

**CITY OF CEDARBURG
POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 9, 2023**

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UNAPPROVED**

A meeting of the Police & Fire Commission of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at the Cedarburg Police Department, W75 N444 Wauwatosa Road, Community Room.

President Joel Dhein called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Present: Joel Dhein, Stacy Tolomeo, Jim Salp, Terry Zimmerman, Mark Sette

Also Present: Police Chief Mike McNerney, Fire Chief Jeff Vahsholtz

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

President Joel Dhein acknowledged the agenda for this meeting was posted and distributed in compliance with Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Jim Salp, seconded by Terry Zimmerman, to approve the September 14, 2023, Police & Fire Commission Meeting minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider application for membership for Active EMS in the Cedarburg Fire Department for Caitlin M. Steinberg; and action thereon.

Chief Vahsholtz advised that Caitlin is a long time Cedarburg resident who grew up here, graduated from Cedarburg High School, and currently lives in the Cedarburg township. She has an extensive educational background and works closely with American Veterans as an historian and has produced a documentary focusing on veterans. She is comfortable working in high pressure situations helping others and patients. Chief Vahsholtz also advised he believes she has grant writing experience which would also be very helpful to the agency. She has passed her background as well as her medical / physical and comes highly recommended.

A motion was made by Terry Zimmerman, seconded by Mark Sette, to approve Caitlin's application for membership for Active EMS in the Cedarburg Fire Department. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Consider application for membership for Active Fire in the Cedarburg Fire Department for Michael J. Klimkosky; and action thereon.

Chief Vahsholtz advised that Michael lives across the border into Mequon, but physically lives just as close to the Cedarburg Fire Department. He is self-employed in the electric vehicle safety field and has

done trainings / presentations for the fire department on the special considerations first responders need to know regarding incidents involving electric vehicles. Chief Vahsholtz advised his presentations are very in depth and his knowledge is vast. He comes highly recommended as well. He has passed his background check, and his medical / physical is pending (currently scheduled).

A motion was made by Stacy Tolomeo, seconded by Jim Stolp, to conditionally approve Michael Klimkosky's application for membership for Active EMS in the Cedarburg Fire Department pending his successful completion of the medical/physical screening. Motion carried without a negative vote.

REPORT OF POLICE CHIEF AND FIRE CHIEF

Update on Police Department Projects

Chief McNerney advised on the following items:

Officer Vladislav Melnikov will be off field training and on his own on 11/17. He is doing very well, is well liked, and works quite well with the other officers in the department.

Officer John Schemenauer has picked out the department's new K-9 officer at the trainer's facility in Shallow Creek, PA. The new K-9 is a Blue Malinois. Other breeds and dogs were considered but this particular dog was very well tempered, well socialized, and worked hard. The dog is 15 months old and the 6-week training program will begin around Christmas time. The name of the new dog has not yet been chosen. Officer Schemenauer will be traveling to Arkansas to pick up items needed for the K-9 training.

Officer John Schemenauer and Sgt. Tom Schellinger recently went to New Mexico for explosive / post blast training provided and paid for by the federal government.

In 2024 Chief McNerney is planning to send all officers to this training because it is very valuable, and all officers work the festivals where the potential for this type of incident is higher.

The department is training 6 drone operators in 2024. There will be 2 operators per shift. That training is in New Mexico as well and is also completely paid for by the federal government.

Officers will be working the Veteran's Parade tomorrow (11-10-2023).

New squad cars are arriving ahead of schedule so they will be rolling out sooner than anticipated.

The police and fire departments continue to work together researching any future building needs.

"No shave November & December" is in progress which is a program that allows officers to buy their opportunity to "violate policy" on the beard grooming standard. Money raised by officers goes towards cancer awareness.

Night range training is underway and has been great session involving shooting under low light conditions, shooting after physical exertion, etc. and is taking place at the Ozaukee Sheriff's Range.

President Dhein asked Chief McNerney about community service calls on the summary report and the Chief advised it relates to business checks as well as new community resident contacts where officers introduce themselves and provide information to new residents.

The Chief also responded to a question about vehicle theft & recovery and reminded all to lock vehicle doors as there have been more break ins and theft from unlocked vehicles. They present an easy target for those going around stealing items from unlocked cars. Break-ins to locked vehicles have been uncommon.

Update on Fire Department Projects

Chief Vahsholtz reported on the following items:

The Fire Department has been working very closely with Mueller communications regarding the communication of future needs of the department along with possible financing solutions. There will be a survey sent out before Christmas to all City and Town residents outlining the current issues the department is facing and three proposed solutions.

The Chief advised the annual boat storage at Fireman's Park was recently wrapped up.

Chief Vahsholtz advised that Administrator Hilvo has been very supportive of public safety and has money in the 2024 budget for a study looking at facility needs. There are two companies looking to provide requests for proposals (RFP's) specific to what the City's facilities needs are and have experience in public safety facilities.

Confirm Next Meeting Date (January 11, 2024) and agenda items; and Action Thereon

Chief McNerney confirmed the next meeting will be held on January 11, 2024. It was noted that the original agenda incorrectly indicated January 12th.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Stacy Tolomeo, seconded by Terry Zimmerman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Mark Sette,
PFC Secretary