

**Minutes of the Police and Fire Commission Meeting Held
On Tuesday, February 17th, 2026; pursuant to notice duly given.**

1. Meeting called to order by Sheri Groll at 3:31PM.
2. Roll Call: Riley Sowle, Sheri Groll, Bill Carriveau, Bob LeBreck, Randy VanHulle. Excused:
Also present: Chief Bostedt, Chief Dufek (also recording secretary).
3. Approval of Agenda
Moved by Carriveau, seconded by VanHulle, to approve the agenda. M/C
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 01/19/26.
Moved by Sowle, seconded by VanHulle, to approve the minutes. 5 ayes
Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.
5. Public Input
-Council member/Technology Committee member Dee Donlevy invited the police and fire chiefs to speak with her for technology problems.
6. Correspondence
-None
7. Discussion/recommendation/approval on:
 - a. Fire Department staffing
-Chief Bostedt provided members with documents showing the department's shortage of staff for a fire alarm response to a large business in the city, expressing grave concern for staff safety and fire service, and protection. Chief Bostedt stated his goal is to add four full time employees.
 - Documents included a PowerPoint presentation with current concerns, goals, and comparables.
 - Budget proposal, included overtime reduction efforts.
 - b. Fire Department capital budget
-Chief Bostedt has a \$0 capital budget. He explained why the department needs a minimum of \$50,000, which included significant repairs on very old fire trucks and ambulances.
8. Review/recommendation on Police, Fire and Rescue reports
Police:
For the month:
 - 424 calls for service
 - 27 traffic citations issued, 47 total citations. Total dollar amount \$10,932.00.
 - Promotions of Sgt. Brandon Tousey to Captain and Officer Andy VandeBerg to Sergeant.
 - Taser deployment for a subject causing harm to himself and others.
 - Applied for a grant through Oconto County Crime Prevention Fund to purchase a presentation created by criminal profiler, Phil Chalmers.
Fire:
For the month:
 - 119 EMS, 9 Fire calls for service
 - New brush truck taken to Truck Equipment for upfitting
 - Multiple lighting projects getting updated on apparatus

In-house Training:

-RDC/Ice Rescue equipment refresher

-CPR refresher

Moved by Carriveau, seconded by Sowle, to approve Police, and Fire/Rescue reports

5 ayes

Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.

9. Review/approval on listings of accounts payable for Police in the amount of \$33,737.98, and Fire and Rescue in the amount of \$88,225.84.

Moved by Sowle, seconded by Groll, on the approval of accounts payable.

5 ayes

Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.

10. Revenue and Expenditures Guidelines for 2026

11. Adjournment

Moved by Carriveau, seconded by Sowle, to adjourn at 5:02PM.

5 ayes

Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chief Kassie Dufek