

Meeting Minutes

Police & Fire Commission

May 9, 2006, 4:32 p.m. Roll Call: Commissioners Judy, Meyer and Schleih. Commissioners Pazdernik and Taylor, excused

Also Present: Police Chief Jeff Morris, Fire Chief Mark Barnes, Mayor Gary Wescott, Lt. Brian Kudronowicz, Alderman Randal Stroik, Alderman Elbert Rackow, Alderman Roger Trzebiatowski, Greg Dahl, DNR

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 - a. Updates on Police and Fire contract negotiations, mediation, arbitration and personnel issues

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Schleih, to adjourn into executive session.

Roll call: Ayes: Commissioners Judy, Meyer and Schleih

Nays: None. Motion carried.

3. Reconvene into open session (approximately 4:45 p.m.) for possible action

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Schleih, to reconvene into open session.

Roll call: Ayes: Commissioners Judy, Meyer and Schleih

Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. People to be heard and announcements

None.

5. Approval of Minutes - April 11, 2006

Commissioner Schleih moved, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to approve the minutes of April 11, 2006.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

6. Confirmation of Bills

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Schleih, to accept the confirmation of the April 2006 bills.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

7. Confirmation of Commission Appointments

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Schleih, to nominate Richard Judy as President. Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

The following commission appointments are effective as of May 9th, 2006:

Vice-President, Dave Schleih

Fire Liaison, Bill Meyer

Police Liaison, Mary Taylor

8. Fire Chief's Report:

Chief Barnes reported:

- **There is an EOC Operations Training Course scheduled for June 15th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Conference Rooms 1 and 2 of the Portage County Annex.** Wisconsin Emergency Management Regional directors will instruct a one day class on Emergency Operations Center management. Class discussions will identify the personnel, equipment, plans and procedures to be used in an EOC to manage numerous complex recovery issues. The course draws heavily on the real life experiences gained from disasters in Wisconsin.
 - **The Chief is sending three personnel from the Fire Department to training at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland on September 10th through the 16th.** This training relates to the Emergency Operations Center management training listed above.
 - **On May 2nd the new Klasinski Clinic had a fire in the roof space which caused approximately \$10,000 worth in damages to the roof.**
- Commissioner Schleih moved, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to approve the Fire Chief's Report for April, 2006.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

9. Discussion, with possible action, adding firearms to the city's deer culling program

The Deer Management Committee requested approval of the use of firearms and live trapping in addition to supplement the already approved method of using archery for deer culling in the City of Stevens Point in 2006. The city has participated in a deer culling program for the last 3 years and the program has been successful in reducing the number of car-deer crashes in the city as well as reducing the total number of deer located

within the city limits. After discussion Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Schleih, to forward the deer culling committee's proposal to the City Council for further consideration with the support of the Police and Fire Commission.

10. Donation - Police Department

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Schleih, to approve the donation of \$100.00 from the Stevens Point/Plover Breakfast Optimist Club to be applied to the school safety cadet program.

Ayes, all, nays, none. Motion carried.

11. Police Chief's Report

Chief Morris reported:

- **The Department accreditation expires in May of 2006. Captain Dowling is handling the re-accreditation process.**
- **The Internal Strategic Planning Committee and subcommittees formed to target special problems are entering the final stage of the review process. All groups have met with Commissioner Taylor and the finalization of the report is in progress.**
- **The Department completed the first ever mini-citizen's academy in April by hosting nine people from Portage County on Wednesday, April 26th. Participating from the Police Department were Captain Dowling, Captain Ruder, Lt. Eggleston and Chief Morris. The group presented a brief overview of the Department, Problem Solving Policing and the Department's approach to Information Technology.**
- **The Chief updated the Commission on information technology utilized by the Department. The next implementation will be Badger TRACS which is computerized field writing and reporting of all traffic citations and accident investigations.**
- **The City Department listening session was held on April 25th at the Fire Station. The primary purpose of this session was to provide an opportunity for citizens from the area to meet with representatives of the various city departments to discuss concerns about problems in their area or city services and possible solutions to the problems.**
- **The Chief participated in an educational meeting for elected representatives regarding the Criminal Justice System and the possibility of building a new center.**
- **Five retirees attended the Police Department "Open House" on April 12th.**
- **The annual Law Enforcement Torch run will be held on June 8th. The Torch Run signifies the opening of Special Olympics in Stevens Point. The ceremony and parade will begin at Pfiffner Park.**
- **The violation of the month selective traffic enforcement program continues to serve very well as a method to highlight specific driving behaviors which contribute to our accident rate and most importantly to our accident severity rate. In April the violation was bike enforcement and the Department had over 70 contacts as compared to two in 2005.**

Note: A verbatim copy of the Police Chief's Report is on file at the office of the city clerk for inspection during normal business hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Schleih, to approve the Police Chief's report for April, 2006.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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