

Minutes of the Port Edwards Police and Fire Commission

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, March 4, 2025 – 5 p.m. @ Buehler Center

Present: Commissioners Diggles, Thomasgard, Weiland, Blum & Stewart (via ZOOM) Also present were Fire Chief Lease, Police Chief Designate Abbott, and Mason Czech.

Meeting was called to order by VP Blum at 5:02 p.m. There was no public comment. Motion by Weiland, second by Diggles to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 27th. All in favor.

Fire Chief Lease reported that the 70 hr. EMS class hosted by the PEFD was complete and all 13 students had passed. Commissioner Weiland commended him for the positive changes made at the FD over his short tenure.

Police Chief Des. Abbott shared the background checks for the PT police officer applicant with the Commission.

Motion by Diggles, second by Thomasgard to go into closed session pursuant to WI Statute 19.85(1)(c) @ 5:07 p.m. All in favor. Motion by Diggles, second by Blum to come out of closed session at 6:07 p.m. All in favor. Following the closed session, the PEPFC took the following actions:

- A) Motion by Thomasgard, second by Weiland to move the lateral transfer police applicant to the physical exam phase of the hiring process and , subject to successful completion, tender a offer of employment subject to successful negotiation of salary and benefits with VB and Administrator. All in favor.
- B) Motion by Thomasgard, second by Blum to move the 2 First Responder FD applicants to interview phase of the hiring process. All in favor.
- C) Motion by Weiland, second by Diggles to move 2 recently interviewed PEFD applicants to physical exam phase of hiring process. All in favor.
- D) Motion by Weiland, second by Blum to move PT police officer applicant to interview phase of hiring process. All in favor. President Stewart will coordinate the interview with Police Chief Des. Abbott and members of the Commission.

The next meeting of the PEPFC will be on Monday, April 7th at 5 p.m. at the Buehler Center. Motion by Thomasgard, second by Blum to adjourn at 6:18 p.m. All in favor.

Leo Thomasgard

PEPFC Secretary