



Minutes

**Police and Fire Commission Meeting**

**Monday, January 20th at 5:00 PM**

**Dodgeville Police Dpt., 111 W Merrimac**

**St, Dodgeville,WI**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL at 5:00 p.m.**

Present include Tom Demuth, Mike Humke, Marie Fralick, Brian Whitehouse (Dodgeville Fire Chief), Brandon Wilhelm (Dodgeville Police Chief)

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of Minutes from October 21, 2024.

Motion by Humke, Second by Demuth. Unanimous approval.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

2. Chief Brandon Wilhelm presented the fourth quarter report for the Police Department.

Provided updates regarding increase in calls for service in 2024 compared to 2023 of approximately 25%. Will be reviewing more in depth to determine causes. Described the Officer Wellness program and recent steps taken to address wellness. Police Department has also switched from FORS to Zuercher for a reporting system. Union contract negotiations are ongoing. Covered multiple trainings that took place in 2024 as well as training needs for 2025. Police Department is currently full staff. Some 2024 goals that were accomplished include updating Department website, increasing retainment incentives and coordinating an effort for Officer wellness days. The 2024 Annual report will be completed by the next meeting and 2025 goals will be discussed.

3. Chief Whitehouse presented the fourth quarter 2024 report for the Dodgeville Fire Department.

Ended 2025 with 149 calls up from 125 in 2023 a 19% increase. Smoke/odor calls appear to be a possible cause of increase. Two individuals are currently enrolled in entry level firefighter. The fundraising breakfast at the Dodger bowl went well and a slide in unit for the UTV will be purchased using some of the donation funds. Will be accepting bids for frame sandblasting for Engine 1. Chief Whitehouse discussed possible buildings including a training tower and/or storage building near the Fire Department for future plans.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

4. Chief Wilhelm proposed that the next meeting include a review of PFC Bylaws and recommendations to be made.

**V. ADJOURN**

5. Next meeting of Police and Fire Commission scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at Dodgeville Fire Department.
9. Motion to Adjourn made by Demuth, second by Humke. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. to conduct a tour of the Police Department.