

POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, October 18, 2016
12:00 noon

Present: Mr. Durigan, Mr. Schlutter, Mr. Flagel, Mr. Harlow & Mr. Bergeron

Others: Mr. Davies, Mr. Mahoney, Mr. Ault, Mr. Deaver, Mr. Widder and Mr. Anday

1. Mr. Durigan called the meeting to order and all members were noted present.
2. Mr. Schlutter motioned, duly seconded by Mr. Flagel to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 20, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.
3. There was no one present to address the Commission
4. There was no correspondence
5. Upon motion by Mr. Flagel, duly seconded by Mr. Harlow, the Police & Fire Commission voted unanimously to approve the vouchers.
 - b. Mr. Flagel motioned, duly seconded by Mr. Schlutter to approve the Fire Department Out of State Travel. The motion was unanimously approved.
 - c. After some discussion, Mr. Flagel motioned, duly seconded by Mr. Schlutter, to approve the proposed 2017 Police Department Budget. The motion carried unanimously.
 - d. After some discussion, Mr. Schlutter motioned, duly seconded by Mr. Bergeron, to approve the proposed 2017 Fire Department Budget. The motion was unanimously approved.
6. Mr. Ault informed the Commissioners, 100% usage of the body cameras by the department. They have already proven beneficial and a great addition to the Police Dept. Mr. Ault stated the department received the 2016 Toyota 4-Runner through the generous contribution of Mark Motors. The public announcement and reveal will be 11am, October 19th at the dealership. The Police Department is very grateful to Mark and all the citizens and businesses who contributed to the K-9 program. Officer Pionke begins K-9 handler school on November 1st. Mr. Ault informed the members the department currently has 42 applicants to fill the vacant position on the department.

The department remains two officers short and is impacting the schedule substantially. Also Sharalee Simkins filled the vacancy of the Records Specialist position. She is doing a great job and a great addition to the records team. Mr. Ault stated Meth remains a great concern and have had several search warrants executed, including seize of a mobile meth lab. The department continues to be focused and proactive in aggressive drug enforcement.

Mr. Deaver reported the Fire Dept. had an impromptu ceremony at the 9/11 Memorial in front of the municipal Center to mark the 15th Anniversary of the attack on US. The Fire Department continues activity on the future purchase of a new platform truck throughout the month. Met with Rosenbauer on Oct. 7th and later in the month several members of the Truck Committee attended a tour at Pierce Manufacturing and will also be looking at a truck from Seagrave. Mr. Deaver informed the members Deputy Chief Voss attended the Firehouse Education & Training Seminar in California on Sept 20-23. Mr. Voss included a memo to the Police & Fire Commissioners thanking them for letting him attended this seminar. Mr. Deaver stated ambulance discussions continue in the county and there is a meeting on Oct. 27th at 4:30pm at the Portage County Annex. He will keep the members informed. Mr. Deaver also wanted to thank all the participants that helped make the Fire Department open house a success.

Mr. Schlutter motioned, duly seconded by Mr. Harlow to approve the Police and Fire Chief's reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Upon motion by Mr. Bergeron, duly seconded by Mr. Harlow, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Chris Knippel, Police & Fire Commission Secretary