

**CITY OF CEDARBURG
POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION
MARCH 12, 2026**

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APPROVED**

A regular meeting of the Police & Fire Commission of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. at the Cedarburg Police Department, W75 N444 Wauwatosa Road, Community Room.

President Joel Dhein called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

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

Also Present: Fire Chief Jeff Vahsholtz, Assistant Chief Joey 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

A motion was made by Mark Sette, seconded by Jim Salp to approve the minutes of January 8, 2026 Police and Fire Commission Meeting minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action on application for active Firefighter/EMT Kiley Donovan.

Chief Vahsholtz advised Kiley was recommended by Member Brian Murphy. Kiley went to school for FF/Paramedic. She works at Children's Hospital and West Allis F.D. She is interested in becoming full-time at C.F.D. in the future. She had a good interview and comes highly recommended by the committee. She passed physical / medical.

Motion by Stacy Tolomeo to approve Kiley Donovan for the position of firefighter / EMT. 2nd by Terry Zimmerman. Motion carried without a negative vote.

B. Discussion and possible action on application for full-time employment in the Cedarburg Fire Department for Jessica Kopel, Wessley Reimer, and Gabriella Neideffer.

Chief Vahsholtz advised the following regarding the candidates:

Jessica Kopel – Full Time

- Currently a Lt. at the City of Brookfield Fire. Looking for a change from Brookfield.
- Master's of science degree in education.
- Previously a school teacher.
- Gained interest in firefighting and became an EMT. Was paid on call in Madison area and then hired at Brookfield.
- Very good background. Completed Medical, physical & psychological.

Motion to approve Jessica for full time employment by Stacy Tolomeo, second by Terry Zimmerman. The motion carried without a negative vote.

Wessley Reimer – Full Time

- Currently a firefighter / paramedic at Southern Ozaukee
- Has worked with C.F.D. for several years on intercept calls; works very well with our personnel.
- He will need less training than most due to his familiarity with C.F.D.
- Works as an instructor at M.A.T.C.
- Great experience and knowledge.
- Has completed background, medical & physical. Still waiting on psychological results.

Motion to approve Wessley for full time employment at C.F.D. contingent on successful results of his psychological evaluation by Jim Salp, second by Mark Sette. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Gabriella "Gabby" Neideffer – Full Time

- Currently paid on call Firefighter & Paramedic at Paris F.D.
- Went to school with current C.F.D. firefighter Katrina Schoen and comes recommended by her.
- Currently works with disabled adults in her full-time position.
- Recent paramedic graduate
- Assistant Chief at Paris F.D. gave her a great recommendation.
- Background, medical, physical & psychological all passed.

Motion to approve Gabriella for full time employment at C.F.D. by Stacy Tolomeo, 2nd by Jim Salp.
Motion carried without a negative vote.

REPORTS OF POLICE AND FIRE CHIEF

A. Update on Police Department projects.

Notes from Police Chief McNerney who couldn't be at the meeting

- Officer Vlad Melnikov is currently being honored by New Berlin P.D. for his assistance in a homicide investigation in their jurisdiction. Chief McNerney and the entire command staff is attending that ceremony as well at this time.
- Officer Tony Jones is reaching the end of his military deployment in April. He will begin field training in June.
- Officer Wyatt Ecclestone is at K9 school with the new K9 Officer "Blue".
- A K9 fundraiser will be held this coming Saturday at Circle B from 12:30 – 3:00 P.M.

B. Update on Fire Department Projects

Fire Chief Vahsholtz

- Chief Vahsholtz thanked the PFC members that attended the fleet study presentation.
- One of our new trucks is being upfitted for service. Training will take place.
- New ladder truck is having some repairs and should be in service after training.
- New grass fire truck is ordered.
- New fire department building is on hold for now. Currently making adjustments to the existing F.D. to make it more useable.
- Chief is applying for grants to make things more workable at the current building and will hopefully make for smoother operations for the next 5 or so years until a new building can be planned and funded.
- Chief will create and present a capital plan to attempt to accommodate the parameters of the fleet study to move things forward.

President Dhein confirmed the next meeting of the Police and Fire Commission will be on May 14, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. at the Cedarburg Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Jim Salp, second by Stacy Tolomeo. Motion carried without a negative vote.
Meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Sette, PFC Secretary