

POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

12:00 noon

Present: Mr. Whitrock, Mr. Flagel, Mr. Groeschel, and Mrs. Schiefelbein

Others: Mr. Davies, Mr. Ault, Mr. Fox, Mr. Deaver, Mr. Noel, Mrs. Zarecki and Mr. Schaut

1. Mr. Whitrock called the meeting to order and all members were noted present with the exception of Mr. Giese, who was excused.
2. Mrs. Schiefelbein motioned, duly seconded by Mr. Flagel to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 24, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.
3. There was no one present to address the Commission.
4. The Police & Fire Commission members had no questions on the correspondence.
- 5a Upon motion by Mrs. Schiefelbein, duly seconded Mr. Flagel, the Police & Fire Commission voted unanimously to approve the vouchers.
- b. Mrs. Schiefelbein motioned, duly seconded by Mr. Groeschel to approve the Fire Department Reclassifying EMS Assistant Chief Title to Deputy EMS Chief. The motion was unanimously approved.
5. Mr. Deaver informed the commission members that Asst. Chief Tom DeWitt is doing well, on his way to recovery. Mr. Deaver stated the FD posted the Honor Guard for the funeral services for Trent Westphal, who served 19 yrs. with the Fire Department. He passed away after an extensive battle with MS and Parkinsons. He will truly be missed. Mr. Deaver stated they have been recruiting to fill EMS positions and have received numerous applications to fill those positions. Building inspections have been very busy, 66 permits were issued, consisting of 15 new homes, as well as the ambulance and EMS have been very busy and calls are up.

Mr. Fox stated the months of January and February was very busy, with calls and new changes coming to the Police Department. Mr. Fox stated he and several other dignitaries from Portage Co. were flown via Blackhawk helicopter to tour the Challenge Academy at Fort McCoy. This is alternative education program for at risk youth to reclaim their lives to succeed as adults. And our very own Officer Jeremy Anderson volunteered on his own time to be a mentor to a Village of Plover teenager. In addition, Officer Anderson represent the Police Dept. attending a funeral for a young boy who died of cancer. A few days before his death, he and other K9 units did a drive by parade past his house, requested by his parents. Mr. Fox is proud of the department for really stepped up working with the community troubled youths and their families. Mr. Fox informed the Commission members Officer Bahling is the department next Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructor. Having personnel within the department become instructors really is a

benefit. Mr. Fox stated Flex, the new computer system is going live and wanted to thank Mrs. Simkins for taking on implementing the system. She is now the resident expert. February continues with changes to the Department. Chief Ault retiring from law enforcement after 30 yrs. of service. Mr. Fox was sworn in at Police Chief and Mr. Noel as new Assistant Chief and Officer Kontos, now a Sergeant. Mr. Fox wanted to thank Mrs. Knippel for organizing the ceremonies, including the plaques, food, decorations and cake. Officers Daneault and Faber were promoted to Officers in Charge. The department welcomed two new members, Officer Michael Fletcher and Officer Ted Helm. Det. Sergeant Thauer is doing a great job and continues to train and transition to the position under the direction of Asst. Chief Noel, Detectives Shulfer and Graham and Central Wis. Drug Task Force. The detective bureau continues to be busy. Det. Graham continues to remain essential part of the department Celebrite system and completed 2 cases involving sexual assault in the Village. Det. Shulfer with a lot of hard work closed out 4 cases, including child strangulation, physical abuse to child, along with child welfare, inappropriate touching and credit card frauds. Mr. Fox stated he is so proud of the Police Department and all they have accomplished and the working relationships they developed with the community. Mr. Fox also wanted to thank Wendy Mitch, who provided the entire department with in-service training on Servant Leadership. It went very well and she did a great job.

Mr. Flagel motioned, duly seconded by Mrs. Schiefelbein to approve the Chiefs' reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Mr. Groeschel motioned, duly seconded by Mrs. Schiefelbein and unanimously approve on a roll call vote, the Police and Fire Commission adjourned into Closed Session under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, compensation or performance data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Upon motion by Mr. Groeschel, duly seconded by Mr. Flagel and unanimously approved, the meeting was reconvened into open session.

Mr. Flagel motioned, duly seconded by Mrs. Schiefelbein to hire Anthony Luchini as Deputy EMS Chief under the conditions and terms discussed in closed session. The motion was unanimously approved.

Upon motion by Mr. Groeschel, duly seconded by Mr. Flagel and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

Chris Knippel, Police & Fire Commission Secretary