

SAUK PRAIRIE POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES
November 13, 2024
Sauk City & Prairie du Sac

1. **Call to order:** This meeting was called to order on November 13, 2024, at 6:01pm by John Fritsch. Jay Fisher was introduced to the Commission as the newest Village of Sauk City Commission Member.
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Bender, Erickson, Fritsch, Fisher
Absent: Dietmann, Schmidt
3. **Additions/Changes to Agenda:** Motion by Bender, 2nd by Erickson to approve the agenda. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
4. **Approve/Deny Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Motion by Erickson, 2nd by Bender to approve October 9, 2024, regular meeting minutes. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Fisher abstained. Motion carried.
5. **Approve/Deny Payment of Bills:** Motion by Erickson, 2nd by Bender to approve the payment of bills. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
6. **Citizen Comment:** None.
7. **Reports**
 - a. **Officer Report:** None.
 - b. **Management:**
 - i. **Activity Reports for October:** Activity reports were reviewed, and questions answered by Chief Sherman. Chief Sherman informed the Commission about an incident of several juveniles going through vehicles which ultimately ended with a stolen vehicle that fled from the downtown Sauk City area and headed toward Prairie du Sac. The vehicle was found by Columbia County Sheriff's Office abandoned on Mack Road; investigation continues. Chief Sherman informed the Commission that he has hired a new Community Service Officer, Michael Blau. There were no incidents during Halloween. SRO Nicholas Hayden has been doing very well in the schools since starting the position.
 - c. **Finance Reports:** Chief Sherman reviewed and explained the finance reports through the end of October. We should be around 83% and are very close. All questions were answered.

8. Old Business:

- a. Discussion/Possible Action: 2023 Audit:** The Commission reviewed and looked over the 2023 audit that was received from Johnson Block. The Commission discussed looking into an actuarial company to determine if an actuarial valuation needs to be completed for the sick leave conversion upon retirement policy. Motion by Bender, 2nd by Erickson to accept the 2023 audit report. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- b. Discussion/Possible Action: 2025 Budget:** The villages still need to formally adopt their budgets, which will happen later this month. This will be brought back next month for final adoption.

9. New Business:

- a. Discussion/Possible Action: Officer Commendations/Awards:** Chief Sherman presented Officer Tara Pyfferoen and Officer Justin Wittenburg, our newest officers, who were pinned by family. Chief Sherman introduced our new CSO Michael Blau. Chief Sherman then presented the Officer Commendations/Award Plaques to Officer Brian Brennan, Detective Sethpatric Gritton, Officer John Kratochwill, Detective Andrew Lewis, Sergeant Tanner Leister, Officer Daniel Monson, Officer Tyler Mosley, Officer Tara Pyfferoen and Officer Spencer Wilhelm.

10. General Discussion: None.

11. Communications

- a. Review Thank You Letters:**
 - i. Sauk Prairie Schools – Merrimac Principal, Amy Brehm.**

12. Committee Reports: None.

13. Future Agenda Items:

- a.** 2025 Budget
- b.** Actuarial Company for Sick Leave Conversion Upon Retirement Policy

14. Adjourn: Motion by Erickson, 2nd by Fisher to adjourn meeting at 6:49pm. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Evert