

PORT WASHINGTON POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION
Minutes of Regular Meeting Held Monday December 10, 2007

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Commissioners Nelson, Taucher, Tietyen, Gottlieb and Becker; Chief Mitchell; Chief Thomas.
2. There were no public appearances.
3. The minutes of the regular meeting held on November 12, 2007 were reviewed. Item number 9 under Police Department was amended to read "Chairman and Chief Thomas will meet with..." Moved by Becker, seconded by Tietyen to approve as amended. Unanimous approval.

AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

1. Ambulance Department bills for November 2007 were reviewed. Moved by Tietyen, seconded by Becker to approve. Unanimous approval.
2. The year-to-date ambulance budget was reviewed.
3. November 2007 ambulance revenue was \$33,444.42. The year-to-date total is \$237,505.97.
4. November 2007 ambulance calls were reviewed.
5. The replacement of Ambulance 450, a 1998 E450/Lifeline vehicle, was discussed. The purchase will be part of city borrowing in 2008; bids will be sought after the first of the year. The idea of using the current vehicle as a mobile command post for the Police Department will be explored.
6. There was no other business.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. Fire Department bills for November 2007 were reviewed. Moved by Taucher, seconded by Becker to approve. Unanimous approval.
2. The year-to-date fire budget was reviewed.
3. November 2007 fire calls were reviewed.
4. The city is looking at options for replacing Engine 463, a 1983 Pierce Arrow pumper/tanker, earlier than planned, due to the availability of funds obtained through a bond issue. Moved by Gottlieb, seconded by Tietyen to authorize Chief Mitchell to proceed with developing specs and seeking bids for a new pumper/tanker if the Common Council approves the purchase. Unanimous approval.
5. Chief's Report
 - a. The department has received a \$117,563 Assistance to Firefighters Grant, which will be used to purchase portable radios for the fire apparatus.
 - b. Ambulance driver Rick Eibs has resigned from the department after 19+ years. A resolution commending Mr. Eibs will be drafted for commission consideration at the January 2008 meeting.
 - c. Nominations are being sought from department members for the "Member of the Year" award, which will be presented at the annual banquet.
 - d. The contract to provide fire services to the Town of Port Washington has been executed by City and Town officials. The contract price will be \$92,562.09, an increase of \$890.22 over 2007.
 - e. The Town of Port Washington Board of Supervisors has agreed to replace the fire number signs throughout the Town.
6. There was no other business.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Police Department bills for November 2007 were reviewed. Moved by Tietyen, seconded by Becker to approve. Unanimous approval.

2. Command and overtime pay for November 2007 were reviewed.
Command Pay 175.50 hours
Overtime Pay 111.75 hours
3. Municipal Court income for September 2007 was \$10,255. The year-to-date total is \$90,850.
4. Chief's Report
 - a. Grant funding is being sought to cover costs of an "active shooter" exercise. Chief Thomas will report on progress at the January 2008 commission meeting.
 - b. The 800 MGHTZ radio system will be implemented in January 2008.
 - c. Following an audit of the evidence property storage facility, an enclosed gun cabinet/locker to secure confiscated weapons was purchased and installed.
 - d. A meeting is scheduled to discuss costs and charges for police management at festivals. A report will be presented at the January commission meeting.
5. A decision on the replacement for the Records Management System will be made within 45 – 60 days.
6. Articles and emails regarding fines and crime prevention were reviewed.
7. Moved by Tietyen, seconded by Becker to approve the secondary employment request from Craig Czarnecki. The secondary employment policy will be discussed further at the February commission meeting.
8. A donation of \$281 was received from the Lions Club to cover the cost of the Packer cards.
9. Other business: A plaque listing retirees from the Port Washington Police Department has been prepared. It will be presented at the department holiday lunch on December 11.
10. Moved by Tietyen, seconded by Becker to adjourn. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Taucher, Secretary