

Minutes of the Village of Port Edwards Police and Fire Commission

Monday, January 7th, 2019 6:30 p.m. Port Edwards Municipal Building

Present: Commissioners Kasten Tyler and Thomasgard. Commissioners Blum and Stewart were excused. Also present were Fire Chief Arendt, Interim Police Chief Radtke, Village President Joe Zurfluth, and Greg Thiele.

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Kasten at 6:30 p.m. Motion by Tyler, second by Thomasgard to approve the minutes of the December 3rd meeting. All in favor.

Chief Arendt reported on the activities of the Fire dept. for December. See attached detailed report. Chief Arendt reported that he represented PE at the State Fire Chiefs meeting in Madison on Dec 12th. This apparently is the first time that the PEFD was represented at this semi-annual event. He found it very interesting and useful and connected with other chiefs and officials from around the state. He noted that two firefighters took the state practical exam for FF2 and both passed. The December joint first responder training held at the WRFD focused on traumatic back and pelvic injuries and the January training topic will be Weapons of Mass Destruction response. As previously noted, this monthly training is included as a part of the EMS service agreement between the Village and City of WR. As a holiday outreach, the area fire services, including PEFD, delivered food parcels to 69 local needy families – including 6 in PE. This community service has been warmly received and hopefully can be expanded in coming years. The new engine being built for the village is in final stages of construction and should be ready for delivery in late January/early February. Lastly, 2ns Ast. Chief Jim Schuerman announced his retirement from the PEFD after 32 years of service. His dedication and service to the safety of his community and its citizens is gratefully appreciated. A brief discussion followed concerning the new procedure for filling vacant officer positions within the PEFD. Motion to approve the FD report by Kasten, second by Thomasgard. All in favor.

Interim Police Chief Radtke submitted his December activity report (attached). Interim Chief Radtke will be holding squad meetings at least every 3 months to acquaint all the officers with each other and with PEFD personnel. Planning has started for an upcoming safety fair. Motion to approve the PD report by Thomasgard, second by Tyler. All in favor.

Discussion of the Entry Level Police Officer Process/ Status was discussed. Candidates were contacted and questions answered.

The Commission voted to go into closed session pursuant to WI Status Sec.19.85(1)(c) @ 6:58 p.m. Motion by Kasten, second by Tyler. All in favor.

The Commission voted to come out of closed session @ 7:27 p.m. Motion by Kasten, second by Thomasgard. All in favor. The Commission voted to appoint Dustin Gessert as a new part-time PEPD officer. Roll call vote-all in favor.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the PEPFC will be Monday, February 4th @ 6:30 p.m. at the Port Edwards Municipal Building. Motion to adjourn by Thomasgard, second by Tyler. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7: 32 p.m.

Leo Thomasgard, PEPFC Secretary