

Minutes

Police and Fire Commission Regular Meeting

Monday, January 15, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Fire Dept, 401 N Level St, Dodgeville, WI

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Robert Kratochwill called to order the Regular Meeting of the Police and Fire Commission at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, January 15, 2024 at Dodgeville Fire Station.

Robert Kratochwill conducted roll call. The following persons were Present: President Robert Kratochwill, Diane Messer, Marie Fralick, Mary McKinley, Mike Humke. Also present Chief Brian Whitehouse and Chief Shannon Jasica.

II. CONFIRMATION AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING LAW

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **MOTION** by Mike Humke to approve the Minutes for October 16, 2023 Regular Meeting as written. Second by Marie Fralick. Motion carried 5-0

IV. NEW BUSINESS

2. Fire Department Report, 2023 Full Year Review was presented by Chief Brian Whitehouse. 2023 Calls -142, Members -35, Members per call-15. Calls were up by 31, attributed to Mutual Aid response, CO Calls, Dispatched and Cancelled on Route, Gas Leak, Wild Fire, and Medical assist, Assist EMS Crew. Membership is up by 2, Nick Portzen III and Barb Weinbrenner. Training is in-house for vehicle extraction, crash incident procedures, wildland fire. Structure fire scheduled this fall. Weinbrenner is presently enrolled in Entry Level Firefighter Class. 1996 Peterbilt Engine 5 under refurbishment. Also installing Ultra-High Pressure pump system and "deck-gun" for large water volume water quickly with minimal personnel. Fundraising has financed a new UTV (\$24,000.) which will be outfitted for firefighting and rescue calls. maintaining the present UTV for controlled burns, income source, and purchased hose testing machine. 2024 repairs - Reviewing quotes for repair of one bay floor, budgeted \$20,000. Small entry doors (2) will be replaced due to rust.
3. Police Department Report - Quarterly Review was presented by Chief Shannon Jasica. Recent hire Mandi Andrews, sponsored by Dodgeville Police Department, began the academy 1/15/2024 till July 2024, scheduled on Friday (no school). Current vacancy one (1) sergeant.

New radios received and installed. Training 1/22/2024 week. Implementing new body worn camera and in-car cameras. New squad car in production February 2024.

Officer Wellness app purchased, Cordico, one-year contract.

Officers involved on December 30, 2023 in multistate kidnapping were commended for a job well done by Chief Jasica.

Yearly Comparison Activity chart/graph for 2023 & 2022 was presented for review.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding the Promotion Process for Police Sergeant **MOTION** by Mary McKinley to start Promotion Process for Sergeant position by Chief Jasica. Process will include written test, department policy, to be completed in February 2024, PFC interviews during March 2024, and interviews with Chief Jasica. Second by Mike Humke. Motion Passed 5-0

Chief Jasica pointed out the pay increase for Sergeant position is \$.40/hour and is a PM shift.

Pay scale and Union negotiation were recommended to be added to the next meeting agenda for discussion.

V. NEXT MEETING: Regular Meeting, Monday April 15, 2024 at 5:00 PM

VI. ADJOURN. MOTION made by Mike Humke to adjourn at 6:13 PM. Second by Diane Messer. Motion passed 5-0

