joint meeting to go over the interviews.

Under old business: None.

Under new business: None.

Hess Motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec 19.85(1)(c), to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (1) Police Chief search) Krentz seconded the motion A roll call vote resulted in five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays, and zero (0) absent. Motion carried.

At 7:05pm Hess motioned to convene into open session. Krentz seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

At 7:06pm Podoll motioned to adjourn. Ross seconded to motion which carried by voice vote.

*Submitted by Stephanie Skivers
Administrative Assistant*

Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, September 2, 2026 at 6:30pm at the Berlin City Hall



BERLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT
226 Spring St.
Berlin, WI 54923



BERLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE aUGUST 2026

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
340	Walmart	Cleaning Supplies	55.38
340	American Test Center	Ladder Testing	1,830.00
345	Red Power Diesel	Fix Value on 66	2,268.44
345	Fuelman	Fuel	495.50
819	MacQueen	Thermal Camera	214.04

**BERLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT
2026 BUDGET EXPENDITURES**

DATE: August 21, 2026
ACCOUNT #:52200

FIRE DEPARTMENT

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>EXP.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
110	Salaries	46,689.00	30,526.24	16,162.76
115	Meeting Pay	27,000.00	0,000.00	27,000.00
118	Fire Fighter Pay	44,663.00	35,837.65	8,825.35
127	Weekend Officer Pay	3,120.00	0,000.00	3,120.00
210	Professional Services	16,560.00	10,269.00	6,291.00
290	Contracts	4,365.00	4,877.00	(-512.00)
310	Office Supplies	250.00	000.00	250.00
320	Publications	150.00	000.00	150.00
321	Dues	1,100.00	1,090.00	10.00
330	Conference/Training	4,000.00	160.00	3,840.00
340	Operating Supplies	6,350.00	4,181.63	2,168.37
345	Maintenance/Fuel	27,000.00	15,805.00	11,195.00
380	Equipment	17,750.00	7,573.90	10,176.10
390	Miscellaneous	2,000.00	0,000.00	2,000.00
819	Grant Match	6,000.00	1,557.79	4,442.21

Fire Incidents

August 1st, 2026 – August 21st, 2026

11 Calls

Year to Date Total Calls=112

Incident Number	Incident Date	Primary Incident Type	Location Address	Location Zip
26-0102	8/2/26	Fire / smoke alarm	482 Oak Street	54923
26-0103	8/5/26	Fire / smoke alarm	284 Mound Street	54923
26-0104	8/8/26	Fire / smoke alarm	609 Broadway	54923
26-0105	8/12/26	Gas leak / gas odor	Ripon Road	54923
26-0106	8/16/26	Motor vehicle collision	Highway 21	54923
26-0107	8/17/26	Motor vehicle collision	309 Broadway	54923
26-0108	8/18/26	Fire / smoke alarm	284 Mound Street	54923
26-0109	8/18/26	Weather response	226 Spring Street	54923
26-0110	8/19/26	Fire / smoke alarm	609 Broadway	54923
26-0111	8/19/26	Fire / smoke alarm	609 Broadway	54923
26-0112	8/21/26	CO alarm	N7977 State road 49	54923

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BPD CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

Acct #52-10001-***

Acct #52-17100-195 (Uniform)

[illegible]

160	0	TOTAL	\$950.39
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184 255

190 0

210 7.19

221 0

290 0

310 32.2

321 0

330 656

340 0

344 0

345 0

360 0

380 0

401 0

Uniforms 195	0
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BPD VOUCHERS

Acct #52-10001-***

Acct #52-17100-195 (Uniform)

[illegible]

160	0	TOTAL	\$1,053.84
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184 0

190 0

210 0

221 0

290 62.3

310 0

321 0

330 635

340 0

344 0

345 149

360 0

380 0

401	207.54
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Uniforms 195	0
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POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION MEETING

09/02/2026

BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY EXTRACT

July 23, 2026 to August 23, 2026

136	Traffic Stops
6	OWI / Drug OWI arrest
12	Property Damage crash
2	Personal Injury crash
11	Drug Investigation (7 MJ, 1 cocaine, 1 drug para, 1 meth, 1 other)
1	Theft Investigation
4	Domestic Abuse Investigation
0	Emergency Detention (0 detention, 0 diversion)
4	Check Welfare

Statistic notes:

There was a slight decrease in traffic contacts over the last month, staff benefit time, training time, and calls for service could be a contributing factor to the decrease. There was an increase in both property damage and injury crashes and were a combination of roadway/parking lot crashes. Domestic abuse incidents returned to about average, drug investigations showed a slight increase while requests for welfare checks decreased.

