



City of Ladysmith

Police & Fire Commission **Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2022** **5 PM at the Ladysmith Fire Hall**

Present: Commission Members: Chairperson Cora Schultz, Rick Nash, Mike Closs, Dan Gudis, Jennifer Pearson, LPD Chief Kevin Julien, Fire Chief Kyle Gibbs, Assistant Chief Shane Bishop, Council Representative Gerard Schueller, Tom Hall, Andy Alberado, Mayor Calvin Vacho, Administrator Alan Christianson, Town of Big Falls Dave Zimmer

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:01pm. R. Nash seconded by M. Closs. Motion carried.
2. Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 15, 2021 made by M. Closs; seconded by R. Nash. Motion carried.
3. Motion to approve evening's agenda made by M. Closs seconded by R. Nash. Motion carried.
4. Motion to approve monthly invoice made by M. Closs seconded by R. Nash. Motion carried.
5. Appearances by the public. None
6. Fire Chief's Report. Chief Kyle Gibbs advised that they are at 10 calls to date. Chief advised that the boiler went out but there are 3 boilers and he was advised to wait until spring to replace the one that is out. Approximate cost of \$10,0000.
7. Discussion with Tom Hall on future ambulance assist options. Discussion on staffing issues. Discussion on the current and future EMT/Ambulance shifts. Hall advised that he would like to hire 5 to provide around the clock coverage.
8. Chief's Report. Chief Kevin Julien advised that two officers had been out with Covid. Chief discussed trying to get an SRO back into the schools on a more permanent basis. Will be meeting with school administration to discuss. Chief advised that it has been a busy 6 months with a new squad car, new officer hired, and new records management system.
9. Discussion on SRO agreement with Ladysmith School district. Chief advised he will be pursuing a possible SRO position in the future. They discussed possibly 3 hours a day billed at \$45 per hour. This is just in the planning/discussion phase at this time.
10. Discussion on Officer Jacob Schmidt joining the Barron/Rusk ERT. Commission members were in agreement on this partnership.
11. Next meeting is set for February 16, 2022 at 5:00pm
12. Motion to adjourn meeting +made at 5:46 pm made by M. Closs seconded by R. Nash. Motion carried.
13. Meet jointly with City Property Committee 6:00 pm.

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