

## **Village of Pewaukee Police Commission**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**April 23, 2025**

#### **I. Call to Order/Roll Call**

President Spakowicz called the meeting of the Village of Pewaukee Police Commission to order at 5:04 p.m. on April 23, 2025. Secretary Rohde conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Commissioners Gehrking, Borckmann and President Spakowicz. Commissioner Bublitz was officially excused from the meeting. Chief Timothy Heier was also present.

#### **II. Citizen Comments**

There were no citizen comments. Chief Heier had no communications or concerns from the citizens.

#### **III. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the March 10, 2025, meeting was presented for review. Commissioner Borckmann made a motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Gehrking seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the March 18, 2025, meeting was presented for review. President Spakowicz made a motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Borckmann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **IV. Police Commission Appointments and Election**

- a. Appointment of Commissioners to new five-year term effective date May 1, 2025.
  - (1) William Gehrking until April 30, 2030
  - (2) Peter Rohde until April 30, 2030

President Spakowicz mentioned that both Commissioners were interested in being reappointed to the Commission. President Spakowicz had a discussion with Village Board President Knutson about the reappointments. Village Board voted unanimously to reappoint Commissioner Gehrking and Commissioner Rohde to new five-year terms.

- b. Election of Commission Officers (effective May 1, 2025)
  - (1) President of the Commission- Motion was made by Commissioner Gehrking to nominate and reelect President Spakowicz, seconded by Borckmann. Roll Call vote by Secretary Rohde on the reelection was passed unanimously.

(2) Secretary of the Commission- Motion was made by President Spakowicz to nominate and reelect Commissioner Rohde, seconded by Commissioner Gehrking. Roll Call vote by Secretary Rohde on the reelection was passed unanimously.

**V. Discussion of creating Committee to review, update and rewrite Police Commission By-laws.**

President Spakowicz discussed that back in 2013-14. Commissioner Gehrking and himself worked on procedures for the Police Commission. Lt Carney also would help. They found out that we had Ordinances and no by-laws. They looked at area Police Departments for ideas on by-laws. Then came the hiring of a new Police Chief. The bylaws were put on hold. President Spakowicz would like to put together a committee to revisit the ordinance and write the by-laws. Research and find some boiler plate language for the by-laws. Some cases were discussed where the by-laws would be needed. Eventually, have Village Attorney Blum possibly get involved. The Commission agreed that this needs to be addressed in the future. This agenda item will be in the Old Business category in the future.

**VI. Closed Session**

Commissioner Borckmann made a motion that the Police Commission move into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statues Section 19.85(1) (c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body had jurisdiction or exercises responsibility – specifically regarding Police Officer candidates. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gehrking. A roll call vote was taken by Secretary Rohde. The motion passed unanimously. The commission moved into closed session at 5:32 p.m.

**VII. Reconvene into Open Session**

Commissioner Gehrking made a motion to reconvene into open session. President Spakowicz seconded the motion. Secretary Rohde took a roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously. The Commission reconvened into open session at 6:02 p.m.

**VIII. Possible Action in Police Officer Candidate**

Motion was made by Secretary Rohde to recommend to Chief Heier that Officer Parker Fricke be reinstated back on the Pewaukee Police Department at the Chief's discretion pending background investigation. Motion was seconded by President Spakowicz. The Motion passed unanimously.

**IX. Possible Action on Lake Patrol Officer Candidates**

Secretary Rohde made a motion to forward the names of Robert Rambolt and Tracy Burbach to Chief Heier to be hired as Lake Patrol Officer after all requirements and the background check is completed. President Spakowicz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**X. Adjournment**

Commissioner Borchmann made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by President Spakowicz. The motion was passed unanimously. President Spakowicz adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Submitted by,

*Peter Rohde*

Commissioner/Secretary Peter Rohde