

**Minutes of the Special Police and Fire Commission Meeting Held
On Monday, December 21st, 2020; pursuant to notice duly given**

Some items on the agenda were done out of order for simplicity

1. Meeting called to order by Russ Young at 5:30PM.
2. Roll Call: Russ Young, Cliff Martin, Bill Carriveau, Joe Watt, Sheri Groll. Excused: None.
Also present: Chief Rehberg, Chief Bostedt, Deputy Chief Pecha, Captain Cain, and Administrative Asst. Dufek as recording secretary.
3. Approval of Agenda
Moved by Watt, seconded by Martin, to approve the agenda. M/C
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 11/16/20.
Moved by Watt, seconded by Carriveau, to approve the minutes. 5 ayes
Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.
5. Public Input
-None
6. Correspondence
-Citizen concern regarding an officer not wearing a mask during a traffic stop. President Young was notified of this as well as Mayor Heier. Chief Rehberg advised policy states an officer will wear a mask if he/she is asked to, while conducting a traffic stop, or investigating an incident.
-Chief Rehberg presented a letter from Captain Ruechel, advising of his retirement on January 10th, 2021.
7. Discussion/recommendation/approval on:
 - a. Approval of Police K9 Program.
 - PowerPoint Presentation given by Officer Shearer.
 - Information included in the presentation was:
 1. Why Oconto needs a K9 (drug incidents, deployments by OCSO)
 2. Two types of K9s
 3. Startup cost
 4. Annual cost
 5. Patrol vehicle options
 6. Accountability
 7. Donations
 - Moved by Young, seconded by Groll, to approve Police K9 Program. 5 ayes**
 - Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.**
8. Review/recommendation on Police, Fire and Rescue reports.
Police:
For the month:
-47 ordinance violations
-428 complaints, over 500 more than last year's numbers.

Community:
-Winter Wonderland giveaway, 200 bags given.
-Shop With a Cop presents given to families on Dec. 23rd.

-Chief Rehberg, and his wife Annie, rang bells on Christmas Eve, at Thompson's, to raise money for Bread by the Bay.

Fire:

For the month:

- 112 EMS related calls, 216 ahead of last year
- 9 Fire calls, 44 ahead of last year
- 1,305 total calls year to date, 260 ahead of last year

-Overtime explanation.

-Spillman Software, used for quick and easy information gathering for incidents.

-Winter tires on new ambulance.

-Three carbon monoxide monitors were ordered for the ambulance cots, which will monitor ambient air while inside of residences. Purchase made through grant funds.

-Deputy Chief Pecha was asked to be part of the Oconto Hospital Renovation Planning Committee.

Training:

-John Floyd and Tabbi VandeVoort passed their State Fire Inspector course and received state licensure.

-Deputy Chief Pecha attending COVID meetings.

Moved by Martin, seconded by Watt, to approve the Police, and Fire and Rescue reports. 5 ayes
Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.

9. Review/approval on listing of accounts payables for Police in the amount of \$3,970.18, and Fire and Rescue in the amount of \$6,127.39.

Moved by Martin, seconded by Watt, to approve accounts payables. 5 ayes
Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.

10. Commission voted at approximately 6:15PM to convene into Closed Session, pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) for discussion on personnel matters.

- a. Approval of Police Department to hire Dave Pusick.
- b. Approval of residency mileage extension.
- c. Approval of Fire Department to hire career firefighter.

Moved by Young, seconded by Martin, to move into closed session. 5 ayes
Motion carried upon verbal roll call.

Roll Call: Russ Young, Cliff Martin, Bill Carriveau, Joe Watt, Sheri Groll. Absent: None. Also present: Chief Bostedt, Chief Rehberg, and Administrative Asst. Kassie Dufek as recording secretary.

11. Commission voted at approximately 6:29PM to reconvene into Open Session, pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) for discussion on personnel matters.

Moved by Young, seconded by Martin, to return to open session at 6:29PM. 5 ayes
Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.

12. Action/Discussion on Matters from Closed Session

- a. Hire Dave Pusick as police officer.
- b. Approval of Dave Pusick to exceed mileage requirements for residency.

Moved by Young, seconded by Groll, to approve hiring and exemption from residency mileage requirement for Dave Pusick. 5 ayes
Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.

Moved by Watt, seconded by Young, to adjourn at 6:30PM.
Motion carried upon verbal voice vote. 5 ayes

Respectfully Submitted:
Kassie Dufek
Administrative Assistant