

PORT WASHINGTON POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION (PFC)
Minutes of Regular Meeting Held Monday February 9, 2009

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Commissioners Nelson, Taucher, Gottlieb, and Becker; Chief Mitchell; Chief Thomas; Port Washington Mayor Huebner; Ozaukee County Sheriff Straub, Captain Dave Guss, and Supervisor Wendy Maechtle. Excused: Commissioner Tietyen.
2. The minutes of the regular meeting held on January 12, 2009 were reviewed. Moved by Gottlieb, seconded by Becker to approve. Unanimous approval.
3. There were no public appearances.
4. The one year anniversary of consolidated dispatch services was recognized by Chief Thomas and the PFC. A certificate of appreciation was presented to the Ozaukee County Sheriffs Department recognizing the efforts put in by Sheriff Straub, Captain Guss, Wendy Maechtle, and the dispatch staff, to make the transition seamless and the consolidated services successful. Following the presentation, Mayor Huebner, Sheriff Straub, and Wendy Maechtle left the meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Moved by Gottlieb, seconded by Becker to adjourn to closed session, authorized as noted by Wisconsin Statutes for "considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation of a public employee," WS 19.85(1)(c) Voting aye: Nelson, Becker, Gottlieb, Taucher. Voting no: none. Closed session convened at 7:18 p.m.
2. Moved by Gottlieb, seconded by Taucher to adjourn the closed session and reconvene in open session. Voting aye: Nelson, Becker, Gottlieb, Taucher. Voting no: none. Open session reconvened at 7:26 p.m.
3. Moved by Gottlieb, seconded by Becker to hire Ryan Hurda as a patrol officer, subject to the successful completion of a medical exam and drug screen; and to establish an eligibility list consisting of Brian Flannery and Jason Vanier for hire during a period of up to two years. Unanimous approval.
4. Chief Thomas reported on the results of his investigation into the parking ticket complaint received in January. He found that there was no evidence to support the complaints.
5. Police Department bills for January 2009 were reviewed. Moved by Becker, seconded by Gottlieb to approve. Unanimous approval.
6. Municipal Court income for November 2008 was \$5,512.55. The year-to-date total is \$102,595.10
7. A press release regarding a UBI Payment Services scam was reviewed.
8. There was no other business.

AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

1. Ambulance Department bills for January 2009 were reviewed. Moved by Gottlieb, seconded by Becker to approve. Unanimous approval.
2. The January 2009 ambulance budget was reviewed.
3. January 2009 ambulance revenue was \$19,038.70.
4. January 2009 ambulance calls were reviewed.
5. Ambulance staffing was discussed. Potential solutions to the staff shortage include increasing the rate of pay to make the position more attractive, or hiring part-time employees to fill in the gaps in the schedule. A new EMT applicant may be available to fill some of the gaps for the near future, although this is not a long-term solution to the problem. The commission asked Chief Mitchell to begin informal talks with other Ozaukee County chiefs regarding area-wide EMS service.
6. There was no other business.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. Fire Department bills for January 2009 were reviewed. Moved by Becker, seconded by Gottlieb to approve. Unanimous approval.
2. The January 2009 fire budget was reviewed.
3. January 2009 fire calls were reviewed.
4. Chief's Report:
 - a. Personnel: Chris Heston will join the department soon, and a new EMT applicant will undergo the pre-hiring physical exam.
 - b. The fire department was awarded a \$35,000 Assistance to Firefighters Grant from FEMA. The department's obligation is \$1,750. The grant will be used to purchase a new breathing air compressor, filtering system, and fill station.
 - c. The department completed six hours of ice rescue training with the US Coast Guard. Twenty-six department members participated.
5. There was no other business.
6. Moved by Taucher, seconded by Gottlieb to adjourn. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Taucher, Secretary