

## Minutes of the Port Edwards Police and Fire Commission

Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 5p.m. @ Buehler Center

Present: Commissioners Blum, Stewart, Thomasgard, Kasten and Weiland. Also present was Fire Chief Worden. Police Chief Drew was on vacation. No other citizens were present.

Meeting was called to order by President Stewart at 5:09 p.m. Minutes of the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with the correction of Commissioner Weiland replacing Commissioner Stewart as PEPD Liaison. Motion by Blum, second by Kasten. All in favor. There was no public comment.

Chief Worden reported that the PEPD call volume has almost doubled with EMS calls leading the increase. Vehicles have been serviced and equipment is mechanically sound. Chief Drew submitted his monthly reports prior to his departure.

Motion by Kasten, second by Thomasgard to amend the PFC Rules under Section 2.04 to include 8 hour Introduction to Wildland Fire class as part of the firefighter minimum training requirement. All in favor.

Motion by Blum, second by Kasten to amend the PFC rules under Section 3.09 Police Officer Lateral Transfer Hiring Procedure. Considerable discussion followed concerning exempting current full-time or retired officers in good standing from certain parts of the testing procedures. All in favor.

Proposed closed session was tabled. President Stewart discussed the language and details for the job posting for the proposed new police hire. Proposal to post for the new position ASAP for a 3 week window. General agreement to proceed. Commissioner Thomasgard informed the PFC members that, because of his position on the PE School Board, he would abstain from any vote regarding a SRO to avoid a conflict of interest.

Next regularly scheduled meeting of the PEPFC will be held on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. at the Buehler Center. Motion by Blum, second by Kasten to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. All in favor.

Leo Thomasgard

PEPFC Secretary