

Minutes of the St. Francis Police and Fire Commission Meeting

Held June 1, 2022

The Meeting was called to order by Secretary Kiepczynski at 4:01 p.m.

Present: Commissioners: Paradinovich and Bilot, Kiepczynski

Excused: Boknevitz, Jaskulski

Also Present: Chief Hunter, Chief Nick Poplar

Minutes approval of the Police and Fire Commission meeting held on May 4, 2022

- Motion made by Commissioner Paradinovich and seconded by Commissioner Jaskulski to approve the minutes. Motion Carried.

Correspondence: * Chairperson thru email suggested commission meetings taking off for the months of July and August unless a meeting is requested for an emergency/special reason. A motion was made after discussion among the attendees by Paradinovich and seconded by Bilot. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Election of Officers: Commissioner Boknevitz offered (via email) to stay on as chairperson if no one else was nominated. The present commissioners voted unanimously for his re-election. Commissioner Paradinovich nominated himself for vice-chairperson. The present commissioners voted unanimously for his re-election. Commissioner Paradinovich nominated commissioner Kiepczynski to stay on as secretary. Kiepczynski accepted and the present commissioners voted unanimously for his re-election.
- Letters of gratitude to organizations for gifts to public safety: Commissioner Kiepczynski originated this business item as a means to formally thank the benefactors to police and fire departments. Chiefs provided a listing of benefactors and a discussion was held. Commissioner Kiepczynski made the motion to create the letters and send them out whenever necessary. Motion was seconded by commissioner Paradinovich. The motions passed unanimously. Secretary Kiepczynski will originate the letters and disseminate to commission members prior to send out to benefactors. Kiepczynski will also be in contact with Mayor for approval and obtain advice on City correspondence format thru City Clerk's office.

Fire Department Update- from Chief Poplar:

Incident Totals Since May 3rd PFC Meeting:

- 144 Calls for Service
- 109 EMS

50.56%

Transported by SFFD BLS Ambulance

28.40% Treated/Transported (or) Received ALS
Treatment/Assessment by Paramedic ALS Unit

- 35 Heavy Apparatus Responses

2022 Total Fire Loss in City \$4500.00

+\$4000.00 since last meeting.

(Dumpster fire and adjoining garage damage at Mariner on 5/30/22. Lieutenant injured during the incident.)

- **11% Increase in Calls for Service vs. This Date in 2021**

Detailed stats provided on attached documents.

- SFFD 2021 annual report released.
- JFTA Candidate update. (SFFD candidates are performing well at the joint fire training academy in Wauwatosa. Captain Buckhalter has been serving as one of the instructors along with other participating fire departments; Wauwatosa, West Allis, and North Shore. Graduation date is slated for June 17th. Commissioners welcome to attend if possible. Chief Poplar will send out an invite.
- Narcan usage: Big jump for need to administer Narcan, not due to street drugs but due to overdoses of Rx use.
- New Paramedic unit: ready to roll but supply chain issues on certain medications used by paramedics is hampering full roll out as paramedic unit ALS. Chief stated they will begin phasing it in for BLS use in the interim.
- Captain and Lieutenant Positions: Chief Poplar requested approval for promotions to those vacated positions internally. For Lieutenant it was motioned by Paradinovich and seconded by Bilot to allow Chief's request to promote from within the ranks without commission involvement. Motion carried unanimously. For the Captain's position the Chief requested in part for commission involvement in selection process of a Captain since it is a management position. It was motioned by Paradinovich and seconded by Bilot to have the commission involved in the internal interview process. Motion carried unanimously. Chief Poplar will send out an interview meeting notice to all commissioners sometime after July 4th for TBD date of interviews with start date possibly at ~ 1700 hours to make it easier for all commissioners to attend.
- On board of Intern: Chief requested to be able to onboard Intern (Johnsrud) to Firefighter/Paramedic position after he completes JFTA in June. He will immediately fill an open position. Motion made by Kiepczynski and seconded by Bilot. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Dept Update: Chief Hunter:

June 1, 2022

May 4, 2022 – May 31, 2022

Crimes investigated and other police activity:

Theft Investigations:

- Robbery
 - 05/06/22 – 17:03 PM- 3545 S Kinnickinnic Ave, (PNC Bank), Suspect Developed – Accomplice in custody. SFPD/FBI/US Marshall joint investigation.

- Theft – Parts from Vehicle
 - 4120 S Lake Dr, Catalytic Converter, Open

- Theft – From Auto
 - 1915 E Tripoli Ave, Purse, Laptop, Backpack, Open

- Theft – From Yard
 - 4120 S Clement Ave, ATV, ATV Recovered, Open

- Theft – Retail
 - 4698 S Whitnall Ave (Pick N Save) - \$970.62 of groceries, Arrest Made

- Stolen Motor Vehicle Recovered in our City
 - 3545 E Tesch Ave, 2013 Hyundai Elantra, City of Milwaukee
 - 3242 E Waterford Ave, 1198 Oldsmobile Aurora, City of Cudahy

Battery – 1

Fraud - 1

Narcotic Violation – 4

OWI – 5

Disorderly Conduct – 7

Criminal Damage to Property – 9

Vehicle Pursuit – 2

Traffic Stops - 93

Accidents - 11

Total Calls for Service May 4-June 1: 680

Total Calls for Service 2022: 3,732

- Officer Pikulik was unavailable to appear and introduce himself at meeting due to shift and overtime constraints.
- K-9 Bane is retired, but has a medical issue that is being treated. Det. McManus who owns him now has been keeping Bane's FB followers updated about the issue.
- Officer Di Francesco has had a change of heart and will stay on with SFPD, so the department will not have to send out a notice for applications
- Chief Hunter has requested commission approval to promote a candidate to Sergeant position due to recent retirement. He will conduct an internal interviewing process utilizing his Captain and Lieutenant along with other agencies providing input. Motion was made by Kiepczynski and seconded by Paradinovich. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

- None

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Kiepczynski and seconded by Commissioner Bilot to adjourn.
Motion carried at 4:37 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday September 7, 2022 at 4:00 pm. *(Note: July and August meetings are cancelled unless requested by the chiefs.)

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Kiepczynski

Secretary