

## **Minutes of the Port Edwards Police and Fire Commission**

Regular Meeting – Monday, January 15, 2024 – 5 p.m. @ Buehler Center

Present: Commissioners Thomasgard, Blum, Weiland, Stewart (via ZOOM) and Schaffer (via phone). Also present were Fire Chief Worden and Police Chief Drew and the following citizens: Del Stewart, Jim Anderson, Cary Smith and Lee Fletcher. Matt Fletcher appeared via ZOOM

Meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by Vice President Blum. Jim Anderson inquired about possible appointment to the PFC. There was no other public comment. Motion by Blum, second by Weiland to approve the minutes of the December 11<sup>th</sup> PFC meeting. All in favor.

VP Blum reported that the Village Board had approved the proposed changes to the FD job descriptions and Bylaws proposed by the Ad Hoc committee to bring training requirements into line with actual practice and state requirements. Chief Worden reported that Erik Saylor and Tim Leverance had retired from active service on the PEFD effective Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 2024. He also reported that Don Kitowski had resigned effective March 15, 2024. He is currently the Fire Inspector and Dept. Secretary. Chief Drew reported that the Legacy Foundation grant supporting the hiring of a 4<sup>th</sup> full time police officer is progressing and a MOU is currently being reviewed by the Village attorney.

Motion by Thomasgard, second by Weiland to go into closed session pursuant to WI Statute Sec 19.85 (1)(c) at 5:13 p.m. All in favor. (Commissioner Schaffer arrived in person @ 5:55 p.m.) Motion to return to open session @ 6:35 p.m. Motion by Thomasgard, second by Weiland. All in favor. Following the closed session, the PFC took the following actions:

- A) Motion by Weiland, second by Thomasgard to reject the application of the recently interviewed FD candidate. All in favor.
- B) Motion by Weiland, second by Thomasgard to promote PEFD Lieutenant Cary Smith to Captain and Firefighter Jeff Ably to Lieutenant. All in favor.

The next meeting of the PEPFC will be on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. @ the Buehler Center. Motion by Schaffer, second by Weiland to adjourn at 6:39 p.m. All in favor.

Leo Thomasgard, PEPFC Secretary