



CITY OF MENOMONIE  
POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION MEETING  
Minutes

Monday – January 18, 2010

9:00 a.m. / 1:30 p.m.

Dunn County Board Room, First Floor, Room 122/124

Dunn County Government Center, 800 Wilson Avenue, Menomonie, WI

*(Minutes are a draft until approved)*

**I. Call to Order**

- Meeting called to order by PFC President Ron Sandfort at 9:00 a.m.

**II. Roll Call**

- Other Commissioners present Jim Ley, Tom Mangin, Bob Peterson and Jan Pierce. Also present were Attorneys John Behling and Ryan Steffes from the office of Weld, Riley, Prenn & Ricci, SC; Attorney Phil Steans; Attorney Kyle Gulya; Police Chief, Wayne Stolpa; and citizens.

**III. Approval of Minutes – January 15, 2010**

- Motion was made by Jim Ley, seconded by Tom Mangin, and carried unanimously on roll call vote to approve the minutes, as presented.

**IV. Discussion** – Attorney John Behling announced the procedures that will be followed for hearing the Citizen Complaints.

PFC President Ron Sandfort asked all of the Police & Fire Commission members to publicly declare if they are able to serve as an impartial decision maker and base their decision solely on the evidence presented relating to the Emilie Wiese complaint. Upon roll call, the following responses were given:

Jim Ley – Aye

Tom Mangin – Aye

Bob Peterson – Aye

Jan Pierce – Aye

Ron Sandfort – Aye

The public hearing regarding the Complaint filed by Citizen Emily Wiese against Police Chief Wayne Stolpa was opened by Attorney John Behling and recorded by the court reporter.

A lunch break was taken from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. The hearing reconvened at 12:47 p.m.

At approximately 4:00 p.m., Attorney John Behling closed the Emilie Wiese public hearing.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tom Mangin, seconded by Jan Pierce, and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

PFC President Ron Sandfort reconvened the Police & Fire Commission at 4:13 p.m. to hold the public hearing regarding the Complaint filed by Lucy B. Lammer against Police Chief Wayne Stolpa.

Roll call vote was taken with the following members present: Jim Ley, Tom Mangin, Bob Peterson, Jan Pierce and Ron Sandfort.

PFC President Ron Sandfort asked all of the Police & Fire Commission members to publicly declare if they are able to serve as an impartial decision maker and base their decision solely on the evidence presented relating to the Lucy B. Lammer complaint. Upon roll call, the following responses were given:

Jim Ley – Aye

Tom Mangin – Aye

Bob Peterson – Aye

Jan Pierce – Aye

Ron Sandfort – Aye

The public hearing regarding the complaint filed by Citizen, Lucy B. Lammer, against Police Chief, Wayne Stolpa, was opened by Attorney, John Behling, and recorded by the court reporter.

Attorney, John Behling, closed the Lucy Lammer hearing at 5:32 p.m.

Motion was made by Bob Peterson, seconded by Jim Ley, and carried unanimously on roll call vote to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(a) to deliberate concerning the quasi-judicial hearing before the Police and Fire Commission regarding the Complaints filed by Complainants Wiese and Lammer; also pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(g), to confer with legal counsel regarding litigation in which the Commission is likely to become involved.

The Commission reviewed the Menomonie Police Department Policy in regard to the standards of conduct. The Commission specifically focused on Rules No. 1 and 11, which were alleged to have been violated, during the two hearings. The Commission also again reviewed the original Complaints which had been filed and discussed the testimony given by witnesses in support of and in defense of the written original Complaint allegations. The Commission's attorneys, John Behling and Ryan Steffes, also provided instructions regarding making sure the Commission did not consider testimony which was provided during the hearing outside of the

scope of the original Complaints. The Commission also weighed the credibility of the witnesses who testified during the Wiese and Lammer hearings. The Commission decided to not take any action and completed deliberations for the evening.

Motion to reconvene into open session was made by Bob Peterson, seconded by Tom Mangin, and unanimously carried on roll call vote.

**Next Meeting:** January 21, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. at the Dunn County Board Room, First Floor, Room 122/124, Dunn County Government Center, 800 Wilson Avenue, Menomonie, WI

**VI. Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Ley, seconded by Jan Pierce, and carried on roll call vote. Meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

JoAnn L. Kadinger, City Clerk  
Recording Secretary