

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019
Stevens Point Fire Department
1701 Franklin Street**

1. **Roll Call:** Commissioners Carlson, Kirschling, Moore, and Ostrowski
Commissioner Wescott, excused

Also Present: Police Chief Skibba, Fire Chief Finn, Assistant Chief Gemza, Alderperson
Kneebone, City Treasurer Corey Ladick
Brandi - SP Metro Wire

2. **President's Report**

- Agenda item #5, Review of Combined Portage County Dispatch, will be removed from this month's agenda.
- Congratulations to the UWSP Men's Pointer Hockey team on their 2019 NCAA Division III Men's hockey national championship. Also congratulations to University of Virginia Head Coach Tony Bennett and Assistant Coach Brad Soderberg for leading their basketball team to a national championship.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Carlson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kirschling, to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2019 meeting.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

4. **Confirmation of Bills**

Commissioner Moore moved, seconded by Commissioner Kirschling, to approve the confirmation of the March 2019 bills.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

5. **Review of Combined Portage County dispatch**

This will be discussed at a later date.

6. **Fire Chief's Report/EMS Report**

Significant Events:

- High Angle Rope Rescue response at 409 Lincoln Street, Amherst
- Metro Fire calls (5)
- Structure fires (2)
- Vehicle fires (1)
- Brush, grass, wildland fires (1)
- Cooking fire contained (0)
- Overheated cooking (0)
- Other fires (3)
- Rescue (3)
- EMS assist calls (40)
- False alarm responses (15)

- Hazardous materials responses (14)
- Other responses (3)
- Total fire losses (\$7,500)
- Total Property saved (\$125,100)
- Total responses (82)
- Training: Cold weather operations; Driver training; MABAS Review; Extrication Training; Rope/High Angle Rescue. Total training hours: 61
- Fire inspections: Certificate of occupancy (4), Fire Alarm inspections (0), general fire inspection (148), General/liquor license inspection (1), Re-inspection (13), Sprinkler system (0), complaint inspection (3); Special Event permit (1); tent inspection (1). Total inspections: 171
- Public Activities: UWSP 4K Pub-Ed talk and tour, Gear fitting and Two minute drills. Number of attendees: 40

Activities Report:

- Portage County Executive Chris Holman did a 24 hour ambulance ride along. He also participated in ice rescue training.
- Partnerships: SPFD’s partnership with UWSP and UWSP Protective Services continues to expand with an Active Shooter Presentation with SLEA - Student Law Enforcement Association.
- Refresher training: SPFD completed our Paramedic Refresher.
- Everest Motors: Everest Motors sent over a technician to fix problems with Medic 1 that were under warranty. They also replaced the inverter that was not working properly.

Commissioner Carlson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kirschling to accept the Fire Chief’s Report for March 2019.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

7. Ratification of Stevens Point Police Officers Organization Collective Bargaining Agreement (2019 - 2020)

The City of Stevens Point and the Stevens Point Police Officers Organization reached a tentative agreement after the mediation session which was held on March 20, 2019. Highlights of the Agreement include:

- Article 17, Clothing Allowance: The clothing allowance increases from \$500.00 to \$700.00 annually.
- Eliminate the term “corporal” and replace with “sergeant” and replace current “Sergeant” term with “lieutenant” throughout the contract.
- Maintain K9 side letter of agreement.
- Maintain permanent shift side letter of agreement.
- The duration of the contract shall be two years.
- Wages are increased 2.5% across the board effective January 1, 2019 and 2.5% effective January 1, 2020.
- Residency: Clarification of map which includes new boundaries established 27 mile radius from the Department.

Commissioner Carlson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kirschling, to accept the ratification of the Stevens Point Police Officers Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

8. Police Chief’s Report

Notes of Interest:

- Retired Sergeant Robert Vicker passed away 03/04/19. Served Stevens Point from 1961 - 1988.
- Investigation Bureau: Attempted homicide trial (convicted of kidnapping, burglary, battery and intimidation of witness)
- Rash of unrelated stabbings, latest one involved three injured
- Special Needs Alert - providing a positive interaction between First Responders and residents with special needs
- 6 weapon involved incidents
- 84 mental health related incidents (19 emergency detentions, 1 knife related, 1 gun related)

Projects:

- Capital: Building update (internal building construction approved by State (updating cost), roof replacement (request for proposals being drafted with Director Beduhn's assistance)

Training:

- Field Training Officer
- WIPEG, Commercial Hemp and drug related issues facing L.E.
- School Threat Assessment: School Resource Officer

Presentations:

- Safety Assessment and Presentation, Donaldson's
- Town Hall meeting, Brookdale
- "Off Campus Living", open forum discussion with UWSP students considering off campus living
- Dementia training with ADRC

Staffing:

- Assignments: Officer Chi Yang started Field Training (15 weeks) on 3/25/19
- Two (2) additions to the Chaplain Program: Leah Woehr-Grande, Good Shepherd Lutheran and Ben Sheets, Good Shepherd Lutheran
- Vacancy: Adult School Crossing Guard

Activity /Events:**March:**

- Auxiliary to assist at college and high school sporting events
- 2nd - Bock Run
- 2nd - UWSP Hockey Playoff
- 16th, 22nd, 23rd - UWSP Hockey Playoff

April:

- Auxiliary to assist at college and high school sporting events
- 6th - Run for Life Color Run at SPASH
- 12th - Trivia Parade
- 27th - SPASH Prom
- 27th - SPASH MORP, Rogers Cinema

Auxiliary Unit:

- 21 events, 358 volunteer hours in 2019

Commissioner Kirschling moved, seconded by Commissioner Carlson to accept the Police Chief's Report for March 2019.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

9. **Adjourn into closed session (approximately 4: 45 p.m.) pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85 (1) (e) [deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session] for an update on EMS ambulance contract negotiations**

Commissioner Moore moved, seconded by Commissioner Carlson to adjourn into closed session.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.