

Police and Fire Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2026 4:00 PM

Present: Brad Kuenzi, Jim Schieldbach, Kelly Kwapil and Bill Maron, Nikki Salas

Also Present: Police Chief Brower, Fire Deputy Chief Alyssa Cahoon, Assistant Police Chief Ben Olsen

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM

Mr. Maron moved to approve the April Minutes second by Mr. Schieldbach, motion carried

Motions were made to have all board positions remain the same. Made by Mr. Maron, second by Mrs. Salas. Motion carried

- **Brad Kuenzi Chairman**
- **Jim Schieldbach Vice Chair**
- **Kelly Kwapil Secretary**

Fire

Deputy Chief Cahoon reviewed calls and the monthly data report. Commission had no questions at this time. Personnel is progressing as expected, one retirement has been announced, and the new Deputy Chief is getting up to speed on the WFD operations.

The Fire lieutenant eligibility list was brought to the Commission. There was some discussion as to how the interview process was measured. We will hold approval of the list pending further discussion between the Fire Chief and the interview panel.

Police

Staff:

A new Officer is hired and cleared for duty. Another is graduating in May and should be ready for duty in June

The Community resource Officer has announced her retirement.

Training:

Multiple officers have completed training with the new Drone

Additional ground fighting training has been introduced. The Department is looking to get multiple officers trained to be leaders of Taser training.

Assistant Chief Ben Olsen gave a report regarding the use or need for cameras in the downtown and Church St intersections.

He has coverage and cost reports that show how Watertown could get the best coverage. No questions at this time as funding may be a barrier.

The 2025 use of force report was handed out and reviewed. Use of force incidents have continued to go down as the department trains toward de-escalation instead of force.

Motion to adjourn was made at 5:10 by Mr. Schieldbach, second by Mr. Maron, motion carried.

Next Regular meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2026.

NOTE: These minutes are uncorrected and any corrections made thereto will be noted in the proceedings at which these minutes are approved.

Submitted by,
Kelly Kwapil, Secretary