

**POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION**  
**September 8, 2022**

**PFC20220908-1**  
**UNAPPROVED**

A regular meeting of the Police and Fire Commission, City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cedarburg Police Station, W75 N444 Wauwatosa Road, Cedarburg, Wisconsin, in the Community Room.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Terry Zimmermann at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Present- Terry Zimmermann, Jim Salp, Stacy Tolomeo, Chris Hackbarth

Excused- President Joel Dhein

Also Present- Police Chief Mike McNerney  
Fire Chief Jeff Vahsholtz

**STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

Terry Zimmermann acknowledged the agenda for this meeting was posted and distributed in compliance with Wisconsin Open Records Law.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Jim Salp, seconded by Stacy Tolomeo, to approve the July 14, 2022 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote with Joel Dhein excused.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider Application for Membership for Active EMS in the Cedarburg Fire Department for Abigail De Gaulle; and Action Thereon.**

Motion made by Chris Hackbarth, seconded by Stacy Tolomeo, to accept Abigail De Gaulle for active membership with the Cedarburg Fire Department. Motion carried without a negative vote with Joel Dhein excused.

**Consider a Change to the Physical Fitness Test; and Action Thereon.**

Police Chief Mike McNerney requested that the 1.5 mile run be reduced to a one mile run, and that the time for completion of the 300 yard run be changed from 65 seconds to 70 seconds.

Motion made by Chris Hackbarth, seconded by Stacy Tolomeo, to approve the changes to the Physical Fitness Test. Motion carried without a negative vote with Joel Dhein excused.

**Consider a Change to the Current Written Test; and Action Thereon.**

Police Chief Mike McNerney requested that a different written test be administered to applicants in the upcoming hiring process, due to the vendor supplying the previously used written test had gone out of business. Chief McNerney had checked with numerous other local and area police departments and found what he believed to be a suitable written test, which he provided to the Police and Fire Commissioners for consideration.

Motion made by Stacy Tolomeo, seconded by Chris Hackbarth, to approve the test suggested by Chief McNerney. Motion carried without a negative vote with Joel Dhein excused.

**REPORT OF POLICE AND FIRE CHIEF**

**Update of Police Department Projects**

Police Chief Mike McNerney reported that Police Officer Schemenauer has completed his Probationary status. Police Officer Wyatt has completed his period of Field Training and is off FTO supervision. School crossing guard's hourly pay has been raised to \$15.00 per hour. The Police Department, in conjunction with and assistance from the Fire Department, conducted a 2-hour active shooter awareness and Stop the Bleed emergency hemorrhage control training for civilians at the Police Department Training Room. The instruction was very well received, and many positive comments were given by the attendees. As a result, plans are being made to have several additional classes of this type in the near future. The application process for the vacant Police Officer position will close on Friday, September 9, 2022. It is anticipated that once all applications are received and vetted, the applicants will attend a physical fitness test, and those that pass will take the written test the same day. This date will be in late September or early October, 2022.

**Update of Fire Department Projects**

Fire Chief Jeff Vahsholtz reported that they are in the process of hiring a fourth full-time Fire Department employee. This employee will be a Firefighter/AEMT. The Fire Department has received four internal applicants, and interviews of each will be conducted shortly, including at least one member of the Police and Fire Commission. There has been a total of 980 calls for service as of September 8, 2022. The total call volume for 2021 was 1200. The Cedarburg Fire Department's Annual Awards and Recognition ceremony will be held at the Cedarburg Cultural Center on Saturday, September 10, 2022. Consolidation discussions are ongoing with several departments in Ozaukee County. The possibility of a consolidation of the Cedarburg Police and Fire Department stations has been tentatively discussed for the future. This is due to the changing nature of the Fire Department, for the first time, housing full time Firefighters/AEMT's and the lack of suitable space for the additional full-time employees is expected in the near future. Discussions about the different festivals and events held in Cedarburg, as far as security and overtime costs being paid for by the individual organizations, are ongoing with the Cedarburg Common Council.

**Confirm Next Meeting**

Vice President Terry Zimmermann confirmed that the next Police and Fire Commission meeting will be Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Stacy Tolomeo, and seconded by Jim Salp, to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote with Joel Dhein excused.

Chris Hackbarth  
Secretary

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