



## **POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday May 9, 2022**

Port Washington Police Dept. Community Room, 365 N. Wisconsin Street

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#### **5:00 P.M. - PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP**

CONDUCTED BY MAYOR TED NEITZKE IV, "High Functioning Boards, Commissions, and Committees"

#### **6:00 P.M. – POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION MEETING**

1. Meeting convened by Vice Chair Jim Bieber at 6:08 P.M. Roll Call members present, Jim Bieber, Terry Tietyen, Sarah Burdette, and Joe Dean, absent and excused Ed. Johnson. Also, present Fire Chief Mark Mitchell, Police Chief Kevin Hingiss, Mayor Ted Neitzke IV, Alderpersons Deborah Postl and Dan Benning. Marty Becker and Kris Halbig-Ziehm (Ozaukee Press reporter).
2. Public Appearances, Comments, and Correspondence: Marty Becker congratulates J. Russell on his impending retirement from the PD after a ten-year career and for the fine job he has done, Officer C. Erickson for his life saving work on a choking victim, and heroics of Officer Tony Becker. (See comments on both officers under Police Department section). Alderman and Common Council President Dan Banning recommend that the PFC continue to work above the line (as outline by Mayor's training) and focus on that and the way the city will look in the future, and to look at the work done in Mequon/Thiensville on the coming combination of the two fire and EMT departments into a combined entity. J. Bieber complements Fire Chief Mitchell for the completion and fine job on the report, STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT 2022, PORT WASHINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT. Mr. Bieber notes on the report's comparison of per capita cost for fire departments across the county with PWFD's second lowest at \$9.23 compared to \$34 to \$84 per capita in other departments in the county.
3. Election of Officers:
  - For Chairperson: T. Tietyen nominates J. Bieber, second by S. Burdette. Mr. Bieber asks for additional nominations. There were none. Mr. Bieber's nomination carried on unanimous voice vote.
  - For Vice Chairperson: T. Tietyen nominates S. Burdette second J. Dean. Discussion. Chair Bieber asks for additional nominations there were none. S. Burdette's nomination carried on unanimous voice vote.
  - For Secretary: T. Tietyen nominates Ed. Johnson (Mr. Tietyen indicates he has spoken to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Johnson would accept another term as secretary) Second by J. Dean. No additional nominations. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote.
4. Review of Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve meeting minutes of the April 11, 2022, PFC meeting by T. Tietyen second by S. Burdette. Motion carried on voice vote. Member J. Dean abstains from vote.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

1. Chief Hingiss reports that P.O. Tony Becker has completed five years of service with the department. P.O. Becker also has been nominated and received the **Green Bay Packers 2022 Protect and Service Award**. P.O. Becker observed and reported a condo fire-responded to the fire and removed a person from the burning condo. Congratulations P.O. Becker on your fine work from the PFC and receiving the Service Award.
2. Life Saving efforts by Officer Chris Erickson-passed temporarily. (P.O. Erickson was on a call see item #2 under Ambulance Department)
3. Discussion on the retirement of Officer Jim Russell. A retirement reception will be held later in May for Officer Russell.
4. Update on Flock Cameras. The Flock system detected and reported to PWPD a stolen vehicle from Michigan had been detected on the system. Officers were able to locate the vehicle and take two suspects into custody.

Drugs were also found in the vehicle. PWPd received a Silver Alert from the Flock system, but the alert was delayed, and vehicle had left the area. It later was involved in a fatal traffic crash out of the area.

5. Training update: All officers were re-trained and certified on CPR and use of AED.
6. Review of bills-April 2022.
7. Review of Budget-April 2022
8. Review of Municipal Court Statement.
9. Review Calls for service-April 2022
10. Other business. Under PD budget, updating of the HVC system for the Police Department building, the system at times had both the heating and cooling systems running this update monitors the complete system which make it more efficient and less expensive to run in the future. The work will be complete by the end of May 2022.

## **AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT**

1. Review and discuss April 2022 Ambulance invoices
2. Review and Discuss Ambulance Budget Through 04/30/2022
3. Officer Chris Erickson returns from a call. See Item 2. Police Department: Officer Erickson responded to a call of an individual choking he placed the victim on a flat surface and completed a Heimlich maneuver (abdominal thrust) relieved the material choking the individual and restored breathing. The department checked on the individual several days later and is doing well. Congratulations Officer Erickson on your life saving event. Officer Erickson said he did what he was trained to do.
4. 3. Review and Discussion April 2022 Ambulance calls both Transports and Non -Transports.
5. Review and Discussion Aril 2022 Paramedic Intercepts.
6. Discussion and possible action to hire Connor Walsh to fill the full-time FF/Paramedic position. This is pending a background and pre-employment physical examination/drug testing. No action required Mr. Walsh is on the Eligibility List for this position.
7. Discussion and possible action to hire Jordan Laboy as a part-time FF/Paramedic, Dominic Maertz as a part-time FF/EMT-Basic, and McKenna Ferry as a part-time EMT-Basic. All pending a background check and pre-employment physical examinations/drug testing. Motion by S. Burdette to hire Layboy, Maertz, and Ferry as indicated pending background and physicals, second by T. Tietyen. Motion carried on voice vote.
8. Discussion and possible action to approve the following promotions: Fire Captain/EMT-P Joe DeBoer to EMS Deputy Chief, Engineer/EMT-P Brandon Gregozeski to EMS Captain, FF/A-EMT Kevin Riley and FF/EMT-P Sam Lorge both to EMS-Lieutenant. All Maintain their EMS license level. Motion by T. Tietyen second by S. Burdette to approve the listed promotions. Motion carried on voice vote.
9. Other business as permitted by law. None.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

1. Review and discussion-April 2022 Fire Invoices
2. Review and Discussion-Fire Budget through 04/30/2022
3. Review and Discussion -April 2022 Fire calls
4. Discussion and possible action to approve the following Fire Department promotions: Captain Scott Ziegler to Deputy Fire Chief, Lts. Rick Kultgen and Jason Weis to Fire Captain, and FF Charles Leasum to Fire Lieutenant. Motion by S. Burdette second T. Tietyen to approve listed promotions. Carried on voice vote.
5. Review and Discuss the Fire Departments annual report.
6. Chief Mitchell's report:
  - Ladder Testing has been completed
  - Hose Testing is set for July 2022
  - Pump testing set for August 2022
  - These tests are done annually to maintain fire rating with ISO and NFPA.
  - a. The Dunwiddie Elementary School Student Council conducted an in-house contest to collect money to be donated and shared by the PW Police and Fire Departments. They collected \$1200. The Fire, Police, and PFC thank the school for their effort and donation.

7. Other business, next scheduled meeting Monday June 13, 2022, 6:00 P.M. Reception for Rick Nelson at 5:30 P.M. (06/13/2022)

Motion by T. Tietyen to adjourn second by S. Burdette motion carried on voice vote Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Tietyen, Acting Secretary

**PFC Commissioners:** Chairperson Jim Bieber, Vice Chairperson Sarah Burdette, Secretary Edward Johnson, Terry Tietyen, Joseph Dean.