

City of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Beaver Dam Fire Department Training Room
Tuesday, May 14, 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, Fire Chief Michale Wesle and Police Chief John Kreuziger.
2. School Resource Officer Matthew Edwards gave a presentation on the new Children's Citizen Police Academy.
3. School Resource Officer Andy Strachota gave a presentation on the new programs on truancy and school safety that he, the school administration and Dodge County Emergency Management are working on.
4. Officer elections were held.
 - President O'Connor asked for nominations for President. Motion by Stephens nominating Thea O'Connor for President. O'Connor asked a second time for any nominations for President, no other nominations came forward. O'Connor asked a third time for any nominations for President, no other nominations came forward. Motion by Robbins to close nominations for President and cast a unanimous ballot for Thea O'Connor to be President, seconded by Stephens, motion carried by voice vote: Stephens-aye, Robbins-aye, O'Connor-aye.
 - O'Connor asked for nominations for Vice President. Motion by Robbins nominating Mike Stephens for Vice President. O'Connor asked a second time for any nominations for Vice President, no other nominations came forward. O'Connor asked a third time for any nominations for Vice President, no other nominations came forward. Motion by Robbins to close nominations for Vice President and cast a unanimous ballot for Mike Stephens to be Vice President, second by O'Connor, motion carried by voice vote: O'Connor-aye Robbins-aye, Stephens-aye.
 - President O'Connor appointed Rebecca Robbins to Secretary.
5. Stephens made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes, seconded by Robbins, motion carried by acclamation.
6. Mayor Wissell's report
 - The new lights at the high school baseball diamond were dedicated today
 - The Monarch Development site had their groundbreaking recently
 - The groundbreaking for the pickle ball courts is May 15, 2024
 - He was happy to see so many city employees at the cyber security training last week

7. City Administrator Nathan Thiel's report
 - He was grateful for the PFC members who went to the cyber security training
 - The city mission and value statements are still being drafted
 - The Community Action Plan will be presented on May 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the high school

BEAVER DAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

8. The department's meetings, trainings, and community relations from April were reviewed. The Fire Department now has a regular spot on Community Comment.
9. Chief Wesle gave a report on the operations of the Fire Department
 - He handed out and reviewed the operations report for April. He noted that there were several motor vehicle accidents recently, especially at the 151/DE intersection.
 - He shared a graphic depiction of the new aerial which is now expected to be here in the first quarter of 2025
 - We are still waiting on Motorola handheld radios and the radios for the new Tahoe.
 - The delivery of the monitors that Dr. Haase and the Beaver Dam Community Hospital Foundation donated \$50,000 towards are also delayed
 - The live burn training on April 13 went well, they did 8 burn revolutions
 - We are hosting the Man vs. Machine training on May 17 and 18. This is a rescue-orientated training with instructors from fire departments in Boston, New York and Chicago.
 - The new air compressor from Bauer is here and installed after the old one was replaced under the Lemon Law
 - He shared the expenditures according to budget report for the period ending March 31, 2024. He noted that we are 40% under the overtime we had last year at this point.
 - Recruitment for POC positions is open now until May 31 with the goal to hire by July 1
 - The Cadets have raised about \$15,000 towards their trip to New York City in June.
 - Stephens asked how inspections were going, Chief reported that they are being worked on and the inspector class is almost finished.
10. Robbins made a motion to accept the resignation of POC FF Joe Robinson effective May 1, 2024, seconded by Stephens, all were in favor.
11. Stephens made a motion to accept the resignation of POC FF Andrew Stegner effective May 10, 2024, seconded by Robbins, all were in favor.

BEAVER DAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

12. The department's meetings, trainings, and community relations for April were reviewed.

13. Chief Kreuziger gave a report on the operations of the Police Department:

- The Lion's Club donated \$800 to the Crossing Guards
- The Hefron House donated funds for the Childrens Police Academy
- He again thanked the Fire Department for the donation of the old rescue unit. Napleton has volunteered to do the \$8000 worth of repairs and maintenance to get it ready for use
- They are in the process of purging evidence from storage
- Their helper from Green Valley was given a "volunteer" badge during his 40th birthday celebration at the department
- The loitering, slow-speed vehicle and parking lot ordinances are in the process of getting updated.
- The parking lot at the police department has a Safe Trade space which is available for custody or property exchange, and it is used regularly. He recently received a letter from a grateful citizen stating how nice it was to have a place like this to sell her car.
- The Children's Police Academy and the truancy programs are the result of agencies working well together.
- The Cyber Security training was recorded.
- The PD budget is at 15.41% which is below the projected 16%.
- There have been a lot of crashes within and around the city where they have been assisting at.
- They will be conducting interviews later this month for open positions at the department.
- O'Connor inquired about retention for evidence and Chief explained that it varies by type of evidence and nature of the case.

CLOSED SESSION

14. Robbins made a motion to meet in closed session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec 19.85 (1)(c) for the purpose of considering the employment, promotion, compensation , or evaluating the performance of a fire department employee and of a police department employee under the commissions' jurisdiction, seconded by Stephens, all were in favor. The commission entered into closed session at 6:00 p.m.

15. The commission reconvened in open session. Stephens made a motion to approve Police Officer Emily House's resignation, effective immediately, seconded by Robbins, all were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

16. Robbins made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stephens, all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lana Fassbender, Administrative Assistant
Beaver Dam Fire Department