

City of Stoughton Police and Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 26, 2021

Held Via GoToMeeting Teleconference

Members Present: Martin Lamers (President), Doran Bradford, Peter Sveum, Jonathan Lewis, Amie Edgington

Staff Present: Fire Chief Josh Ripp, Chief Greg Leck,

1. **Call to Order**

President Lamers called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

2. **PFC Reorganization**

Director Gillingham asked for nominations. Edgington nominated Lamers, Bradford 2nd, All in Favor.

President Lamers asked for nominations for Vice President. Sveum nominated Bradford, 2nd Lamers, All in Favor.

President Lamers asked for nominations for Secretary. President Lamers nominated Edgington, 2nd Lewis All in Favor.

Meetings will continue to be held on the 4th Monday of the month at 5:30pm.

3. **Approval of the PFC December 8, 2020 and January 25, 2021 meeting minutes**

Minutes approved, All in Favor.

4. **Review of Fire Chief's Report**

Fire Chief Ripp gave review of report.

- Discussion regarding auxiliary and the role.
- Discussion regarding candidate from Deerfield, driving 12 miles was too far, nowhere for us to house someone that is too far out of the Area. Good Firefighter, just lived too far to respond timely.
- Feedback regarding a good article in the Hub.
- Vaccines for members 75% estimated vaccinated

5. **Review of Police Chief's Report**

Police Chief Leck review of report.

- Not super busy right now
- PTSD for law enforcement and firefighters goes into effect tomorrow
- Question regarding debriefing and when they are called.
- Question regarding insurance company and what is covered
- Due to City being hacked- officers had to do paper citations, dispatch to Dane county, body cams need to be downloaded. Not back to 100% in dispatch no time access. Inching forward.
- 9k Covid grant from the state, purchased laptops, share throughout the city.
- Sveum asked about compliance Check at liquor establishments. Failure rate is about 40%. Mix between liquor stores and establishments.

Motion to approve Sveum, 2nd Bradford, All in Favor.

6. **Discussion regarding Part-time Police Officers**

We have had up to two PT employee, Tom Nelson not working any more. 200 hours per part timer. Continue? It has been beneficial. Have used for hiring with advantage, helps with events, OT, prompted town of Madison officer looking for PT work, lives in Stoughton. Continue? Wants to avoid recruiting. Value with someone local. Regular police officer hire, you determine the process. Director Gillingham recommended that the Chief handle the PT by himself, Sveum, Lewis and Bradford want to interview the candidate. Chief requested that the PFC interview the candidate. PFC to continue with regular interview process.

7. **Discussion and possible action regarding Diversity from 12/8/2020 meeting noted as future agenda item**

Bradford brought this forward because she had spoken with Mayor Swadley and with Frank. Regarding how the PFC is setup. It's the ticket we have all got to talk about. Sveum, we have opportunity almost every year. If different mix is needed, that can be done. The Mayor had no intention of changing the commission. Swadley said Frank might come to the meeting. Sveum, it is not our role. If there is a change we do not make the change. Not our responsibility.

No Action.

Marty thank you for serving.

8. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn Lamers, Lewis 2nd, All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.