

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA  
POLICE, FIRE & AMBULANCE COMMITTEE MEETING PROCEEDINGS  
JUNE 11, 2024

The Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Gorchals at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 7:43 pm immediately following the adjournment of the Finance Committee meeting. Roll call was taken. Members Present: Pat Gorchals, Shani Appleby, and Meta Berg. Also present: Mayor Rich Luedke, Administrator Marcus Rennicke, Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Chris Gunderson, Austin Baehnman, and Carson Faulkner.

*Motion Gorchals, second Berg, to approve the Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee meeting minutes from May 14, 2024. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

**Citizen Appearances:** None

**May Calls for Service Report & Department Update:** Chief Leschke reported that there were 317 calls for service last month. 42 traffic citations were issued, 25 written traffic warnings issued, and 1 municipal ordinance citations issued.

**April Activity Report:**

- SRO DeGrand received a \$9,000 grant from CN Railroad for equipment to demonstrate impaired driving which will include failed vision goggles and a driving cart and traffic cones for a road course.
- Working with St. Peter Lutheran School on a School Safety Plan
- DeGrand did a presentation on the School Resource Officer Program at the Iola School District.
- Leschke meet with the Refinery Church to better understand their service to the community and expectations.
- Leschke attended Waupaca County Chief's meeting
- The department attended WF High School Graduation and assisted with the State Track Team escort
- Leschke attended the North Central Chiefs of Police Association Meeting
- DeGrand worked with the WF Transportation Department and installed 22 harnesses/safety seats in a WF School Bus and 2 car seats in a school van.
- Officer Bachaus has been hired full-time with the Waupaca County Sheriff's Office

**Posting to Wilenet for Part-time Staffing – Info only, no action:** The Chief will be posting for a part-time position. Does have 1 interview for next week so if that interview works out then will not post position.

**Preliminary PD Budget Discussion – Info only, no action:** Leschke reported that since he took over as Chief he has been trying to get closer to a more accurate budget than was done in past practices. He worked with former Administrator Schroeder to establish a more true to date budget for the department. Discussed how the body cameras are paid over 5 years instead of one lump sum and was initially listed as a capital purchase but will now be a line item on the budget.

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**Explanation of the general daily operation of PD and scheduling – Info only, no action:** The Chief also went over the current police structure with leadership roles of Sergeant, Corporal thru out the week.

**Report from Fire District:** Gorchals went over the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting and the restructure of new officers for the district. He is now the District President.

**Set next meeting date/time:** The next committee meeting will be held on July 8, 2024 immediately following the Finance Committee meeting.

**Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:** Clerk Loehrke received a call from the Flock Camera Company asking about the location where the camera will be installed. Hopefully this means it will be up and running soon.

*Motion Gorchals, second Berg, to adjourn at 8:08 pm. Motion carried with all “ayes”.*

**Recommendation to Council:** None

Rebecca Loehrke  
City Clerk