

PORT WASHINGTON POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION (PFC)
Minutes of Regular Meeting Held Monday January 12, 2009

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Commissioners Nelson, Taucher, Tietyen, Gottlieb, and Becker; Chief Mitchell; Chief Thomas.
2. Port Washington Common Council member Jim Vollmar was present. He asked to defer his comments until the ambulance call at Newport Shoes was discussed.
3. The minutes of the regular meeting held on December 8, 2008 were reviewed. Moved by Tietyen, seconded by Becker to approve. Unanimous approval.

AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

1. Ambulance Department bills for December 2008 were reviewed. Moved by Tietyen, seconded by Gottlieb to approve. Unanimous approval.
2. December 2008 ambulance revenue was \$18,546.43. Total 2008 collections were \$262,238.66.
3. December 2008 ambulance calls were reviewed.
4. The ambulance call at Newport Shores on January 8, 2009 was discussed. Alderman Vollmar read a letter from John Weinrich, owner of Newport Shores, expressing his concern about the amount of time it took for the ambulance to arrive on the scene. Chief Mitchell explained that because a legal crew of 2 EMTs was not available, the Saukville ambulance was called to provide mutual aid. Because the shortage of EMTs at certain times of day has been a continuing problem for the department, it was moved by Taucher, seconded by Becker to ask the chief to develop plans to deal with the EMT shortage and report to the commission at the February meeting. Unanimous approval.
5. There was no other business.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. Fire Department bills for December 2008 were reviewed. Moved by Taucher, seconded by Becker to approve. Unanimous approval.
2. December 2008 fire calls were reviewed.
3. Chief's Report:
 - a. Personnel
 - i. Captain/Chief Engineer Tom Schimke retired from the department as of December 31, 2008, after twenty years of service. Moved by Gottlieb, seconded by Becker to approve resolution No. 2009-1, to read:

WHEREAS Tom Schimke has served the City of Port Washington for twenty years; and WHEREAS Tom Schimke is retiring from his positions as Captain and Chief Engineer in the Port Washington Fire Department; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Port Washington Police and Fire Commission commends Tom Schimke for his twenty years of dedicated service to the Port Washington Fire Department and the citizens of Port Washington.

Unanimous approval.
 - ii. A new applicant, Chris Heston, is undergoing the pre-hiring physical exam.
 - iii. One department member, who could not meet the minimum training requirements in 2008 to remain on the Fire Department, is staying on in the department as an ambulance driver.
 - b. The fire department responded to 218 fire-related calls in 2008, an increase from 192 in 2007. The ambulance responded to 679 EMS-related calls, down from 691 in 2007. Fourteen structure fires resulted in an estimated \$35,500 in losses, of which a fire in the dust collection system at Simplicity Mfg. accounted for \$30,000.
4. There was no other business.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Police Department bills for December 2008 were reviewed. Moved by Tietyen, seconded by Becker to approve. Unanimous approval.
2. The Municipal Court statement was not available.
3. Chief Thomas reported that February 25 will be the one-year anniversary of consolidated dispatch with the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office. At the commission's request, the chief will arrange for a presentation by a county representative at the February meeting.
4. A press release regarding the December 22, 2008 homicide was reviewed.
5. Commission interviews of the finalists for the Police Officer position were held on the afternoon of January 12, 2009. Moved by Gottlieb, seconded by Taucher to establish an eligibility list to be valid for two years, to include, in alphabetical order: Christopher Breyfogle, Brian Flannery, Joshua Henze, Ryan Hurda, and Jason Vanier. Unanimous approval. Following an in-depth background check of these individuals, Chief Thomas will present his hiring recommendation at the February commission meeting.
6. There was no other business.
7. Moved by Gottlieb, seconded by Taucher to adjourn. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Taucher, Secretary