

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION**

**Monday, July 29, 2019
Stevens Point Police Department
933 Michigan Avenue**

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

Also Present: Police Chief Skibba, Fire Chief Finn, Mayor Wiza, Comptroller Ladick, Assistant Chief Gemza, Assistant chief Moody, Alderperson Kneebone, Joey Gemza, and Joe – Stevens Point Journal, Brandi – SP Metro Wire

2. **Consideration and possible action on Portage County Ambulance Service Provider Agreement with City of Stevens Point**

Chief Finn and Assistant Chief Gemza briefed the commission on the highlights of the ambulance contract agreement. The four year agreement will see the City and the County working together to provide emergency services throughout the area.

The 36 page contract provides four ambulances, with a fully equipped fifth ambulance to be housed in Stevens Point. The contract also provides for an annual meeting with service providers for possible equipment replacement and upgrades as needed. Assistant Chief Gemza stated the county was receptive to the idea of capital improvements as there have been some issues with ambulances and some equipment that we can't seem to get repaired.

Comptroller Ladick added the agreement will see an increase in the budget, which means a \$30,000 increase via a budget amendment for 2019.

Mayor Wiza added he thought everyone at the table had the best interests for the citizens of Portage County in mind. He went on to say he believes Stevens Point provides the best and only two paramedic service to Portage County and that everything negotiated was based on that two paramedic service.

President Wescott thanked everyone involved for the time expended on settling the contract.

Commissioner Wescott moved, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, to approve the agreement as presented. The commission authorizes President Wescott to sign the agreement.

Final approval of the contract will go through Finance and City Council.

3. Adjourn into closed session (approximately 2:30 p.m.) pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85 (1) (c) [considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee of which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility] for a Firefighter/Paramedic applicant interview

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

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

4. Reconvene into open session for possible action

Commissioner Moore moved, seconded by Commissioner Ostrowski, to reconvene into open session.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wescott moved, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, to extend an offer of employment to Joey Gemza with a start date of July 30, 2019. Joey has satisfactorily completed all necessary protocols and testing.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.