

**POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION**  
**May 11, 2023**

**PFC20230511-1**  
**UNAPPROVED**

A regular meeting of the Police and Fire Commission, City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at the Cedarburg Police Department, W75 N444 Wauwatosa Road, Community Room.

The meeting was called to order by President Joel Dhein at 7:01 pm.

Roll Call: Present - Joel Dhein, Jim Salp, Terry Zimmermann, Chris Hackbarth

Excused - Stacy Tolomeo

Also Present - Police Chief Mike McNerney  
Fire Chief Jeff Vahsholtz  
Asst. Fire Chief Bill Hintz

**STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Jim Salp, seconded by Chris Hackbarth, to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2023 Police and Fire Commission meeting. Motion carried without a negative vote with Stacy Tolomeo excused.

**PRESENTATION OF 2022 ANNUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Fire Chief Jeff Vahsholtz presented a synopsis of the 2022 CFD Annual Report. This report had been previously sent by Chief Vahsholtz to all PFC commissioners electronically and all had reviewed the contents.

Key points highlighted by Chief Vahsholtz are below:

- CFD call volume is up over 22% from 2022. As of 05/11/2023, CFD had responded to 1480 calls for service.
- Response time due to initiatives put in place (EMS chase car/take home vehicle for on call EMT's to name a few) has been reduced from 11 minutes, 45 seconds in 2019 to 6 minutes, 58 seconds in 2022.
- CFD total volunteer hours, not including actual time spent on calls for service, was 9,904, and most likely over 10,000 hours. All of these hours were at no cost to the City and Town of Cedarburg and represent the uniqueness of the Cedarburg Fire Department, it's fundraising arm at Maxwell Street Days and Firemen's Park and the Community at large.

Police Chief McNerney added that he is very happy that the Cedarburg Fire Department is staying independent for the foreseeable future and noted that the Cedarburg Police Department and the Cedarburg Fire Department members have a great working relationship that adds value for the Community at large.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Consider Appointment of Special Officers for Traffic Control During Maxwell Street Days; and Action Thereon**

Police Chief Mike McNerney requested the following members of the Cedarburg Fire Department and American Legion Post be designated as Special Officers for traffic control during Maxwell Street Days:

James L. Albrink  
Kara J. Racine  
Raymond C. Vollrath  
Robert E. Vollrath Jr.  
David Lee  
James A. Lee  
Gene Szudrowitz  
Brian Kjell

Motion made by Jim Salp, seconded by Terry Zimmermann, to approve the appointment of the above named individuals as Special Officers. Motion carried without a negative vote with Stacy Tolomeo excused.

#### **Consider Applications for Active EMS Membership in the Cedarburg Fire Department for Missy Demczak and Denisa Demczak; and Action Thereon**

Motion made by Jim Salp, seconded by Terry Zimmermann, to approve the applications of Missy and Denisa Demczak for Active EMS with the Cedarburg Fire Department. Motion carried without a negative vote with Stacy Tolomeo excused.

#### **Consider Application for Active Firefighting Membership in the Cedarburg Fire Department for Kelly P. Scott; and Action Thereon**

Motion made by Jim Salp, seconded by Chris Hackbarth, to approve the application of Kelly P. Scott for Active Firefighting with the Cedarburg Fire Department (contingent on his successful completion of a scheduled physical agility test). Motion carried without a negative vote Stacy Tolomeo excused.

### **REPORT OF POLICE AND FIRE CHIEF**

#### **Police Chief**

Cedarburg Police and Fire Commission commissioner Chris Hackbarth will be relocating out of state in June, 2023 and therefore will be resigning his position effective May 31, 2023.

Police Chief Mike McNerney advised that Patrol Officer Justin Buboltz will be graduating from the Police Academy Friday, May 19, and will be reporting for field training afterwards.

The Cedarburg Police Department has applied for a COPS grant through the Federal government. If approved, the CPD will receive funding for three years to hire an additional two patrol officers.

The Cedarburg police Department has applied for a bomb detection K-9 grant. This K-9 would be multi-purpose and used for bomb detection at the numerous community festivals and schools. The K-9 would also be cross-trained in search and apprehension patrol duties.

Patrol Officer designee Vladislav Melnikov will be hired on July 19, 2023, one day prior to CPD sergeant Brian Emmrich's last day before retirement, July 20, 2023. Patrol Officer designee Melnikov will be filling the vacancy created by Sgt. Emmrich's retirement.

### **Fire Chief**

Fire Chief Jeff Vahsholtz reported that the Cedarburg Fire Department will be holding its Annual Open House at Station #1 on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. A decision was made to change it to a weekday since it is anticipated more community members would be able to attend.

The City and Town of Cedarburg have been engaged in very positive negotiations regarding the Fire/EMS Services Contract which is expiring in 2024. Both entities are anticipating a new contract to be voted on and approved in the Summer of 2023, and be in place by January 1, 2024.

### **Confirm Next Meeting (July 13, 2023) and Agenda Items; and Action Thereon**

The next meeting of the Cedarburg Police and Fire Commission was confirmed for July 13, 2023.

### **ADJOURNMENT - CLOSED SESSION**

Motion made by Terry Zimmermann, seconded by Jim Salp, to adjourn to closed session at 7:32 p.m. pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is likely to become involved, more specifically, discussion and review of Erik Kampa lawsuit. Approval of closed session minutes from November 17 and December 8, 2022.

### **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Motion made by Jim Salp and seconded by Chris Hackbarth to reconvene into open session. Motion was carried without a negative vote. The meeting was reconvened at 8:16 pm.

### **NEW BUSINESS – CONTINUED**

### **Consider Two Applications for Full-Time Employment as Firefighter/Paramedics; and Action Thereon**

Motion made by Terry Zimmermann, seconded by Jim Salp, to hire Chris Wunsch and Nicholas Hepner as full-time Firefighter/Paramedics for the Cedarburg Fire Department. Motion carried without a negative vote with Stacy Tolomeo excused.

**Consider Termination of Probationary Member Ryan Feiertag; and Action Thereon**

Motion made by Terry Zimmermann, seconded by Jim Salp, to terminate the membership of probationary Cedarburg Fire Department Member Ryan Feiertag. Motion carried without a negative vote with Stacy Tolomeo excused.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Terry Zimmermann, seconded by Chris Hackbarth, to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Motion was carried without a negative vote with Stacy Tolomeo excused.

Chris Hackbarth  
Secretary

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