



POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Meeting, Monday, February 8, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

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

1. Roll call: Members present Richard Nelson, James Biever, Jennifer Clearwater, Edward Johnson, and Terry Tietyen. Also present Fire Chief M. Mitchell and Police Chief K. Hingiss: Mayor Martin Becker and Alderpersons Paul Neumyer & Dan Benning, and Ozaukee Press reporter Kris Halbig-Ziehm.
2. Public Appearances, Comments, and Correspondence: Alderperson P. Neumyer received a letter from a constituent requesting that the second flag flying outside the Police Department below the flag of the United States of America, that flag, commonly known as “the Thin Blue Line” flag, be removed from the pole. The constituent believes that the flag’s symbol has been co-opted by groups who led the attempted insurrection on January 6, 2021 at the U.S. Capital building. The constituent believes the symbol is considered a symbol of white supremacists. Replays of the video of the insurrection at the US Capital does not show the Thin Blue Line flag being flown or used by any of the protest groups. The flag to Police Officers represents the line officers walk every day and the line they uphold between peace and lawlessness. At this time the PFC will not request the flag removed from display at the police department. Alderman Neumyer will speak to his constituent and relay this information and invite them to attend a PFC meeting if they desire. The PFC recognizes and congratulates Jerry Nye and Ryan Hurda on their respective promotion to the rank of Lieutenant. Thanks to all members of the department who took part in the promotion process.
3. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion J. Clearwater second T. Tietyen approve the minutes of the Special PFC meeting of January 27, 2021, motion carried on voice vote.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Review and discussion of bills – January 2021
2. Review and discussion of budget – December 2020/January 2021
3. Municipal Court statement – December 2020 Reviewed statement for 1/2020 through 12/2020.
4. Calls for Service – January 2021 & 2020 Year-end Summary Reviewed.
5. Items #5,#6,#7 **Police Department** agenda will be moved to Fire Department agenda to be considered simultaneously with Fire Department agenda items #3,#4,#5. Motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance of a public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, to-wit: consider and discuss performance reviews of Chief of Police and Chief of Fire Departments.
6. Reconvene in open session.
7. Possible action on any item discussed in closed session.
8. Other business as permitted by law: Review meeting schedule and calendar matters; referrals to future meetings. PFC members are invited to attend and participate at the Police Shooting simulator on February 16, 8 AM to 5:30 PM. or February 17, 8 AM to 5 PM. If interested contact Hingiss for further information.

AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

1. Review and discussion - January 2021 Ambulance Invoices. WE Energies gas and electric invoices will no longer be listed in either the ambulance or fire monthly invoice report. The line item for gas and electric expenditures will continue to be seen on the monthly fire or ambulance department financial reports.
2. Review and discussion - January 2021 Ambulance Calls, both Transports and Non-Transports. The Grafton Fire Department Ambulance covered three calls in one day recently and over a dozen calls for Paramedic services in the last month as no PWFD paramedic was available to cover the call(s).
3. Review and discussion - January 2021 Paramedic Intercepts
4. Discussion and action to switch the full-time employee hiring from a full-time EMT-Paramedic position back to the full-time Firefighter/Paramedic position due to the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act dealing with overtime restrictions and cost. Motion by J. Biever second by T. Tietyen to switch the hiring

requirement from a Paramedic to a Paramedic/Firefighter. Motion carried on a voice vote.

5. Other business as permitted by law: Review meeting schedule and calendar matters; referrals to future meetings.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. Review and discussion - January 2021 Fire Invoices
2. Review and discussion - January 2021 Fire Calls
3. Motion by T. Tietyen second by E. Johnson to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1)(f), to consider financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. Motion carried on a roll call vote all member voting aye.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Agenda items #5, #6, #7.

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4. Reconvene in open session. Motion by T. Tietyen second by E. Johnson to reconvene in open session for **Fire Department** agenda item #3. Roll call vote all members voting aye motion carried. Reconvene in open session. Motion by T., Tietyen second E. Johnson to reconvene in open session for **Police Department** agenda item #5 Motion carried on roll call vote all members voting aye. Commission reconvenes in open session to consider action on **Police Department** and **Fire Department** closed session items.
5. Action on closed session matters, if any. No action taken on **Fire Department** closed session item #3. No action taken on **Police Department** agenda item #5.
6. Other business as permitted by law: Review meeting schedule and calendar matters; referrals to future meetings. Next PFC meeting March 8, 2021 6:00 P.M.

Adjournment: Motion by J. Biever second by J. Clearwater to adjourn meeting. Motion carried on voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Tietyen, Secretary

PFC Commissioners: Chair Richard Nelson, Terry Tietyen, Jennifer Clearwater, James Biever, Edward Johnson