

**CITY OF CEDARBURG
POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 12, 2024**

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UNAPPROVED**

A meeting of the Police & Fire Commission of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at the Cedarburg Police Department, W75 N444 Wauwatosa Road, Community Room.

President Joel Dhein called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Present: Joel Dhein, Stacy Tolomeo, Jim Salp, Terry Zimmerman, Mark Sette
Also Present: Police Chief Mike McNerny, Fire Chief Jeff Vahsholtz

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

President 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 Stacy Tolomeo, seconded by Terry Zimmerman, to approve July 11, 2024 Police & Fire Commission Meeting minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

NEW BUSINESS

2023 Cedarburg Police Department Annual Report

Police Chief McNerny presented the 2023 Annual Report to the Commission. The report is available at the Cedarburg Police Department or online at:

https://www.cityofcedarburg.wi.gov/sites/g/files/vyhli4241/f/pages/2023_annual_report.pdf

Discussion and possible action on application for membership in the Cedarburg Fire Department for the following positions: Noah Nouansacksy - Active Fire/EMS, Dustin Wallace - Active Fire, Romyana Hadzhidimitrova - Active Fire, Kristian Vaughn - Active EMS, Doreen Lettau – Passive

Chief Vahsholtz explained all candidates have been interviewed and recommended by the C.F.D. personnel committee and all have passed background investigations. He provided the following information on the above-named candidates:

Noah Nouansacksy - Active Fire/EMS

Noah is a Cedarburg resident and graduate of Wauwatosa High School. He previously worked for the County Highway Department as a seasonal employee. He recently completed his bachelor's degree in software engineering. He is looking for something to do outside of his office work and has come to FD events / practices to observe activities before submitting his application.

A motion was made by Mark Sette, seconded by Jim Salp, to approve Noah for active fire / EMS. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Dustin Wallace - Active Fire

Dustin resides in the Town of Cedarburg. He is an Army veteran. He works in Harford in the automotive field and is new to the Cedarburg area. He is interested in becoming involved in the community and wants to do so through fire service.

A motion was made by Jim Salp, seconded by Terry Zimmerman, to approve Dustin for active fire. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Rumyana Hadzhidimitrova - Active Fire

Rumyana lives in Cedarburg. She is originally from Germany. She worked for the Army in Bavaria. She previously worked in corrections in Plymouth and Milwaukee. She is looking to give back to the community through service. She has volunteered at Maxwell Street Days and is a hard worker.

A motion was made by Terry Zimmerman, seconded by Stacy Tolomeo, to approve Rumyana for active fire. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Kristian Vaughn - Active EMS

Kristian resides in Cedarburg. He is a manager for a commercial auditing firm. He works from home. Graduated UWM with a master's degree in urban planning / architecture and a PhD. He wants to give back to his community through EMS service.

A motion was made by Stacy Tolomeo, seconded by Terry Zimmermann, to approve Kristian for active EMS. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Noreen Lettau – Passive

Noreen and her husband met the acquaintance of some of the fire personnel at a local restaurant. They met for breakfast several times. Noreen's husband has since passed and she invited her friends from the F.D. to the funeral. She is very active in the Mequon / Thiensville Rotary and very involved in community. Since her husband's passing, she is looking for things to occupy her time. She has helped at Fireman's Park in the past and she also helps in the office.

A motion was made by Mark Sette, seconded by Stacy Tolomeo, to approve Noreen for passive membership. Motion carried without a negative vote.

REPORT OF POLICE CHIEF AND FIRE CHIEF

Update on Police Department Projects

Police Chief McNerny advised on the following items:

The department received 33 applicants for the current opening. 1 has since dropped out. They are looking to hire 3 for current openings and possibly a 4th depending on a possible retirement. 23 are signed up to take part in the written exam and physical agility. The Chief commented that these application numbers are low historically. However, police departments everywhere are having extreme difficulties with recruitment and retention and 33 applicants is actually very good in these times. Other agencies in the area are not getting these application numbers.

Candidate interviews are tentatively set for October 16th & 17th 2024.

Update on Fire Department Projects

Chief Vahsholtz advised the following:

Joel Deutsch started in his new full-time position at the Fire Department on 9/5. He had a tough start with some priority calls on the first two days but handled the situations very well. He is very excited for the position and already fitting in exceptionally well.

The Chief has established a Strategic Planning Committee to look at the needs and future for Fireman's Park. The facilities are in dire need of upgrades and renovations. The committee will look at all options including renovations, upgrades, property sale, etc. Maxwell Street Days still creates income and funding, but the numbers are drastically lower than they were in years past. Currently there is no funding available for upgrades or renovations, but all options will be explored.

Confirm Next Meeting Date (November 14, 2024) and agenda items; and Action Thereon

President Dhein confirmed the next regular meeting will be held on November 14, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jim Salp, seconded by Stacy Tolomeo to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 P.M. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Mark Sette,
PFC Secretary