

Minutes of the Port Edwards Police and Fire Commission

Regular Meeting – Monday, November 4, 2024 – 5 p.m. @ Buehler Center

Present: Commissioners Thomasgard, Blum, Weiland, Diggles and Stewart. Also present were Police Chief Drew, Fire Chief Lease, and Officer Abbott.

Meeting was called to order by President Stewart at 5 p.m. There was no public comment. President Stewart commented on the issue of background investigations of the 5 applicants for the Police Chief position and announced that Wood Co Sherriff Becker had agreed to have his agency complete the checks. Motion by Stewart, second by Blum to approve the minutes of the October 14th meeting. All in favor.

Fire Chief Lease reported that ERCO Worldwide has donated a new gas detection meter to the PEFD and that he has received a new FD application.

Police Chief Drew reported that there has been no further progress on the recruitment of part-time officers and that the annual Trunk or Treat event went very well with lots of participation.

Motion by Diggles, second by Weiland to go into closed session pursuant to WI Statute 19.85(1)(c) at 5:08 p.m. All in favor. Motion by Weiland, second by Blum to return to open session at 6:03 p.m. All in favor. Following the closed session, the PFC took the following actions:

- A) Motion by Thomasgard, second by Weiland to approve the placement of applicant Tanya Schulz on the eligibility to hire list as a Fire Fighter subject to approval of the Chief. All in favor.
- B) Motion by Blum, second by Diggles to approve sending the two First Responder applicants for medical evaluation following successful interviews and background checks. All in favor.
- C) Motion by Thomasgard, second by Stewart to move new PEFD applicant to the interview process. All in favor.

Next meeting TBD based on the scheduling of candidate interviews for Police Chief position. Fire Chief Lease was complemented on the fine job he did in preparing the SOP for the PEFD that he shared with the Commission.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Leo Thomasgard

PEPFC Secretary