

City of Stevens Point Meeting Minutes

Police and Fire Commission

Tuesday, April 7, 2009, 4:30 p.m. Present: Commissioners Meyer, Nuck, Rice, Schleih and Taylor

Also Present: Administrative Director Jeff Morris, Fire Chief John Zinda, Police Chief Kevin Ruder, Mayor Andrew Halverson, Deputy Chief Kujawa, Firefighter/Paramedics Baganz, Kornell, Novack, Police Officer Ben Uitenbroek, Reid Rocheleau

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None.

3. Discussion of Fire Department grievance regarding cancellation of bonus sick day (step III) and training outside of a normal duty day  
President Jodi Baganz provided an explanation to the Commission regarding pertinent actions and facts giving rise to the filing of the grievances. The Police and Fire Commission reviewed Local 484's written grievance statements and Chief Zinda's written denial of the grievances. There was a short question and answer period and then the commission voted to adjourn into closed session.

4. Adjourn into closed session (approximately 4:50 p.m.) pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85 (1) (f) for discussion of Fire Department grievances  
Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Nuck, to adjourn into closed session.

Ayes: Meyer, Nuck, Rice, Schleih, Taylor  
Nays, none. Motion carried

5. Reconvene into open session (approximately 25 minutes after adjourning into closed session) for possible action.  
Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Rice, to reconvene into open session for possible action

Ayes: Meyer, Nuck, Rice, Schleih, Taylor  
Nays, none. Motion carried

Commissioner Schleih moved, seconded by Commissioner Rice, to sustain Fire Chief Zinda's denial of the grievance (cancellation of bonus sick day).

Ayes: Meyer, Nuck, Rice, Schleih, Taylor  
Nays, none. Motion carried

Commissioner Schleih moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to sustain Fire Chief Zinda's denial of the grievance (training outside the normal duty day).

Ayes: Meyer, Nuck, Rice, Schleih, Taylor  
Nays, none. Motion carried

6. Approval of Minutes - March 3, 2009  
Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Rice, to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2009 meeting.

Ayes, all: nays, none. Motion carried.

7. Confirmation of Bills  
Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to accept the confirmation of the March 2009 Police Department bills.

Ayes, all: nays, none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Nuck moved, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to accept the confirmation of the March 2009 Fire Department bills.

Ayes, all: nays, none. Motion carried.

8. Discussion, with possible action, resolution on 2010/2011 state budget process  
Director Morris addressed the commission requesting their support to consider approving a resolution in support of the recently adopted resolution of the Wisconsin Police Executive Group. The PEG group resolution asks for action to be taken to remove the items below before the new 2010/2011 State Budget Bill is considered for final legislative approval:

- Elimination of second license plate - DOT
- Elimination of stickers on plates - DOT
- Mandatory seat belts coupled with racial profiling data collection mandate.

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Rice, to approve the adoption of a resolution urging the state budget legislation's support and action to remove the above listed items from the budget bill.

Ayes, all: nays, none. Motion carried.

9. Discussion regarding funding from Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

Director Morris presented a request to the Police and Fire Commission for authorization to submit two grant requests. The first was to apply to receive \$57,987 that has been awarded to the Stevens Point Police Department under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. The breakdown of the JAG grant is:

- \$33,000 to offset personnel costs
- \$10,200 for the completion of the radio tower project
- \$14,496 for five portable radios

The second is to apply for a CHRPS Grant which would cover the salaries and benefits of three entry level officers. This is a competitive grant.

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Rice, to approve Director Morris' request for authorization to submit applications for the above grants.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

10. Police Chief's Report

Chief Ruder reported:

- The first Citizen Police Academy graduation ceremony is scheduled for April 7, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Members of the Police and Fire Commission are invited to attend the ceremony.
- The process to appoint a new police school liaison officer at Ben Franklin Junior High for the 2009/2010 school year has begun. Officer Zblewski has done an outstanding job for the last five years and is commended for his years of service at the school. Officer Kussow has applied for the position.
- On March 24, 2009 the Budget Work Committee met for the first time. The next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2009 at the Community First Bank. The first two meetings will be familiarizing the committee with the department budget.
- The Department, with the assistance of the Administrative Director, has been exploring many grant opportunities, including recent federal stimulus packages. Recent grants being considered or currently in the application process are:
  - o Stimulus funding of \$57,987 (non-competitive grant)
  - o Cops Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP - competitive grant)
- Current grants awarded for 2009:
  - o Click IT or Ticket Grant - \$12,000 (\$10,000 toward officer overtime for added enforcement - \$2,000 radar guns)
  - o Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Grant - (reimbursed 50% of vest purchases per year)
  - o Officer Beat Patrol Officer Grant - \$143,750 (state grant, final year)
  - o Alcohol Enforcement Patrol - \$5,000 (toward officer overtime for added enforcement)

Commissioner Nuck moved, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to approve the Police Chief's Report for March 2009.

11. Discussion, with possible action, request to fill a Firefighter/Paramedic vacancy within the Fire Department

Brenden Kornell informed Chief Zinda he is resigning his position as Firefighter/Paramedic. His last shift day will be April 13, 2009.

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve Chief Zinda's request to fill a Firefighter/Paramedic vacancy within the Fire Department.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

12. Fire Chief's Report

Chief Zinda reported:

- Implementation of the new enhanced full alarm response to structure fires, using the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System, is complete. The most significant change is the addition of an engine company response, with 4-6 personnel, from the Plover Fire Department.
  - Committee members met with a Pierce representative to review and finalize the design drawings for both Aerial trucks. Production is commencing with delivery and training scheduled for early September.
  - The Department is exploring all new grants and funding opportunities that will help the Department to meet its goals and lessen its fiscal impact on the taxpayers.
  - The mandatory Certified Fire Officer I course for all personnel is underway. It is a sixty hour course with a State of Wisconsin certification test administered after completion.
  - Assistant Chief Tracey Kujawa scheduled the following training for all paramedic personnel: Cardio version, Paramedic Refresher, and Advanced 12 Lead ECG Interpretations. The instructors were from Phillips Medical International Training Team.
  - Assistant Chief Finn scheduled the following training for supervisory personnel available and willing to participate: Fire Department Incident Safety Officer Class, Leadership for the Company Officer and DNR Structural Branch Incident Management Team training.
- Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Nuck, to approve the Fire Chief's Report for March 2009.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

13. Administrative Director's Report

Director Morris reported:

- Fire negotiations have included three sessions. Progress has been very slow. The parties have focused on ground rules and issues focusing on methods for adding to staff the Department.
- The discussions with the County on creating a successor agreement to the current Portage County Emergency Medical Services provider agreement have been very productive using a split format which allows a Technical Committee of service providers to key on service delivery methods and protocols while another group discusses funding and cost control procedures for the City portion of this agreement. Progress is being made on both fronts. The Technical Committee meets Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. and the funding group on Monday, April 13th.
- Chief Ruder and the Director have been reviewing and collaborating on proposals to secure the grant funds which are available to the city under the Federal Government's Stimulus Recovery Act. The JAG program directly allocates over \$57,000 to the city and the COPS office has a competitive grant for reimbursing officer salaries that could be utilized to prevent layoffs.

Commissioner Nuck moved, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to approve the Administrative Director's Report for March 2009.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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