



Police and Fire Commission MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2023 - 1:00 PM
Public Safety Building
16300 W. National Avenue

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved at the next regular scheduled meeting.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Piontek called the Police & Fire Commission meeting to order at 1:00pm at the Public Safety Building.

2. ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE

Present: Commissioners Myers, O'Donnell, and Piontek. Also present: Fire Chief Mark Polzin, and Police Chief Jeff Hingiss. Excused: Commissioners Lanser and Palechek.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 18, 2023 Police and Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Myers to approve the April 18, 2023 minutes as written. Seconded by Commissioner Piontek.

Motion Passed 3 to 0.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. BILLS

None.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on new hire application process - Fire Department

Chief Polzin indicated that one of the nine newly hired probationary firefighter/EMTs has resigned to take a position in Madison. There are seventeen (17) applicants who meet the minimum qualifications and an additional five (5) more applicants being currently vetted to fill existing vacancies. Interviews with the Commission for potential new hires will most likely occur in July.

No action taken.

B. Update on possible Lieutenant promotional process - Fire Department

Chief Polzin indicated that several of the currently employed Nbfd Lieutenants are interviewing with other departments and, if they leave, may create vacancies/promotional opportunities. He has looked at the process used by Nbfd and is considering adapting a modified version for the Commission to consider at a future meeting. At the present time, there is only one Lieutenant position vacant.

No action taken.

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. CLOSED SESSION

- A. The basis for the items to be discussed in Closed Session is as enumerated in Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes: Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, more specifically:

Motion by Commissioner O'Donnell to enter into Closed Session at 1:17pm. Seconded by Commissioner Piontek.

Motion Passed 3 to 0.

- B. Interview applicants for the position of Police Officer - Police Department
- C. Consider removing probationary status for police personnel - Police Department

9. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Commissioner O'Donnell to reconvene in Open Session at 1:46pm. Seconded by Commissioner Myers.

Motion Passed 3 to 0.

- A. Discussion and possible establishment of an eligibility list for the position of Police Officer - Police Department

Motion by Commissioner Piontek to establish an eligibility list with the following name: Cade Golembeck. The list is valid for a period of one (1) year and all newly hired personnel are subject to a probationary period consistent with the prevailing Rules & Regulations of the New Berlin Police & Fire Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Myers.

Motion Passed 3 to 0.

- B. Discussion and possible action on the recommendation of the Police Chief to end the probationary period of police personnel - Police Department

Motion by Commissioner Myers to ratify the recommendation of Chief Hingiss to terminate the probationary period for the following three (3) police officers and grant them permanent status, effective June 10, 2023: Leena Hamdan, Scott Johnson, and John Leskinen. Seconded by Commissioner Piontek.

Motion Passed 3 to 0.

10. ADJOURN

Motion by Commissioner O'Donnell to Adjourn at 1:48pm. Seconded by Commissioner Piontek.

Motion Passed 3 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael D. O'Donnell
PFC Secretary