

POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION MEETING

July 14, 2020

12:00 noon

Present: Mr. Schlutter, Mr. Whitrock, Mr. Flagel and Mr. Giese

Others: Mr. Davies, Mr. Mahoney, Mr. Ault, Mr. Deaver, Mr. Fox, Mr. Voss

1. Mr. Schlutter called the meeting to order and all members were noted present with the exception of Mr. Groeschel, who was excused.
2. Mr. Schlutter proceeded to the first order of business, election of the Chair for the Police and Fire Commission. Mr. Schlutter asked for nominations. Mr. Schlutter nominated Mr. Whitrock, duly seconded by Mr. Giese. Mr. Flagel moved, seconded by Mr. Giese that nominations be closed. Mr. Whitrock was recorded unanimously at Chairman.

Mr. Schlutter called for the election of a Vice-Chairman and asked for nominations. Mr. Whitrock nominated Mr. Flagel, duly seconded by Mr. Giese. Mr. Whitrock moved, seconded by Mr. Giese that nominations be closed. Mr. Flagel was recorded unanimously as Vice-Chairman.

3. Mr. Schlutter motioned, duly seconded by Mr. Giese to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 18, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.
4. There was no one present to address the Commission.
5. There were no questions on the correspondence by the commission members. Both chiefs just wanted to thank village residents for all of their support during these difficult times.
- 6a Upon motion by Mr. Schlutter, duly seconded by Mr. Flagel, the Police and Fire Commission voted unanimously to approve the vouchers.
- b. Mr. Schlutter motioned, duly seconded Mr. Groeschel to approve the Fire Department DNR Grant. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Mr. Flagel motioned, duly seconded by Mr. Giese to approve the Police Department request for Waiver of Residency Requirement for an officer. The request is for two miles out the required limit. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Mr. Deaver wanted to thank the Commission and Village for letting them participate in parades, honoring birthdays. The families enjoyed and appreciated it. Mr. Deaver stated the Fire Department has not been getting minor calls for service, the residents have been taking care of these themselves. So calls have been down but now starting in July, calls are going back to normal. Mr. Deaver stated they are doing Fire Inspections with precautions and social distancing. The Fire Department has also been having an influx of thank yous and people bringing in treats, cookies, donuts and Polito's Pizza brought in a lot of pizza and was shared with all the Village employees. Mr. Deaver informed the members that Lowes donated a refrigerator to Station 2. They have been very generous and have stated anything the Fire Dept. needs they will help. They donated KN95 masks and with the help of the Fire Department, these were distributed to local businesses. Mr. Deaver also wanted to thank Mrs. Zarecki for putting all the reports together for the meetings, she makes us look good.

Mr. Ault stated the members received a copy of the Alliance commitment of all the law enforcement agencies and municipalities signed statement on racism in the communities of central Wisconsin. Mr. Ault also included for the Commissions information, the Wisconsin Training and Standards on how officers are trained in Use of Force. This is how all officers are trained in the state of Wisconsin. Mr. Ault informed the members of the Village of Plovers Covid Response Act, stating the PD has a lot of supplies and had prepared and ordered items in advance to be ahead of the game. This is testament of the hard work the Village did. He couldn't be more proud the department on how they all stepped up. Mr. Ault stated that during the Mr. Floyd, Mpls. incident, the department worked together with SPPD, PTSO and UWSP police during the protests in the city, the massive complaints and anti-law enforcement. They all have a great working relationship and the residents of Portage Co. do see that. Mr. Ault also stated the department received requests from EPS services requesting assistance in Madison. Two members of the Plover PD went to assist. Mr. Ault is very proud of what they did. Mr. Ault informed the Commissioners that Capt. Fox has in-depth training on Use of Force and if you would like, he could give a 15 min. presentation on what goes in the mind set of an officer. He has presented at the Chief of Police Assoc. meeting, as well as other public teachings. He is a fantastic resource and if you have any questions, please reach out to him. Mr. Ault stated the Department body cams are being used by all officers and if a complaint comes in, body cams are reviewed and investigated. There have been no formal complaints on officers to date. Also the department, in regards to Use of Force, has had no discharge of a weapon in 5 yrs. – no use of pepper spray or tazers. Officers are trained in mediation and de-escalation and are extremely good at mediation. Every Use of Force is documented and that comes to the chief for review. Mr. Ault also informed the members, that calls are down as officers cutting down on proactive traffic stops.

Mr. Whitrock stated he loves the minutes, notes and information provided by the departments. Everyone is doing a great job and he also wants Capt. Fox to do a presentation on Use of Force.

Mr. Flagel motioned, duly seconded by Mr. Schlutter to approve the Police and Fire Chiefs reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Upon motion by Mr. Schlutter, duly seconded by Mr. Giese and unanimously approved on a roll call vote, the Police and Fire Commission adjourned into Closed Session under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, compensation or performance data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Upon motion by Mr. Giese, duly seconded by Mr. Schlutter, the Police and Fire Commission reconvened into Open Session. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no action taken.

Chris Knippel, Police & Fire Commission Secretary