

NEENAH POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES.

April 17, 2025, 7:00 a.m.
Neenah Police Department Community Room

Present: Commissioners Judd Stevenson, Gilbert Mueller, Laura Kemps, Robert Karmann and Sam Erickson

Also Present: Chief Aaron Olson and Captain Thomas Van Sambeek

Commissioner Judd Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:00am. He noted a quorum was present.

It was moved by Commissioner Karmann and seconded by Commissioner Kemps that the minutes of the March 19, 2025, regular meeting be approved. All voted in favor of the motion.

It was moved by Commissioner Karmann and seconded by Commissioner Erickson that the minutes of the March 19, 2025, executive meeting be approved. All voted in favor of the motion.

Motion to convene into Closed Session:ca

It was moved by Commissioner Kemps and seconded by Commissioner Erickson 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 7:25a.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Karmann seconded by Commissioner Kemps to put officer candidate Jason Eake on the department's eligibility list. All voted in favor of the motion.

Police Chiefs Report

Chief Aaron Olson reported that as of April 17, 2025, the department is authorized 44 sworn officers' positions. On March 28, Sergeant Clint Driscoll retired. With his retirement, the PD is down to 39 sworn officers, but the PD has two lateral transfers who could all be hired soon, bringing the sworn staff to 41 sworn. Additionally, the police department will most likely be freezing two sworn positions so the city can afford to pay the current officers their new wages, which currently being negotiated between the Neenah Police Department Union and City of Neenah. If the department has two freeze two positions, the department will have to have 42 sworn officers to be fully staffed.

The background process for one of the lateral transfers is almost complete. The background process of another lateral transfer will take longer.

Officers Ben Kosiorek, Alex Wood, and Derrick Rotta are all off of field training and doing well. Officer Eric Mclevige is in the police academy and is scheduled to graduate on May 16, 2025.

Other Business:

None

Adjournment:

It was moved by Commissioner Kemps and seconded by Commissioner Erickson to Adjourn. All voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:35a.m.

Next Regular Meeting: May 7, 2025

Respectfully submitted

Gilbert H. Mueller, Secretary