



City of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
Police and Fire Commission Meeting Minutes
Fire Department Training Room
205 S. Lincoln Avenue
Tuesday, January 14, 2025
5:00 PM

1) Call to Order – Roll Call

President Thea O'Connor called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Present were Bill Lafler, Rebecca Robbins, Therese Henricksen, Mike Stephens, and Thea O'Connor.

2) Approval of Minutes

a) Review and take action on the approval of the December 10, 2024 meeting minutes

Motion by Lafler to approve the December 10, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Stephens, motion carried by acclamation.

3) Presentations & Reports

a) Presentation on the Police Department's drone program.

Officer Joey Salazar gave a presentation on the Police Department's drone program explaining how and why they use the drones, who pilots them and how they function.

b) Mayor's comments

Mayor Marck gave well wishes for 2025 to the police and fire department. She is also looking forward to touring the Fire Department and to scheduling a tour of the Police Department.

c) City Administrator's report

No comments.

4) Fire Department Business

a) Update commission on the operations of the Fire Department

- Reviewed the Operations Report.
- New career firefighter, Aaron Lienke, started Dec 23rd. He is halfway through his medic classes. He already has his fire certification.
- Four new POC firefighters started. They are Meredith Modine, Matt Kosky, Matt Stofflet and Owen Heuer.
- The career Fire Inspector position will be posted internally until February 7th.
- We are accepting applications for the career firefighter/paramedic eligibility list until February 14.
- We had an audit of our 2% dues on January 8th. We passed but going forward we need to better track the money that is given by the state and where it is being used.
- The facility study for the Fire Department and City Hall will be starting soon. Engineers will be coming through to gather information, make an assessment and put it in a report. They are estimating this process to take 12-16 weeks to complete.

- Seagrave has run into delays in other department's trucks assembly, which has now delayed our aerial truck's completion until mid-summer.
- We are working on an agreement with the Rural Fire Association to buy 2/3 shares of the rural engine while at the same time selling the cities engine.
- We are still waiting on the cardiac monitors. They have found that the dust and water resistance feature isn't working on the monitors as designed and they are trying to improve on this design. After weighing our options, we have found that the Philips monitors are the most versatile so we will continue to wait for these. Philips is paying for our consumables and repairs to our current monitors while we wait.
- The 2025 training plan is complete and Captain Corey Braunschweig will present it at the February meeting.
- We had over 12,000 hours in training in 2024
- FF Kuenzi is organizing public CPR classes to be held on a regular basis. The schools are also interested in having us do their CPR training and we are hoping to get a school nurse trained as a CPR instructor.
- After the recent house fires in Juneau and the mobile home fires here in Beaver Dam, we will be canvassing with fire prevention flyers starting with North Hills mobile home park.
- After a fire, the state requires an investigation. Right now we only have 1 person qualified to do this.. Lt. Weidler is working on getting a class here to get more BD personnel qualified and he is trying to arrange it so area departments can take this class as well.

- b) Review, discuss and take action on the bid(s) and sale of the ladder truck pending delivery of our new ladder truck.

Motion by Stephens to accept the bid of \$127,452.36 by Tomah Fire for the sale of the ladder truck pending delivery of our new ladder truck, seconded by Lafler, motion carried by acclamation. Chief Wesle noted that it has been agreed upon by both parties that BDFD will continue to maintain the truck while we are still using it.

5) Police Department Business

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

- The PD appreciates the PFC support on our drone program. Chief Kreuziger noted that the FCC regulates the drone flights and that they are licensed with the FCC.
- They are working on the labor contract with the labor attorneys and Nathan. He thanked Nathan for his help with this.
- Homeland Security wants us to sign an MOU with them to form a partnership which helps each other with resources and builds a partnership. A detective will have to train on this cooperation for a week with Homeland Security.
- Chief is a member of the Dodge County Executive Law Enforcement Association. They give out scholarships to those going into law enforcement. Summit Ford gave money towards this scholarship fund so between that donation and the Association's funds, there is \$3000-\$5000 available to be given in scholarships.
- The department has sent more officers to the Peer Support training. There was a recent incident where an officer spent an hour and a half talking someone down and their peer support group was there for him for support after the incident.

- He thanked the PFC for the thank you card and donuts, stating it meant a lot to them.
- A Defense and Arrest Tactics Instructor has stepped down so they now have 3 candidates going through a process to fill this open position.
- The WI State Patrol and the governor's office has rewarded a breathalyzer grant. It is worth \$500-\$1000.
- In-house annual detective training is coming up in February.

b) Discuss and take action on Police Chief's state of Wisconsin Instructor Certification.

Motion by Robbins to recertify Chief Kreuziger as a State of Wisconsin Instructor, seconded by Lafler, motion carried by acclamation. Chief Kreuziger noted that this is good for 3 years, is no cost to the department and he will need a letter of support from the commission's president.

c) Discuss and take action on the approval of the Summary of Tentative Agreement of Contract Changes for a Successor to the 2022-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Labor Association of Wisconsin, Inc. and the City of Beaver Dam.

Motion by Lafler to approve the Summary of Tentative Agreement of Contract Changes for a Successor to the 2022-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Labor Association of Wisconsin, Inc. and the City of Beaver Dam, seconded by Therese, motion carried by acclamation.

6) Any Other Business for Placement on Future Agenda

None

7) Closed Session

a) Discuss and take action to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute SEC. 19-85(1)(c) in order to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility in particular to the hiring of a limited term records clerk employee and also for filling the current Records Clerk opening.

Motion by Henricksen to enter into closed session to discuss and take action on the hiring of a limited term records clerk employee and also for filling the current Records Clerk opening, seconded by Robbins, motion carried by acclamation. The commission entered into closed session at 6:18 pm.

Discussion was had with respect for the subject matter for which the closed session was called.

Motion by Lafler to approve hiring Catherine Firari as a limited term clerk for the Police Department, seconded by Henricksen, motion carried by acclamation.

Motion by Stephens to approve advertising the open position for a clerk for the Police Department, seconded by Robbins, motion carried by acclamation.

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

8) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Henricksen, seconded by Stephens, motion carried by acclimation.
Meeting adjourned while in closed session at 6:28 pm.