

Meeting Minutes

Police & Fire Commission

December 4, 2007, 4:33 p.m.

Roll Call: Commissioners Meyer, Rice, Schleih and Taylor

Commissioner Nuck, excused

Also Present: Police Chief Morris, Fire Chief Barnes, Mayor Halverson, Alderperson Stroik, Alderperson Hanson, Scott Rifleman, Deputy Chief John Zinda, Deputy Chief Tracey Kujawa, Bureau Chief Crandell

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2. People to be heard and announcements  
None.

3. Approval of Minutes - November 13, 2007

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Rice, to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2007 meeting.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

4. Confirmation of Bills

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to accept the confirmation of the November 2007 Fire Department bills.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to accept the confirmation of the November 2007 Police Department bills.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

5 Discussion, with possible action, presentation by Charles Carlson regarding non-represented pay plan

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, that the 2008 salaries of the Fire Department Deputy Chiefs will be based on a 3% increase of the 2007 base salary. Additionally, administrative and shift overtime will remain as handled in the past pending the completion of an audit of the Fire Department which will be completed prior to the end of the year of 2008.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

6. Fire Chief's Report

Chief Barnes reported:

- **The Chief briefed the Commission on the status of Station #2.**
  - **Rapid Response Unit (RRU): The Portage County Finance Committee has rejected the continued funding of this unit for any purpose. Staff will be meeting on December 6th to discuss future plans.**
  - **Current activities:**
    - o Detailed investigation of apartment fire at 2601 Indiana Avenue on December 2nd.
    - o Evaluation of self contained breathing apparatus for bidding and purchase. Funded by the FEMA grant of \$165,000.00.
    - o Finalize second and final group of entry level applicants for recommendation to the Police and Fire Commission. Chief's interview is scheduled for December 11th.
    - o Joint meeting with metro emergency response agencies reference traffic preemption devices.
    - o Finalize physical fitness program.
    - o MABAS cards.
- Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to accept the Fire Chief's Report for November 2007.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried

7. Police Chief's Report

Chief Morris reported:

- **The Department applied for and received the following grants:**
  - **Alcohol Enforcement in the amount of \$15,000.00**
  - **Bicycle Safety Enforcement in the amount of \$2,000.00**
  - **Pedestrian Safety Enforcement in the amount of \$2,000.00**
- On November 24, 2007 officers responded to a call of a burglar alarm at Fill's Bar on Patch Street. After checking other businesses in the area Officer Raasoch observed an individual running away from the bar area with what looked like a hammer in his hand. After a short chase Officer Raasoch was able to apprehend Frank J. Stallings. Subsequent investigation determined that Fill's Bar did appear to have been burglarized. Entry was via a broken door and upon further investigation it was apparent several video poker machines had been entered and \$1,200.00 was recovered from Mr. Stallings. At the Department that same evening Officer Dean assisted with the incident. Officer Dean noted Mr. Sterlings' walk and clothing were similar to that of a suspect from a series of burglaries she was involving in investigating in 2006. Detective Lepak began an extensive search of Department records which involved other burglaries with similar patterns within the last couple years. Mr. Stallings is believed to be responsible for burglarizing as many as 41 businesses in Stevens Point, Plover and the rural Portage County area. The total value of property damaged and taken is in excess of \$14,000.00.

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to approve the Police Chief's report for November 2007.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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