



Police and Fire Commission

City of Stevens Point
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David Schleih, President
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January 22, 2013
4:33 p.m.

- 1. Roll Call:** Commissioners Kirschling, Schleih, and Wescott
Commissioners Hanson and Taylor, excused

Also

Present: Chief Kevin Ruder, Chief Tracey Kujawa, Director Sally McGinty
Alderson Mike Wiza, Deputy Comptroller/Treasurer Carrie
Freeberg

Portage County Employees: Dan Kontos, Dale Okray, Denise
Schultz

SPPD Dispatchers: Virginia Konop, Julie Lampert, Roxanne Jester,
Megan Kropidowski

Matt Brown – Portage County Gazette

- 2. People to be heard and announcements**

None.

- 3. PFC Liaisons for Police Department, Fire Department and Emergency Management**

President Schleih would like to re-establish the liaison positions to the Police Department, Fire Department and Emergency Management. The assignments would be a one year term and be on a rotating basis. The liaison would meet one time per month with the management team of the assigned department.

Due to the absence of Commissioners Hanson and Taylor, this will be discussed at the February commission meeting.

4. Portage County's offer to provide dispatch service for the City of Stevens Point

Department heads of the Police Department, Fire Department and Emergency Management were asked to compile a list of questions/concerns/issues relating to Portage County's offer to provide dispatch services for the City. The common issues addressed by all public safety departments are financing, governance and quality assurance.

Commissioner Wescott questioned the commission's role in making this decision. He doesn't feel the matter should be further discussed until City Attorney Molepske can render a legal opinion on a sheriff's authority under state law in the role of running a dispatch center.

Commissioner Wescott moved, seconded by Commissioner Schleihs, to request a formal legal opinion from the City Attorney on the following:

- What a sheriff's authority is under state law in the role of dispatch?
- What role an optional powers commission has in the area regarding Dispatch?

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.