

Minutes of the Village of Port Edwards Police and Fire Commission

Monday, August 5, 2019 6 p.m. Port Edwards Municipal Building

Present: Commissioners Stewart, Blum, Thomasgard, and Kasten. Commissioner Tyler arrived @ 6:10 p.m. Also present were Fire Chief Arendt and Police Chief Drew.

Meeting was called to order by President Stewart at 6 p.m. Motion by Blum second by Kasten to approve the minutes of the July 8th Special Meeting. All in favor. There was no public comment.

Fire Chief Arendt reported on the activities of the Fire Dept. during the month of July. See attached report. Pres. Stewart commended Chief Arendt for the exceptional service rendered by the PEFD during the storm event of July 20-21. In cooperation with Nekoosa and Saratoga authorities, PEFD cleared 18 roads and removed over 150 trees blocking roads and driveways over a 39 hour span. Chief Arendt also reported that, effective September 1, PEFD will be auto responded with WRFD for any major fire. This is one of the results of the joint training conducted with WR as part of the EMS contract. PEFD First Responders in conjunction with WRFD and Saratoga Fire Responders will also be receiving the American Heart Association Silver Award (1 of 2 in the state) recognizing outstanding response in treatment for a heart patient this past spring. The patient was treated and transported from the scene to the Wausau Hospital Cath Lab within 54 minutes, with appositve result. Chief Arendt reported that the applications of Fire Dept. candidates are moving forward and will be completed soon.

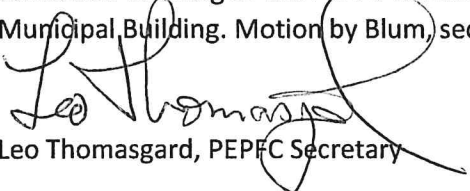
President Stewart noted the letter of resignation for Part-time Police Officer Mitch Jazczewski had been received and that results of Chief Drew's pre-employment testing have been received and will be filed with the Village.

Following discussion with Chief Drew, motion by Blum, second by Tyler to approve the immediate posting of position openings for additional candidates for entry level police officers. All in favor.

After further discussion with Chief Drew, motion by Blum, second by Thomasgard to direct Chief Drew to begin part time police officer recruitment via PEPFC lateral transfer policy. All in favor.

The Commission voted to go into closed session pursuant to WI Statues Sec. 19.85(1)(c) @6:35 p.m. Motion by Blum, second by Kasten. All in favor. The Commission voted to return to open session @ 6:54 p.m. Motion by Kasten, second by Blum. All in favor. President Stewart moved with a second by Kasten to approve all of the promotion recommendations presented by Chief Arendt to fill positions of officers in the PEFD, including a new position of "Safety Deputy Chief", per requirements of SPS330. All in favor.

The Commission again voted to go into closed session pursuant to WI Statute Sec 19.85(1)(c) @ 6:58 p.m. Motion by Tyler, second by Blum. All in favor. The Commission voted to return to open session @ 8:27 p.m. Motion by Tyler, second by Blum. All in favor. Motion by Thomasgard, second by Tyler to place all 3 entry level police officer candidates who completed testing and interviews on an eligibility list pending successful completion of pre employment requirements. All in favor. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the PEPFC will be on Monday, September 9 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Port Edwards Municipal Building. Motion by Blum, second by Tyler to adjourn @ 8:31 p.m. All in favor


Leo Thomasgard, PEPFC Secretary