



POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting, Monday, November 12, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Roll call: Present: Richard Nelson, Terry Tietyen, Patty Ruth, and Jim Bieber
Excused: Jennifer Clearwater
Also present: Captain Mike Keller, Chief Hingiss, Chief Mitchell and Kris Halbig Ziehm, Ozaukee Press
2. No Public Appearances, Comments, or Correspondence
3. Reviewed Meeting Minutes from October 8, 2018. Motion to approve minutes made by Terry Tietyen and seconded by Jim Bieber. Motion passed.

AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

1. Reviewed and discussed the October 2018 Ambulance invoices.
2. Reviewed and discussed the Ambulance budget through October 31, 2018.
3. Reviewed and discussed the October 2018 Ambulance calls.
4. Reviewed and discussed the October 2018 Paramedic Intercepts.
5. No other business was discussed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. Reviewed and discussed the October 2018 Fire invoices.
2. Reviewed and discussed the Fire Department budget through October 31, 2018.
3. Reviewed and discussed the October 2018 Fire calls.
4. Fire Chief's Report
 - 2019-2023 Capital Outlay report was reviewed and discussed. This report has been presented to the Finance Committee. Commission members thanked Chief Mitchell for the well written summary of the needs of the Fire Department. The Commission indicated their support of the requests for capital purchases.
 - The Commission was told of the following resignations:
 - Firefighter Ian Bell – Time commitment no longer works for Ian.
 - Paramedics Luke Van Natta – Luke has taken a fulltime firefighter/paramedic position with West Bend Fire Department
 - Nick Peters – Nick has been deployed fighting wildfires in western states.

The Commission wishes these three men well and thanks them for their service to our community.
5. Other business as permitted by law: Chief Mitchell reported that PWFD is hosting another Stop the Bleed course on Saturday, November 17, 2018. It will be held at the firehouse at 9:00AM.
The Fire Department has trained over 150 people this year. Great job!

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Reviewed and discussed bills payable for the month of October.
2. Municipal Court statement for the month of September was reviewed.
3. Calls for Service Report was reviewed and discussed.
4. PWPD has received 25 doses of Naloxone from Attorney General's Office. This was at no cost. Naloxone is used to reverse the effects of narcotic drugs (opioids).
5. Tip411 allows residents to send confidential tips to the Port Washington Police

Department. PYPD distributed posters to all the schools describing how Tip411 works. They also distributed magnets to schools and the public. The tips are received by PYPD records clerks, Chief, Captains and on duty officers.

6. Update on employees:
 - Officer Belzer is doing well and is expected to be back on the job without restrictions in January.
 - Officer Vitella has been deployed by the Army National Guard for one year. We wish Tony well. Chief Hingiss indicated that he and the department will be available to Tony's family during his deployment.
7. Update on training:
 - Officer Nye will be attending Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) training this month. It is an important component to police work dealing with law enforcement wellness and trauma.
 - Officer Hurda will be attending computer and cell phone investigation training in January. He will receive training from basic to advanced.
 - The Commission looks forward to updates on these trainings.
8. Lethality Assessment training will be conducted by Advocates. It is a train the trainer model. It demonstrates the use and effectiveness of domestic violence screening questions that responding officers will be able to ask victims. Responses will help officers in being able to assist victims.
9. Terry Tietyen made a motion to go into closed session, authorized by Wisconsin Statutes for: "considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation of a public employee," WS 19.85 (1) (c), regarding employees' compensation. The motion was seconded by Jim Bieber. Roll Call Vote was taken: Rick Nelson – aye, Patty Ruth – aye, Terry Tietyen – aye, Jim Bieber – aye.
10. Motion was made by Terry Tietyen to reconvene in open session. Motion was seconded by Rick Nelson. Roll call vote: Rick Nelson – aye, Patty Ruth – aye, Terry Tietyen – aye, Jim Bieber – aye.
11. Action on closed session matters:

Terry Tietyen made a motion to request a joint meeting with the Mayor, Finance Committee and City Administrator to review salary compression and loss of some benefits in promotion levels within the Police Department; concern for future promotional staffing; concern for fair and equitable compensation for all; and city employee handbook needs to be updated to reflect current agreements. Police and Fire Commission is ready to meet at the earliest possible date. Motion was seconded by Jim Bieber. Motion passed.
12. Other business as permitted by law: Jim asked if there has been any follow up to discussion regarding use of wristbands at Fish Day. The meeting to discuss this topic has not taken place yet.
13. Motion to adjourn was made by Terry Tietyen and seconded by Patty Ruth. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Ruth, Secretary