

**PORT WASHINGTON POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting Held Monday August 13, 2007**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:45 p.m. Present: Commissioners Nelson, Taucher, Tietyen, Gottlieb and Becker; Chief Mitchell; Chief Thomas; Port Washington Aldermen Haacke, Jushka, and Vollmar.
2. The group departed for the Ozaukee County Sheriff's office to tour the dispatch center, were joined by Alderman Babcock, Mayor Huebner and Ozaukee County Sheriff Straub, remaining there until 7:00 p.m. They then returned to the police building, where they were joined by Aldermen Hudson, Neumeyer and Ross. (Also in attendance were Captain Mike Keller and Mequon Police Chief Graff). A tour of the PWPD dispatch center was held. City Administrator Mark Grams arrived at 7:30 p.m.
3. There were no public appearances.
4. The minutes of the meeting held on July 9, 2007 were reviewed. Moved by Tietyen, seconded by Gottlieb to approve. Unanimous approval.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

1. A discussion was held regarding consolidated dispatch.
  - a. The consultant who was hired to study the issue will present his findings on August 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chamber. The public will be invited, and the meeting will be televised on the local access cable channel.
  - b. Chief Thomas commented that the primary goal of the proposed change is to improve service to the citizens of Port Washington.
  - c. An intergovernmental agreement will be signed by representatives of Ozaukee County and the City of Port Washington, stating that fiscal responsibility rests with the county, and establishing the governance model and length of the agreement.
  - d. A joint powers agreement will also be prepared and signed.
  - e. The Police and Fire Commission will make a decision regarding the Consolidated Dispatch proposal at the September 10 commission meeting.

The Aldermen, Mayor, and City Administrator left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

2. Police Department bills for July 2007 were reviewed. Moved by Taucher, seconded by Tietyen to approve. Unanimous approval.
3. Command and overtime pay for July 2007 were reviewed.

Command Pay 188.00 hours  
Overtime Pay 281.50 hours
4. Municipal Court income for April 2007 was \$9,750, and for May was \$12,205. The year-to-date total is \$49,005.
5. Chief's Report

A letter from City Attorney Eberhardt, stating that the authority to act on the proposal for consolidated dispatch of protective services rests with the Police and Fire Commission, was reviewed.
6. A check for \$97 was received from the Fox Valley Technical College for mileage reimbursement.
7. There was no other business.

**AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT**

1. Ambulance Department bills for July 2007 were reviewed. Moved by Taucher, seconded by Tietyen to approve. Unanimous approval.
2. The year-to-date ambulance budget was reviewed.
3. July 2007 ambulance revenue was \$19,197.72. The year-to-date total is \$131,786.39.
4. July 2007 ambulance calls were reviewed.
5. There was no other business.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

1. Fire Department bills for July 2007 were reviewed. Moved by Tietyen, seconded by Gottlieb to approve. Unanimous approval.
2. The year-to-date fire budget was reviewed.
3. July 2007 fire calls were reviewed. Chief Mitchell reported that the city has collected fines for three false alarms, following department policy, which states that three false alarms are allowed each year, and after that a fine is collected for each incident.
4. Chief's Report:
  - a. A Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS), a mutual aid system for significant fires, is being developed by the Ozaukee County Chiefs. A resolution for Port Washington to enter the system is being reviewed by City Attorney Eberhardt.
  - b. The budget process has begun. Each department has been asked to submit a budget that exceeds the 2007 budget by not more than 2.5%. Two Fire Department capital purchases will be part of city borrowing in 2008: a new ambulance and a pumper-tanker, both to replace outdated apparatus.
  - c. The chief is reviewing a request for information from Larry Sussman of the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.
  - d. The department's recruiting open house was successful, resulting in 3 fire-fighter recruits.
5. There was no other business.
6. Moved by Tietyen, seconded by Taucher to adjourn. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gina Taucher, Secretary