

## **POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION**

Date/Time: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.  
Location: Conference Room – Public Safety Building – 515 Grand Av. Wausau  
Members Present: T. Patterson (C), W. Graef, M. Loy, C. Bahr, & K. Strasser  
Member Absent:  
Others Present: T. Kujawa, B. Bliven, D. Ryder, & A. Lund

In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin State Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted at Wausau City Hall and the Public Safety Building, and emailed to the Wausau Daily Herald and City Pages in the proper manner.

### **Call to Order/Roll Call.**

The Police and Fire Commission meeting was called to order at 8:42 a.m. Roll call was taken of present Police and Fire Commission members to include Patterson, Graef, Bahr, Strasser & Loy.

### **Minutes of June 19, 2018 meeting**

Motion by Commissioner Bahr to accept minutes of June 19, second by Commissioner Loy.

### **Closed Session Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes for the purpose of interviewing one candidate for Police Officer with WPD, and two candidates for Firefighter/Paramedic with WFD.**

Motion by Commissioner Bahr to go into closed session pursuant to section 19.85(1)(c) of the WI State Statutes for the purpose of interviewing one candidate for Police Officer with WPD, and two candidates for Firefighter/Paramedic with WFD, second by Commissioner Graef.  
Roll call vote 5-0. Commission went into closed session at 8:43 a.m.

### **Reconvene meeting into Open Session for the purpose of acting upon consideration of Closed Session item.**

Motion by Commissioner Graef to reconvene meeting into Open Session for the purpose of acting upon consideration of closed session item, second by Commissioner Loy.  
Roll call vote 5-0.

Motion by Commissioner Loy to approve candidate Bradley Weeks for the Police Officer position with WPD, and candidates Tanor Allen and Nathan Zellner for Firefighter/Paramedic position with WFD, second by Commissioner Graef.  
Motion carried 5-0 with a unanimous voice vote.

### **Monthly Presentation of Police Department Operations.**

Chief Bliven shared information on the Digital Forensic Lab which will consist of DCI, Marathon County Sheriff's Department and Wausau Police Department. This group will include Anthony Reince from WPD and will look at regionalizing a joint lab for all three to use.

A threat assessment team is being established that will be working with the school district in determining levels of threats inside schools. This is a team that will consist of members from WPD, Social Services, the DA office, Corporate Counsel, and Mental Health Therapists.

Chief Bliven shared with the Commissioners information about the Janus Supreme Court Decision and how it could affect sworn union members if they withdraw.

WPD will be holding fundraisers to add a new therapy dog for Officer Schremp at Wausau West High School.

Deputy Captain Graham is working on getting a field forces grant which will be for training on crowd control.

Deputy Chief Barnes is working with Ronald Westgate to have trained mediators available when there are disputes. This service would be offered free of charge.

Chief Bliven encouraged Commissioners to vote for Officer Lemirand in the “Why We Serve” competition which would receive grant money for Adaptive Communities. Chief will send the Commissioners an email with the link.

Motion by Commissioner Bahr to approve the monthly presentation of the Police Department given by Chief Bliven, second by Commissioner Graef. Motion carried 3-0.

Note: Commissioners Loy and Strasser left early.

### **Monthly Presentation of Fire Department Operations.**

Chief Kujawa asked the Commissioners if there were any questions regarding the monthly report; there were no questions.

WFD will be getting Pre-Incident Planning Software. This allows for the department to have specific information as to the lay out of the building electronically, before even entering.

Chief Kujawa shared information on the DNR Grant that she has applied for. This will be used for personal protective equipment, and will cost the Fire Department \$4000.

WFD is looking to implement a quality assurance/continuous quality improvement program which will show statistics as to how proficient they are on calls and where they stand in the national standards.

The Fire Academy has changed from previous years; they now train new hires for 40 hours a week for two weeks to learn policies, protocols and procedures with a hands on learning experience.

The plaque presentation for Laurin Jorstad will be held at the August meeting, as there was no plaque to present.

Motion by Commissioner Graef to approve the monthly presentation of the Fire Department given by Chief Kujawa, second by Commissioner Bahr. Motion carried 3-0.

**Adjourn.**

Motion made by Commissioner Bahr to adjourn, second by Commissioner Graef.  
Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.