



City of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
Police and Fire Commission Meeting Minutes
Fire Department Training Room
205 S. Lincoln Avenue
Tuesday, September 10, 2024
5:00 PM

1) Call to Order – Roll Call

President O'Connor called the September 10, 2024, PFC meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Commission members present were Mike Stephens, Bill Lafler and Thea O'Connor.

2) Approval of Minutes

a) August 13 regular meeting minutes

Motion by Lafler to accept the August 13 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Stephens. Motion carried by acclamation.

3) Presentations & Reports

a) Presentation by Anthony Kuenzi about the Cadet's trip to New York City.

Firefighter/Medic Anthony Kuenzi and Cadet Captain Mya U'Ren gave a presentation about the Cadet program and their recent trip to New York City.

b) Mayor's Comments

- Mayor Wissel stated that once or twice a month he gets a citizen complaint requesting enforcement of noise and parking.
- The DNR is holding up development on the old Don Riley lot.

c) City Administrator's Report

- Union negotiations with the Fire Department are continuing and have just started with the Police Department.
- The wage and grade study was presented to the council.

4) Fire Department Business

a) Update commission on the operations of the Fire Department

- Went over the August Operations report.
- Jonathan Rash is our new career Firefighter/Paramedic. He has been a Paramedic for 8 years and has just started fire school.
- Firefighter/Paramedic Maddie Crucius completed her first six weeks of probation and

is doing well.

- Generac gave us their \$2500 grant for which we bought new saws.
- The new ladder truck is now scheduled to be here in the March-April 2025 timeframe.
- He is researching options for selling the current ladder truck.
- Nick Smith and Andy Koenig are finishing the clinicals part of their medic class.
- We have 3 paid-on-call members and 1 full-time member who just started medic class this semester.
- He went over the August department calendar.
- The city attorney is reviewing a contract between the hospital pharmacy and us for drug supplies.
- Pointed out that since EMS|MC bought out our billing company, LifeQuest, we have experienced communication short-falls and our collections are down considerably.

- b) Discuss and take action on moving POC Firefighters Aaron Lienke and Arika Dominik from probationary to regular status.

Motion by Lafler to move POC Firefighters Aaron Lienke and Arika Dominik from probationary to regular status as of August 14, 2024, seconded by Stephens. Motion carried by acclamation.

- c) Discuss and take action on the resignation of POC Firefighter Tony Klatt.

Motion by Stephens to accept the resignation of POC Firefighter Tony Klatt effective October 7, 2024, seconded by Lafler. Motion carried by acclamation.

5) Police Department Business

- a) Update commission on the operations of the Police Department

- Reviewed the department calendar and community events.
- Reviewed the budget to date and shared a breakdown of the total budget to-date.
- Recapped the Wisconsin Chief of Police conference that he attended in August.
- They got a squad car with toned-down lights to help prevent crashes into squads.
- Officers Borchardt and Schneider recently stopped a wrong-way driver with an excellent outcome and received a letter from the Sergeant Russ Ebert commending them for excellent communication and teamwork.
- The new K9 is now working. He is excellent at finding drugs.
- Officers Meli and Ruhland were selected as the new field training officers.
- After a meeting with the Lions Club, the new crossing guards were trained and have started.
- National Night Out went well and had a good turn out.
- They had the first union negotiation meeting.
- He attended a mass fatalities planning training that the Dodge County Emergency Management put on.
- There is a person doing an internship with us.
- There have been high-risk calls the last two weekends.
- The body-worn and squad cameras have generated a lot of record requests. These requests take a significant amount of time for the review, redaction, and approval

before being released.

- b) Discuss and take action on moving Officer Brett Meli from probationary to regular status.

Motion by Lafler to move Officer Brett Meli from probationary status to regular status as of his one-year anniversary date, seconded by Stephens. Motion carried by acclimation.

- 6) Any Other Business for Placement on Future Agenda

None

- 7) Closed Session

- a) Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute SEC. 19-85(1)(c). Discuss and take action to enter into closed session for consideration of employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Motion by Stephens to enter into closed session, second by Lafler. Motion carried by acclimation. The commission entered into closed session at 6:10pm. Discussion was had with respect to the subject matter on which the closed session was noticed.

- b) Commission may reconvene in open session to act upon any/all items discussed or deliberated during closed session.

- 8) Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:36pm while in closed session.