Minutes of the Port Edwards Police and Fire Commission (PEPFC)

A regular meeting of the PEPFC was held at the Buehler Center on Monday, August 7, 2023, and was called to order at 5:16 pm by the PEPFC Chairman Scott Stewart.

Roll Call:

Present: Commissioners Scott Stewart (SS), Gary Blum (GB), Andrea Weiland (AW), and Corey Shaffer (CS) were present in-person. Commissioner Leo Thomasgard (LT) was present by conference call. Also present were Fire Chief Jason Worden (FC-JW), Police Chief Scott Drew (PC-SD), Assistant Chief Tim Leverance (AC-TL), and Cary Smith.

Approved minutes from July 17, 2023, meeting. Motion by GB, 2nd by TG, Approved. No changes to agenda.

FCJW Report: Nothing to report.

Provided update on new hire Jason Fuhs; once all documents are received and vetted by PC-SD, FC-JW will schedule his swearing in. FD-JW provided a current roster of FD (currently at 15 people of 30 budgeted). Kyle Kizewski has returned after 1-yr absence. Pending successful background investigation by PC-SD, KK can be rehired by FD-JW. SS & LT will look at potential bylaw revisions to address inactivity and reemployment.

PC-SD Report: No movement to add 4th officer. New

The agenda for closed session has changed now that the FHR committee has agreed to fund an external investigation. We will discuss promotions. GB moved for closed session, SS by 2nd, Approved.

<<< CLOSED SESSION - NO DISCUSSION RECORDED >>>>

GB moved to go back into open session, 2nd by SS, Approved. SS moved to approve next phase for Cassidy Sairs for medical clearing, 2nd by GB, Approved. Upon receipt, SS will place her on the eligibility to hire list, and FC-JW can immediately get her sworn in.

SS adjourned at 6:37pm.

Corey Shaffer PEPFC Commissioner

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Information on Qualifications:

The "Captain" position requirements of C & D for Fire Officer 1 (class) & Emergency Services Instructor (ESI class) may not apply to officers (making LT) before 2018. Fire Officer 1 includes the Emergency Services Instructor (ESI class). He still needs NIMS 300, 400, & 800. We need evidence of what's required. We could create an application.

The "Assistant Chief" position requirements of D & E for ESI class & NIMS courses.

Corey Shaffer