

POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION MEETING

October 19, 2021

12:00 noon

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

Others: Mr. Davies, Mr. Fox, Mr. Deaver, Mr. Ault, Mr. Voss, Mr. Cisewski, Mr. Kunst, Mr. Schaut, Mr. Noel and Mrs. Mann

1. Mr. Whitrock called the meeting to order and all members were noted present with the exception of Mr. Flagel, who was excused.
2. Mr. Whitrock introduced Ms. Schiefelbein, the new Police & Fire Commission members. She will be taking Mr. Schlutter's place.
3. Mr. Giese motioned, duly seconded by Ms. Schiefelbein to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 17, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.
4. There was no one present to address the Commission.
5. There was no correspondence.
6. Upon motion by Mr. Groeschel, duly seconded by Mr. Giese the Police and Fire Commission voted unanimously to approve the voucher.
 - b. Ms. Schiefelbein motioned, duly seconded by Mr. Groeschel to approve the updated HAZMAT contract with Portage Co. The motion was unanimously approved.
 - c. Mr. Giese motioned, duly seconded by Mr. Groeschel to approve the Police Department Promotional Process for Patrol Sgt. The motion carried unanimously.
 - d. After some discussion, Ms. Schiefelbein motioned, duly seconded by Mr. Giese to make a RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE BOARD to approve the 2022 Police Department Budget as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.
 - e. After some discussion, Ms. Schiefelbein motioned, duly seconded by Mr. Groeschel to make a RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE BOARD to approve the 2022 Fire Department Budget as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. Mr. Fox reported that Officer Kyle is doing a great job. Also the Police Department has been involved with various events. A special thanks to Sgt. Thauer for the money he raised for Guns and Hoses this year and also Law Enforcement Day at the Boys and Girls Club. A thank you to Officer Pionke for his work with the fund raiser at Dunkin Donuts, Coffee with Champions. Mr. Fox also wanted to thank to all the Department Trainers. They are doing a great job. Officer Roarke Steiner was hired September 7th and is also doing well. Mr. Fox informed the members Officer Faber is attending Fire Arms Instructor School and Det. Graham attended a 2 week Death Investigation school. The Citizens Academy is back. There were 13 enrolled and thanks to Sgt. Thauer they all received a small taste of the life of Emergency Services. Mr. Fox was also stated himself, Det. Sgt. Noel and K9 Officer Anderson sent the look at 5 dogs and K9 Karma was selected. She was the top of class and Karma and her new handler, K9 Officer Anderson are doing great. Mr. Fox also informed the commission member the department is very proud of Det. Sgt. Noel and Sgt. Tracy being presented with a top award from International Homicide Award. This was submitted by the Mr. Ault to the State and DCI to the International Homicide Award committee for their work on the Sypher case. The detective bureau continues to be very busy. Mr. Fox informed the member of the continued selection process in the Police Department, Det. Sgt. Noel will be the new Assistance Chief and Sgt. Thauer will be the new Det. Sgt. Mr. Whitrock wanted to commend the department on how well they are working together as a team for the transition of the Police Department.

Mr. Deaver stated in absence of Ms. Zarecki, who is on maternity leave, Mr. Voss is going the reports for the Fire Department. Mr. Deaver informed the members the Fire Department is working on the department website...a work in progress. The Fire Department completed their annual test of their hoses. Mr. Deaver stated he had the opportunity to see the site for the Fire Training Center in Stevens Point. They will hold Arson Investigation class there with DCI. Mr. Deaver Mr. Fox, the members of the Fire Department and Police Department for their help with the 9-11 Memorial. The attendance for the ceremony was great. Mr. Deaver stated call volume has continued to go up. Mr. Cisewski presented the last of 2 months of the Emergency Medical Services Activity reports for August and September. Mr. Cisewski stated Covid is still out there and continues to affect their operations. They are very busy with ambulance calls. Mr. Cisewski informed the commission members the Portage Co. Death Review Team is being brought back and he will be participating on the team.

Mr. Giese motioned, duly seconded by Ms. Schiefelbein to approve the Police and Fire Chiefs reports as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. Mr. Groeschel motioned, duly seconded by Mr. Giese and approved 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.

CLOSES SESSION

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

Mr. Groeschel motioned, duly seconded by Mr. Giese to approve the permanent appointment of Det. Sgt. Brian Noel to Assistant Chief effective February 7th, 2022. The motion was unanimously approved.

Upon motion by Mr. Giese, duly seconded by Mr. Groeschel the meeting was adjourned.

Chris Knippel, Police & Fire Commission Secretary