

New Richmond Police and Fire Commission
November 3, 2015 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 AM.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Mark Samelstad	msamelstad@newrichmondwi.gov
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3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion made by Mike Montello and seconded by Pat Becker to adopt the November 3, 2015 Agenda as written. The motion carried.

4. Commission Meeting Minutes - October 27, 2015

Motion made by David Levi and seconded by Wendy Dadez to accept the October 27, 2015 Meeting Minutes as written. The motion carried.

5. Sergeant Gayle Freiseis Retirement Notice Update

Chief Samelstad advised that Sergeant Gayle Freiseis resubmitted her retirement notice, effective November 2, 2015. She had listed a different effective date on her initial notice.

Motion made by Mike Montello and seconded by Wendy Dadez to accept Sergeant Gayle Freiseis' retirement notice. The motion carried.

6. Lieutenants Position

Chief Samelstad provided documentation to the Commission regarding the Lieutenants Position and New Richmond Police calls for service and cases. There was further discussion about the duties of this position.

Motion made by Mike Montello and seconded by Pat Becker to advise City Council that the Commission supports maintaining an exempt, non-union Lieutenants position within the New Richmond Police Department subject to a job description that works for all parties (the union, the city, and the police chief) at the same rate of pay that is already established. Four members supported this motion, one member did not. The motion carried.

The Commission President will draft a letter to the Mayor, City Council, and the City Administrator outlining the Commission's recommendation for the Lieutenants position.

7. Communication and Miscellaneous

Chief Samelstad advised that he has been advised that the City will be hiring an outside agency to conduct an investigation of the New Richmond Police Department relative to, but not limited to, training deficiencies, high-risk situations, traffic stops, etc.

8. Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 AM. The motion carried.

9. Next Meeting

The next Police and Fire Commission meeting will be scheduled as needed.