

City of Dodgeville, Police and Fire Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 23, 2023

I. Call to Order

President Robert Kratochwill called to order the regular meeting of the Police and Fire Commission at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, January 23, 2023 at Dodgeville Fire Department.

II. Roll Call

Robert Kratochwill conducted roll call. The following persons were Present: Lieutenant Brandon Wilhelm, Fire Chief Brian Whitehouse, Marie Fralick, Mary McKinley, President Robert Kratochwill, Mike Humke and Diane Messer. Absent: Police Chief David Bauer, John Pipal.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Diane Messer to approve the January 23, 2023 Agenda and to acknowledge the meeting notice was posted as a Public Meeting on January 12, 2023. Second by Mike Humke. Motion passed 5-0.

IV. Approval of Minutes of October 18, 2021 Regular Meeting

Motion by Mike Humke to approve April 18, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes. Seconded by Marie Fralick. Motion passed 5-0

V. Reports

Dodgeville Fire Department Quarterly Report was presented by Fire Chief Brian Whitehouse

Fire Chief Brian Whitehouse presented the 2022 Full Year Report:

Calls: 111, Members: 33, Members per call :14.

Statistics from 2021 showed decrease in Motor Vehicle Accidents, 61 to 48 calls, increase in Alarm calls, 17 from 11, due to false Apple iPhone 14, vehicle accident calls.

Membership has one new Entry Level Firefighter who will complete his training in about 2 months. A second member will join in one month, turning 18, who has completed Firefighter 1 training.

Open House in October, 2022 and Spaghetti Dinner were both successful. Funds will be used for an upgraded UTV and training operations. 2022 training included focus on electric vehicles both from a rescue/extrication side as well as fire behavior.

1996 Peterbilt Engine will be refurbished in 2023. Frame and Structure are solid and refurbishment will be warranted. 2007 Pierce Engine 1 has rust issues that will be addressed.

Police Department Quarterly Report was presented by Lieutenant Brandon Wilhelm.

Staffing needs/concerns, none at this time.

Projects: Record retention completed in August, 2022. Record files from 1979 to 2015 purged down to 5 boxes from 45 large boxes.

2022 Full Year Report

Arrests: 2022: 156 arrests and 93 additional Referrals for Charges. 50+ Arrest/Referral spike in 2021 and 2022; highest in 20 years.

2022 Critical (119 incidents) or Complex Incidents:

Multiple motor vehicle thefts/break-ins during January 2022. Arrests-2

14 Sexual offense/assaults/possession of pornography

Assists: Mineral Point community after death of Firefighters: assisted Law Enforcement Agencies with multiple death/homicide investigations

Situations: Hostage, 1 arrest; Stand-off armed, 2 arrests; Hospital Security, 5 day/24 hour

Burglary: 300 hours of investigation, 2 arrests, 1 Referral of Charges: Burglary with shots fired killing a dog, 1 arrest

Fatal Fire; Suicides, two (2); Overdose, CPR, AED, Narcan multiple times

St. Joseph Daycare Investigation, 1 Referral of Charges

A future request was made by Mary McKinley for yearly budgets by City of Dodgeville for both Fire and Police Departments.

VI. Adjourn. Motion by Mike Humke to adjourn meeting. Second by Diane Messer. Robert Kratochwill adjourned the meeting at 5:43 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting April 17, 2023, 5:00PM at the Dodgeville Fire Station

Thank you to Chief Brian Whitehouse for showing us around the Fire House.

Minutes submitted by Mary McKinley

