



Report to APC

Agenda Item: Ordinance 14-16
Meeting Date: 13 October
Referring Body: Administrator
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AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance 14-16

OBJECTIVE(S): To discuss changing ordinance 14-16 to allow police and fire commission members to be appointed to other committees.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Do not approve the ordinance change, police and fire needs to be out of the potential for any political retribution.

§ 14-16. - Police and fire commission.

A. *Composition.* The police and fire commission shall consist of five members, none of whom may be elected or appointed officials or employed by the village. Three members of the police and fire commission shall constitute a quorum.

B. *Appointment.* The village president appoints members to the police and fire commission, with consultation and confirmation by the village board. All members of the police and fire commission shall be citizen members as defined in this chapter. Appointments shall conform to Wis. Stats. § 62.13(1). The term of office shall be five years.

C. *Organization.* The police and fire commission shall select a chairperson and vice chairperson annually as described in § 14-10 of this Code. The secretary of the police and fire commissioners will be the village staff member designated by the administrator.

D. *Recordkeeping.* The police and fire commission shall keep a written record of its proceedings to include all actions taken, a copy of which shall be filed with the village clerk.

E. *Meetings.* The police and fire commission shall meet annually sometime during the month of May, and more often as determined by the commission or chairperson.

F. *Duties.* Pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 61.65(3g)(a), said board of police and fire commissioners is hereby consolidated into one board.

(1) The police and fire commission shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the following matters concerning police officers and fire department personnel, including emergency medical technicians and first responders as members of the fire department, as follows:

- (a) Appoint, suspend or remove the chief of police department and the chief of the fire department;
- (b) Approve all appointments made by the police chief and fire chief, including the promotion of subordinates;
- (c) Approve competitive examinations used to judge suitability for appointment of subordinates;
- (d) Approve each list of individuals determined to be eligible for appointment;
- (e) Suspend the chief of a department or subordinates pending the filing and hearing of charges against them;
- (f) Initiate charges against the chief of a department or any subordinate;
- (g) Hear charges filed against the chief of a department or a subordinate, make findings and determinations, and impose penalties; and
- (h) Hear appeals of disciplinary actions initiated by the chief of a department against any subordinate.

(2) The commission shall not have the optional powers granted in Wis. Stats. § 62.13(6).

G. *Compensation.* Members of the police and fire commissioners shall receive a per diem amount set from time to time by the village board.