

Minutes of the Port Edwards Police and Fire Commission

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, May 7, 2025 – 5 p.m. @Buehler Center

Present: Commissioners Thomasgard, Stewart, Martin, Weiland (via zoom). Also present was Police Chief Abbott. Fire Chief Lease was on duty and not available. There were no other citizens present.

Meeting was called to order by President Stewart at 5:02 p.m. There was no public comment. Motion by Thomasgard, second by Stewart to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 7th. All in favor.

President Stewart welcomed newly appointed Commissioner Tim Martin and announced that FD First Responder Gunnar Palm and PD Part time officer Jesse Kirkeng had both completed and passed their physicals and had been placed on Eligibility to Hire lists for their respective Chiefs. President Stewart also announced that the newly revised sub committees of the PEPFC would consist of Thomasgard/Martin for Fire/First Responder interviews and Stewart/Weiland for Police interviews.

Discussion followed regarding the proposed modifications to the PEPFC Manual. Those changes had been previously sent to all commissioners. Motion by Thomasgard, second by Stewart to adopt said changes. All in favor.

Police Chief Abbott reported that new full-time officer Czech has started training/orientation and is performing well. Part-time officer Kirkeng is awaiting uniforms and equipment and finalizing employment details with the VB and Administrator.

Motion by Stewart, second by Thomasgard to go into closed session pursuant to WI Statute 19.85(1)(c) @ 5:14 p.m. All in favor. Motion by Thomasgard, second by Stewart to come out of closed session at 5:19 p.m. All in favor. Following the closed session, the PEPFC took the following action:

Motion by Thomasgard, second by Stewart to approve the appointment of the interviewed applicant for the FD First Responder position, pending successful completion of the physical exam. All in favor.

The next meeting of the PEPFC is TBD based on need. Meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Leo Thomasgard

PEPFC Secretary