

POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

12:00 noon

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

Others: Mr. Fox, Mr. Deaver, Mr. Ault

- 1) Mr. Whitrock called the meeting to order, all members present with the exception of Mr. Giese, who was excused.
- 2) Mr. Flagel motioned, duly seconded by Ms. Schiefelbein to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 15, 2022 and April 19, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Plaque presentation to Mr. Craig Flagel for 10 years of service to the Police and Fire Commission.
- 4) New Police and Fire Commissioner Mark Fochs – position approved through the board, Mr. Fochs was not present. Vice chair will be voted in at the next meeting.
- 5) No persons wishing to address the commission
- 6) Correspondence: Mr. Fox thanked the fire department for showing appreciation to the Police Department.

Officer Faber and Officer Thomas received a thank you card from a family for a call they responded to.

Presented challenge coin and thanked a local business owner for helping an officer during an arrest.

7) Upon motion by Ms. Schiefelbein, duly seconded by Mr. Groeschel, the Police and Fire Commission voted unanimously to approve the vouchers.

8) Police Chief: New squad has hit the road.

Detective Graham and Officer Thomas honored for 12 years of service with the department.

Officer Pionke acknowledged for positive performance on a medical call.

ARPA Fund status, no monies received yet and unknown when will be received.

In April all agencies came together to practice active shooting training as a Sentry building. Officer Noll was part of the committee for planning this and Records Specialist Susan Groom was a volunteer for all three days.

Officer Helm is on solo patrol; Officer Fletcher will be off shadow phase and on solo patrol in the near future, and Officer Pionke has moved into the new position of Crime Prevention Officer.

K9 Karma and Officer Anderson brought home awards from their K9 training. Will be discussed more at next meeting.

Officer Manager Chris Knippel will be retiring June 29th.

Mr. Groeschel questions what the substance fentanyl was, Mr. Fox, Mr. Deaver and Mr.

Ault explained its use/effects and where manufactured.

Fire Chief: New Deputy Chief of EMS Anthony Luchini has been here six weeks now, introduced to Police and Fire Commission members and welcomed.

Mr. Deaver spoke about negotiations with Portage County on the new ambulance.

Mr. Deaver stated they were approved for the waiver to work under one paramedic/one basic or higher, going into negotiations with county in July regarding ambulance.

Mr. Deaver said they are working on hazmat training with McCains, Mr. Deaver spoke about the importance of doing this training with larger businesses.

\$3000.00 grant received from Kwik Trip, money will be used for new engine that is expected to arrive in August.

March 10th lost retired Fire Chief Joe Radomski, waiting to hear when there will be a service.

Mr. Deaver stated they have EMS at Golden Sands to standby if needed.

April 9th Trent Westphal's family came to visit. Tommy Dewitt came and also spoke with the family.

Mr. Deaver spoke of RTF training and wanting to work closely with the PD on working together in the future with it.

Mr. Deaver stated they passed their virtual audit and were told they were very well organized thanks to Brittany.

Mr. Deaver stated the building inspectors have been busy with the new developments in the village.

Mr. Deaver stated Portage County Public Safety committee report is done every month; Anthony Luchini will be handling report and going to meetings.

Mr. Flagel motioned, duly seconded by Ms. Schiefelbein to approve the Police and Fire Chief's reports as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 9) Upon motion by Mr. Groeschel, duly seconded by Ms. Schiefelbein, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

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