

Minutes of the Village of Port Edwards Police and Fire Commission

Monday, September 9, 2019 6:30 p.m. Port Edwards Municipal Building

Present: Commissioners Stewart, Blum, Thomasgard, Tyler, and Kasten. Also present was police Chief Drew.

Meeting was called to order by President Stewart at 6:30 p.m. Motion by Blum, second by Tyler to approve the minutes of the August 5th meeting. All in favor. There was no public comment

Motion by Kasten second by Blum to nominate the following Commission Officers for the coming year: President Stewart, Vice President Tyler, Secretary Thomasgard. Commissioner Tyler declined and the motion failed for lack of a second. Motion by Tyler, second by Kasten to nominate the following Commission Officers: President Stewart, Vice President Blum, Secretary Thomasgard. All in favor.

Commissioner Thomasgard submitted a draft proposal for the 2020 PEPFC Budget (see attached). Pending determination of who is responsible for the costs of medical and psychological testing of police officer candidates, the draft will be submitted as presented.

In the absence of Fire Chief Arendt, the August Fire Department report was submitted. See attached.

Police Chief Drew reported on PEPD activities for August (see attached) including presence at Funfest, back-to-school and PESD in service programs, and the upcoming Run With the Cops and Drug Take Back Day in October. Chief Drew is still in the process of training his successor at the Sherriff's Dept. so has not begun full time duties with the PEPD. He expects to be full time in his new capacity by the end of September.

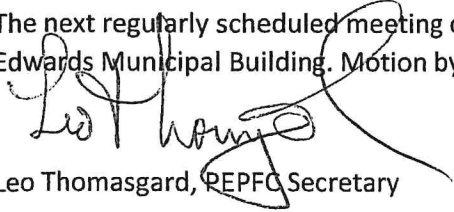
The Commission voted to go into closed session pursuant to WI Statue 19.85(1)(c) at 7:03 p.m. Motion by Tyler, second by Kasten. All in favor. The Commission voted to return to open session at 7:34 p.m. Motion by Tyler, second by Thomasgard. All in favor. Motion by Kasten, second by Thomasgard to approve the appointment of Brandon Abbott as a part time PEPD officer pending successful completion of medical testing.

President Stewart noted the receipt of 5 applications for full time PEPD officer positions as a result of the most recent job posting. Chief Drew indicated he had just received another part-time application as well.

Due to the receipt of additional full time PEPD officer applications, the Commission set a date of Tuesday, Oct 1st @ 4 p.m. for written and physical agility testing of the candidates at JEHS. Motion by Kasten, second by Tyler. All in favor. Commissioner Thomasgard will confirm access for the JEHS track and classroom space with Supt. Cronan.

Following review and discussion, motion by Blum, second by Thomasgard to amend Chapter 3 of the PEPFC Rules and Procedures Manual related to the hiring of police officers. All in favor.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the PEPFC will be on Monday Oct 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the Port Edwards Municipal Building. Motion by Blum, second by Tyler to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. All in favor.


Leo Thomasgard, PEPFC Secretary