

NEENAH POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

January 8, 2025, 7:00 a.m.
Neenah Police Department Training Classroom

Present

Commissioners Gilbert Mueller, Laura Kemps, Robert Karrmann and Sam Erickson

Also Present

Chief Aaron Olson, Assistant Chief Jeffrey Bernice, and Captain Thomas Van Sambeek

Absent

Commissioner Judd Stevenson

Commissioner Kemps called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. She noted a quorum was present. It was moved by Commissioner Karrmann and seconded by Commissioner Erickson that the minutes of the November 20, 2024, regular meeting be approved. All voted in favor of the motion.

Motion to convene into Closed Session

It was moved by Commissioner Karrmann and seconded by Commissioner Mueller to convene into closed session under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(b) and 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of interviewing candidates for appointment to the Police Department's Eligibility List. All voted in favor motion.

Reconvene into Regular Session

The Commission reconvened at 8:12 a.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Karrmann and seconded by Commissioner Erickson to put officer candidates Cristian Morales, Ashley Tench and Ashley Magnin on the department's eligibility list. All voted in favor of the motion.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Aaron Olson reported that as of January 8, 2025, the department is almost fully staffed. Out of the 44 authorized sworn positions, the police department only has one vacancy.

Officer Alex Wood is in field training and is reportedly doing well. Officer Owen Halls is off field training and on his own. He is also doing well. Officer Eric McLevige starts the police academy tomorrow, January 9, 2025.

Lieutenant Chad Gruenstern will be retiring on January 29, 2025. Sergeant Clint Driscoll has made it known that he will be retiring sometime between January and June of 2025. Investigator Paige Kowalski will be resigning on January 16, 2025. Officer Caleb Justman has resigned, and his last day is today, January 8, 2025. Both Paige and Caleb will be missed, but they are leaving for family reasons and Chief Olson wished them well. With these four upcoming retirements and resignations, the department will be short four to five officers by the end of January 2025, depending on when Sergeant Clint Driscoll's decides to retire.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Mueller and seconded by Commissioner Karrmann to adjourn. All voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gilbert H. Mueller, Secretary