

Minutes of the Port Edwards Police and Fire Commission

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

Present: Commissioners Blum, Thomasgard, Stewart, Shaffer, and Weiland. Also present via ZOOM link was Fire Chief Lease. Police Chief Drew was on vacation. Also present were citizens Cary Smith and Del Stewart.

Meeting was called to order by President Stewart at 5:03 p.m. There was no public comment. President Stewart noted that 2-3 teens had expressed an interest in the Fire Service and inquired as to the possibility of a cadet/Explorer/ youth program allowing them some level of involvement. Commissioner Thomasgard recalled that such a program was looked at through Scouting BSA a couple of years ago and that the level of interest was not sufficient to carry it forward. Chief Lease related that the WRFD has a cadet program that is very successful and wants to start such an activity in PE. Commissioner Thomasgard provided details of the MSTC one day Fire/EMS experience program scheduled for later in July at the Marshfield MSTC campus.

Motion by Blum, second by Shaffer to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2024, meeting. All in favor. Chief Lease reported that he was happy with the direction of the PEFD after his first few weeks on the job. There was no in person report from Chief Drew.

Motion by Weiland, second by Shaffer to go into closed session pursuant to WI Statute 19.85(1) (c) @ 5:11 p.m. All in favor. Motion by Blum, second by Thomasgard to return to open session at 5:25 p.m. All in favor. Following the closed session, the PFC took the following actions:

- A) Motion by Shaffer, second by Thomasgard to place applicant JJ on the eligibility to hire list, pending successful completion of a physical. All in favor.
- B) Motion by Weiland, second by Shaffer to place applicant MK on the eligibility to hire list pending the successful completion of a physical. All in favor.

President Stewart commented that he has asked the Village Board to start the process of determining the salary range for Chief Drew's successor so the PFC can be better prepared once the position is posted. The next meeting of the PEPFC is TBD based on need. Motion by Shaffer, second by Blum to adjourn at 5:38 p.m. All in favor.

Leo Thomasgard

PEPFC Secretary