

Minutes of the Village of Port Edwards Police and Fire Commission

Monday, July 1, 2019 6:30 p.m. Port Edwards Municipal Building

Present: Commissioners Kasten, Thomasgard, Blum and Stewart. Commissioner Tyler was excused. There were no others present.

Meeting was called to order by President Stewart at 6:30 p.m. Motion by Blum, second by Kasten to approve the minutes of the June 24th Special Meeting. All in favor. There was no public comment.

Chief Arendt reported on the activities of the Fire department for the month of June. See attached report. Chief Arendt reported on the status of several pending promotions within the Fire Department. He has asked for letters of application from the membership for those interested in current or pending open Lieutenant, Captain and Asst. Chief positions and has received several inquiries. As a part of this process, 12 fire department members have filed to complete Fire Officer I and Emergency Service Instructor training, as a prerequisite for promotion. He is also starting work on the 2020 budget. Chief Arendt also announced that Asst. Chief Del Stewart is retiring from the dept. effective July 3rd. Commission Secretary Thomasgard will be preparing a retirement recognition letter from the commission for Mr. Stewart. Finally, Chief Arendt reported that the 3 current Associate Firefighters have completed the classroom phase of Firefighter I and passed the written exam and are currently waiting for the practical field work portion of the training to commence.

The Commission will conduct interviews with pending fire dept. candidates and review background checks as the dept. membership committee continues its review.

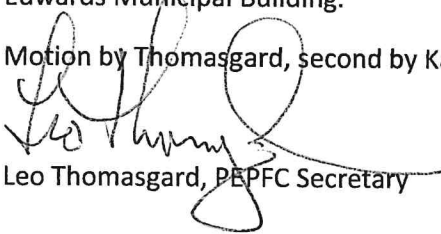
The June report from the Port Edwards Police Department was received as correspondence and is attached. President Stewart announced that he had received a total of 6 applications for the open position of entry level police officer.

The Commission voted to go into closed session pursuant to WI Statute Sec. 19.85(1)(c) at 7:13 p.m. Motion by Kasten, second by Blum. All in favor. The Commission voted to return to open session at 7:22 p.m. Motion by Blum, second by Kasten. All in favor.

Following the closed session, the Commission voted to appoint Scott Drew as Chief of Police pending Village Board FHR Committee agreement and successful completion of medical and psychological testing. Motion by Kasten, second by Blum. All in favor. President Stewart announced that arrangements had been made with the Port Edwards School District to use a classroom and the school track for entry level police officer candidate written and physical testing on Monday, July 8th. Commissioner Blum is authorized to administer the written tests with physical agility testing to follow. Pending results of said testing, the Commission will schedule a special meeting to review the candidates and schedule interviews. An eligibility list will be created for the selection of new officer(s) by the incoming Chief.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the PEPFC will be Monday, August 5th @ 6:30 at the Port Edwards Municipal Building.

Motion by Thomasgard, second by Kasten to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. All in favor.


Leo Thomasgard, PEPFC Secretary