

## **MINUTES OF THE CHIPPEWA FALLS POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION**

A meeting of the Chippewa Falls Police and Fire Commission was held on **Tuesday June 6, 2023** at the Chippewa Falls Fire Department, Station 1, 1301 Chippewa Crossing Blvd., Chippewa Falls, WI

Commission members present: Greg Dachel, Chris Norseng, Todd Prill. Absent: Mike Houle, Cindy Boggess

Others present: Fire Chief Jason Thom, Police Chief Matt Kelm, Officer Sheridan Pabst, various members of the shift on duty at FD Station #1.

1. Chair Dachel called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Motion by Dachel/Prill to approve the Minutes of the May 16, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried..
2. **Police Department Employee Recognition: Officer Kaitlynn Nehring** completed her probationary period as of 5-31-2023.. Chief Kelm and Sgt. Pabst had many positive comments about Officer Nehring's performance to date (shows the core values of the Department, "has a nose for the job", great attitude, steps up to help others) and presented her with an inscribed CFPD Challenge Coin signifying her status as a full officer.
3. **Fire Department Employee Recognition: (1) Firefighter/paramedic Eric Weiland** has met all the requirements and completed his 1 year probationary period, as of 3-29-2023, with the Chippewa Falls Fire Department. Chief Thom presented him with his permanent helmet shield. **(2) Firefighter/paramedic Zac Ziegler** completed his 1 year probationary period with the Chippewa Falls Fire Department on 4-10-2023. Chief Thom presented him with his permanent helmet shield. **(3) Firefighter/ Critical care paramedic Nick Sprague** was recognized for completion of his probationary period on June 2, 2022. This official recognition in front of the PFC was delayed due to Covid and FD schedule conflicts.
4. **Police Department report:** Highlights of Chief Kelm's report included a year-to-date incident statistics report sheet. He also talked of the drug unit being very busy (leading the county in drug arrests). He also spoke of the trauma that officers are exposed to and the ongoing need for counseling through various offered services. The PD therapy dog program is set to start when the dog arrives (August) with Officer Lawcewicz in charge. Recent Special Olympics basketball event was a huge success and made over \$6,000. Upcoming events planned are National Night Out, a fall Citizens Academy, and an alumni association Dog Walk (K-9 fundraiser). A lot of training in various areas is ongoing. The Chief hopes open the next hiring process sooner.

**5. Fire Department report:** Year-to-date statistics include 1,381 EMS calls and 1,451 total calls (includes 2 structure fires). The Department is 8 positions short. BC Busse and BC Bowe continue to do inspections in lieu of someone being named in the Inspector position. John Goodman is the new FD Union president.

**6. New Business: Motion by Dachel/ Norseng to enter into Closed Session at 6:44 p.m. Roll call vote, all voting Aye. Motion carried.**

Contemplated closed session under Wisconsin Stats. Section 19.85(1)(c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility" to:

A. Conduct Fire Department interviews for MPO position; to include PFC members, Fire Chief Jason Thom, and candidates; and may return to Open Session, with possible action on items discussed in Closed Session. Roll call vote: Prill – aye, Norseng – aye, Dachel – aye. Motion carried. The Commission interviewed 5 candidates for the MPO position.

**B. Motion by Norseng/Dachel to return to Open Session at 7:44 pm. All present voting Aye, motion carried.**

1. Motion by Prill/Dachel to promote Nick Mompier to the position of MPO and to establish an eligibility list for the MPO position good for one year (good until 6-6-2024).

2. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Norseng/Dachel to adjourn at 7:49 pm. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Chris Norseng, Secretary, Chippewa Falls Police and Fire Commission

