

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
POLICE, FIRE & AMBULANCE COMMITTEE MEETING PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 10, 2024

The Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Gorchals at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 7:56 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, Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Chris Gunderson, Austin Baehman, Lori Gosz and Andy Schmidt.

Motion Appleby, second Berg, to approve the Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee meeting minutes from November 12, 2024. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

November Calls for Service Report and Department Update: The call report and department update report were included in the meeting packet. 274 calls for service, 26 traffic citations issued, 13 written traffic warnings issued, and 2 municipal ordinance citations issued. Chief Leschke also reported that Patrick McClone has been offered and accepted a conditional offer for part-time employment as the School Resource Officer. Staff that hadn't gone through their Mental Health check-in yet were able to do it with Rebellious Wellness.

Discussion on TRAINFO Program: Chief Leschke reported that this program alerts citizens on train blockages. It is a nice program but extremely expensive. He has declined participation in the program.

Fire District Update: Gorchals reported on the regular Fire District meeting and the long-range planning meeting that took place. At the District meeting there was a lot of discussion on the addition of \$20,000 for the HVAC system that was added to the budget. The department would like to move forward with the building remodel. Also, a lot of discussion on purchasing a new fire truck in 2025. There will be another long-range planning meeting on January 8th. The District would like to have the department look at their priorities. Remodel the fire house with safety and air quality a concern or purchase a new truck.

Set next meeting date/time: The next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 immediately following the Finance Committee meeting.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: Appleby asked for clarification on the City's stray cat policy with the Waupaca County Humane Society. Leschke noted that the Humane Society will take cats in with no contact from law enforcement, but they do verify residency with driver's license and another form of identification. The fee from the Humane Society is a per cat one time fee.

Motion Appleby, second Berg, to adjourn at 8:11 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Recommendations to the Council: No Action for Council

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk