

Meeting Minutes
Police and Fire Commission Meeting Minutes
May 11, 1999
4:30 p.m.
Roll Call Commissioners Boylan, Fandre, Judy, Meyer and Taylor

Also Present Police Chief Carpenter, Fire Chief Ugorek, Mayor Wescott, Alderpersons Barr, Sevenich, Aldinger and Phillips, Elmer Fournier, Len Feldkamp, and Brian Leahy - Stevens Point Journal

People to be heard and announcements

Fire Chief Fournier of the Park Ridge Fire Department.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Fandre moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the minutes of the April 13 and April 19, 1999 meetings.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Fire Engine Ambulance Assist to Park Ridge

The Village of Park Ridge Fire Chief Elmer Fournier approached the Commission requesting the assistance of the Stevens Point Fire Department for life threatening calls (EMS) that occur in the Village of Park Ridge.

Fire Chief Fournier reported the Village of Park Ridge does not have the trained emergency medical services personnel and he doesn't feel it would be feasible to start a first responder program.

Chief Ugorek reported the Stevens Point Fire Department responds to approximately 15 to 17 calls per year in Park Ridge. There was a discussion of an annual stipend which would be based on the number of runs within the last five years.

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Boylan, to allow Chief Ugorek and Chief Fournier to draft a proposed mutual aid contract for approval through the proper channels.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Confirmation of Bills

Commissioner Fandre moved, seconded by Commissioner Boylan, to accept the confirmation of the April 1999 bills.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Confirmation of Commission Appointments

The following assignments were made:

Bill Boylan, Fire Liaison
Joe Fandre, Finance Liaison
Richard Judy, President
Bill Meyer, Secretary
Mary Taylor, Police Liaison

Police Department Police Officer Recruitment Time Line

Chief Carpenter discussed the police officer recruitment time line. To date, the advertising of the job announcement is complete.

The proposed Application for Employment and Supplement Information forms were reviewed. There was a short discussion regarding the two forms with several suggestions by commissioners in regard to content.

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Boylan, to approve the acceptance of the two forms with a few minor content changes as recommended.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Carpenter reported:

The Chief made a correction regarding the Traffic Bureau report. The report incorrectly reads zero (0) bicycle violation arrests and six (6) war for bicycle violations. The report should indicate one (1) bicycle arrest and eight (8) warnings for bicycle violations. Bicycle enforcement actions will increase as the weather improves and the bike patrol becomes more active.

The Chief distributed a memo he wrote to Jon Van Alstine, at the direction of the commission, regarding the 'stop line set back concept' at intersections.

Chief Carpenter distributed a copy of an Open Letter written by the Steering Committee thanking various departments, to include the Police Department, for contributing to the success of the Cultural Festival held on April 24.

On June 6 the Stevens Point Airport will host an open house. Police and Fire personnel will be present.

The Department was contacted by missing person, Ryan Matteson, today clearing the case.

There is still no word on Jeff Geesey of Plover who was reported as a missing person from UW-LaCrosse.

Overtime night parking for summer months. The Board of Public Works turned down Alderman Kedrowski's request to suspend overtime nig

parking regulations in the City for the months of June, July and August, 1999. The Police Chief will direct personnel to allow permission for multiple nights in lieu of one night at a time. The phone numbers of the owners of vehicles will be recorded so that vehicles can be moved if road maintenance is an issue.

School security issues. The Police Department management team continues to work with school principals to develop school response plans threats or acts of violence to include bomb threats/acts. The Chief has requested to be invited to a school administrators meeting to attempt to offer police assistance in planning and coordination. To date, the SPASH PSL position has been very effective in assisting.

Planning and action continue for PSL(s) at Ben Franklin and P.J. Jacobs to set up training and special assignment work days. The officers will get to know school staff and their respective school prior to the end of this spring semester. Principals Pecha and Idsvog have been very cooperative and progressive.

The Chief briefed the Commission on two recent vehicle pursuits.

Stevens Point will host the Special Olympics on June 11, 12 and 13.

The Chief will be posting a vacant sergeant's position in the near future.

The Chief discussed personnel assignments which will take effect June 13, 1999.

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

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Fire Chief's Report

Chief Ugorek reported:

There is a new ambulance billing provider for the county. Midwest Billing, located in Cedarburg, Wisconsin, will now do the billing for ambulance services.

Chief Ugorek has been working with a committee from his Department to look at several different fire trucks. The committee has two manufacturers they are looking at. By the end of the month the committee will have made their decision and will bring the decision before the Police and Fire Commission for approval.

There is one individual off on an extended sick leave. Currently, the individual is in treatment. If surgery is required the Department is looking at an extended sick leave of four to five months.

An offer has been made to the next candidate on the eligibility list. Prior to the medical exam the individual had just had surgery and therefore not able to pass the medical exam. The second person on the list has taken the medical exam and the Chief is awaiting those results. The Chief is hoping to have a new employee on line by the end of the month.

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

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Rescue Air Boat Agreement between Portage County and Stevens Point

The Commission reviewed the proposed Mutual Use Agreement between the City and County. Based on input from Alderperson Mike Phillips and other discussions the Commission voted to have the contract reworked to address the issues of maintenance funding and overtime. Chief Ugorek will redo the contract and run it through the appropriate channel.

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

(a) Recommendation of probationary Police Captain to regular status.

(b) Update on Fire Department labor contract issues.

Commissioner Taylor 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 Number 11(a):

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to reconvene into OPEN SESSION for possible action on Item Number 11(a).

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Boylan moved, seconded by Commissioner Fandre, to approve the recommendation of police Captain James Dowling to regular status.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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