

City of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Beaver Dam Fire Department Training Room
Tuesday, June 11, 2024

GENERAL

1. President Thea O'Connor called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Present were commission members Mike Stephens, Bill Lafler, Rebecca Robbins, Therese Henriksen and Deputy Police Chief Brandon Stommel and Deputy Chief Lee Smith.
2. Stephens made a motion to approve both the May meeting minutes and the June special meeting minutes, seconded by Robbins, motion carried by acclimation.
3. Mayor Wissell was not present for comments
4. City Administrator Nathan Thiel spoke about the need to have representatives from the PFC meet with him regarding the work on the salary ranges study in relation to the 2025 budget.
5. Tom Heffron from The Beaver Dam Area Community Foundation spoke about the Foundation.
6. Lt. Jake Zemlicka-Retzlaff gave a review of the Fire Department's EMS program.

BEAVER DAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

7. The department's meetings, trainings, and community relations from May were reviewed.
8. Deputy Chief Smith gave a report on the operations of the Fire Department
 - He handed out and reviewed the operations report for May.
 - Chief Wesle was recently on the interview panel for the Deputy Chief position at Watertown Fire Department.
 - Deputy Chief Smith was recently on the interview panel for a Lieutenant's position at Watertown Fire Department.
 - Chief Wesle recently graduated from the Leadership Beaver Dam course.
 - The department completed the cyber security training offered by InterQuest.
 - Father Mike Tess will be our Chaplain as needed to supplement our employee wellness program.
 - On May 17-18 we held a Man vs. Machine training event. The instructors for this came from Fire Departments in Chicago, and the east coast.
 - Three of our members attended Tactical Resilience Training in Georgia last month.
 - There were 1,739 training hours last month which included the hours for semester long courses that several of our members attended.
 - Three of our members will be completing their dive training by the end of June.
 - We provided ambulance coverage for the World of Outlaws show.

- We will be holding interviews for career firefighter/medic on July 11. We just got word that another career firefighter/medic will be resigning as of June 25.
- 9. DC Smith shared a copy of the agreement for the creation of an account through the Beaver Dam Community Foundation. Lafler made a motion to approve the agreement for the creation of the foundation account, seconded by Robbins, all were in favor.
- 10. Henricksen made a motion to accept the resignation of FF/Medic Christian Bahr effective June 8, 2024, seconded by Lafler, all were in favor.
- 11. Stephens made a motion to move FF/Medic JoAnne Bernhardt from probationary to regular status effective June 5, 2024, seconded by Robbins, all were in favor.

BEAVER DAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

12. The department's meetings, trainings, and community relations for May were reviewed.
13. Deputy Chief Stommel gave a report on the operations of the Police Department:
 - Everyone in the department, except the individual who is injured, obtained their firearms qualification.
 - Detective Hall gave vehicle search training for the members of the department.
 - Since the deadline to get into the academy is this Friday, they will be deciding before then who will be hired off their eligibility list.
 - The K-9 Officers and BD Charities golf outing is June 22nd.
 - The Citizen's Police Academy has concluded. It was another successful year with 12 students.
 - There will be 5 classes for the new kid's academy with the school.
 - Planning is underway for the Best Dam Fest.
 - The SRO's annual reports are completed and being reviewed by Chief Kreuziger now.
 - Four of our officers helped at the Automotion event in Wisconsin Dells.
 - Their helper from Green Valley, Ben DeYoung is doing a great job at the department and always comes to work with a positive attitude!
14. Stommel gave a handout of possible scenarios of vehicle replacements to consider for the budget. Discussion pursued regarding this.

ADJOURNMENT

15. Lafler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Henricksen, all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lana Fassbender, Administrative Assistant, Beaver Dam Fire Department