

## Meeting Minutes

### Police and Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

April 13, 1999

4:32 p.m.

Roll Call Commissioners Boylan, Fandre, Judy, Meyer and Taylor

Also Present Police Chief Carpenter, Fire Chief Ugorek, Deputy Chief Steve Koback, Deputy Chief George Barnes, Alderperson Barr and Fire Department employees: Scott Rifleman, Jodi Baganz, Fred Pings, Dan Menzel, Len Feldkamp, Ron Hiebler, Joe Gemza and student ride-along Matt Sevich.

#### People to be heard and announcements

Commissioner Judy reported the optional powers for the Shawano Police and Fire Commission were voted down at a recent meeting.

There is a lengthy agenda for the Portage County Public Safety Emergency Management Committee meeting on April 14, 1999. Many items listed on the agenda involve the Stevens Point Fire Department.

A Stevens Point Police and Fire Commission Administrative Policies handbook was distributed to all Commissioners.

#### Discussion of Fire Department employee's grievance concerning lead paramedic position

There was a discussion regarding the lead paramedic assignment. Several members of the Fire Department commented regarding their opinions on the lead paramedic position. There will be an additional discussion in closed session.

#### Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Fandre moved, seconded by Commissioner Boylan, to approve the minutes of the March 9, 1999 meeting.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

#### Confirmation of Bills

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Boylan, to accept the confirmation of the March 1999 bills.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

#### Special truck turning options at major intersections in the City of Stevens Point

Chief Carpenter advised the Commission that the city has tested the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Main Street to assist semi trucks as they turn south onto Michigan Avenue from Main Street by setting the stop line back from its normal placement at the intersection approximately 10 feet to allow more turning room and to avoid a collision with any vehicle which is northbound on the inside lane on Michigan Avenue. The stop line at this intersection has been set back for the last two years and the situation is working quite well. There has been input from the community that more intersections in the city should be designed the same to assist semi truck traffic on appropriate truck routes within the city.

Chief Carpenter was advised to prepare a list and cover letter for Commissioner Judy to forward to the Board of Public Works for further consideration.

#### Request for Police Department employee to attend out of state training

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Fandre, to approve the request for Lt. Kevin Ruder to attend training in Buffalo Grove, Illinois.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

#### Police Chief's Report

The monthly UCR report was reviewed.

There may be a new format for the monthly operational budget to reflect the status of the overtime account. A short discussion with the Commission followed. The new format was requested by the city treasurer's office to assist them in tracking overtime for the Department.

The Police Department has a budget surplus of \$95,609.90 for the 1998 budget year. Mayor Wescott and Comptroller/Treasurer Schlice advise the Chief that they will support a request to apply the surplus toward the Department's unfunded overtime and holiday time accounts after the city audit has been completed. This request is subject to the review of the Common Council.

Sgt. Ron Zdroik will retire from the Police Department effective May 2, 1999. Chief Carpenter requested that he be able to start the Sergeant's promotional process any time after May 2, 1999. The Commission approved the Chief's request.

The Chief distributed the survey results regarding the advertising sources for the 1997 to 1998 police officer recruitment process.

The replacement hubcaps for the Ford Crown Victoria squad cars are in at Scaffidi's. Hopefully by the end of next week all squads will have the defective hubcaps replaced.

The Chief briefed the Commission on the two junior high police school liaison vacancies and the progress in filling and assigning those vacancies.

Commissioner Boylan moved, seconded by Commissioner Fandre, to accept the Police Chief's report for March, 1999.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

#### Disposition of Fire Department vehicle

Commissioner Boylan moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to either donate Fire Truck 603 to a historical museum or to advertise the vehicle to the highest bidder.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

#### Promotion to Motor Pump Operator

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Boylan, to approve the promotion of Kevin Lemke to Motor Pump Operator.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

#### Fire Chief's Report

Chief Ugorek reported that Lorna is working on a monthly budget report that will be similar to that of the Police Department. There are eight candidates still interested in employment with the Fire Department. Interviews will be held on Monday, April 19, 1999 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

A brief discussion was held regarding the enhanced dispatch system.

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Boylan, to approve the Fire Chief's report for March, 1999.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Adjourn into CLOSED SESSION pursuant to secs. 19.85(1)(c) and (e), Wis. Stats. for the following: (6:10 p.m.)

- (a) Discussion of Fire Department employee's grievance concerning lead paramedic position and other manning issues.
- (b) Discussion of Chiefs' evaluations
- (c) Recommendation of probationary Deputy Chief to regular status
- (d) Update on Police and Fire Department labor contract negotiations

Commissioner Boylan moved, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to adjourn into CLOSED SESSION.

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Boylan, Fandre, Judy, Meyer and Taylor.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

Reconvene into OPEN SESSION for possible action on Item Numbers 12(a) and 12(c): (7:08 p.m.)

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Boylan, to reconvene into OPEN SESSION for possible action on Item Numbers 12(a) and 12(c).

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Boylan, Fandre, Judy and Meyer  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Meyer moved, seconded by Commissioner Boylan, to approve the recommendation of Deputy Chief Koback to regular status.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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