



# Wauwatosa, WI

## Police and Fire Commission

### Meeting Minutes - Final

7725 W. North Avenue  
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

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Wednesday, February 18, 2026

4:30 PM

Committee Room #1 and Zoom:  
<https://servetosa.zoom.us/j/85484698352>,  
Meeting ID: 854 8469 8352

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#### Regular Meeting

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Danielle Basil-Long called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

#### ROLL CALL

**Present 4**      Commissioner, Chair Danielle Long  
                         Commissioner Greg Leahy  
                         Commissioner Victor Plantinga  
                         Commissioner Stan Stojkovic

**Excused 1**      Commissioner Phillip Morris

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes of the January 21, 2026, regular meeting [26-0237](#)  
**RESULT:**      APPROVED  
**MOVER:**      Greg Leahy  
**SECONDER:**   Victor Plantinga

#### CORRESPONDENCE

None

#### REPORT OF THE POLICE CHIEF

James MacGillis, Police Chief, presented.

1. Staffing report [26-0357](#)  
  
*Appointments - Ashley Trawicki selected for Community Patrol Specialist 1  
All sworn 79, 10 active, 11 vacant  
Interviews on Monday Feb 23 - 7 candidates*  
**RESULT:**      INFORMATIONAL ONLY
2. Promotional Policy Update - Deputy Chief (Meet in Closed Session, if necessary) [26-0359](#)

*Deputy Chief was part of the reorganization of the department to be implemented in July 2026. Policy must be changed to not only address that need, but must also be timeless for the future Chief to identify internal candidates. Recommendation to move this to closed session to discuss process.*

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY****3. Working with other jurisdictions**[26-0360](#)

*Wauwatosa officers do not ask about a person's citizenship status. Our focus is on local public safety concerns.*

*The Wauwatosa Police Department doesn't carry out immigration enforcement activities. However, we will provide mutual aid in the event of a public safety concern.*

*We will provide Dedicated Service and Protection for all, per the Department's mission, for constitutional protections, including an individual's right to safety and lawfully protest.*

*If officers encounter an individual engaged in criminal behavior or with a criminal or judicial warrant, they will arrest or detain the individual and have an obligation to notify the appropriate authorities. If officers encounter an individual with an administrative or civil ICE warrant, they are not required to notify ICE unless the individual is taken into physical custody for a separate matter.*

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY****REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF**

*Barb Kadrich, Interim Fire Chief, presented.*

**Operational Updates****1. Monthly call volume**[26-0368](#)

*January 925 calls (895 in January, 2025)*

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY****2. Significant incidents**[26-0370](#)

*1/6/2026 - Fatal car accident at 60th and Vliet. The occupant had to be extricated from the car.*

*1/8/2026 - Structure fire in the 4100 block of N 96th Street. Well involved fire on arrival. One civilian was transported for injuries sustained in the fire. Appeared to be no working smoke detectors in the home.*

*1/31/2026 - Structure fire in the 500 block of N 117th Street. Heavy fire on the second floor on arrival.*

*Tenants were on vacation at the time of the fire. One firefighter was transported to the hospital due to burns they received while searching for victims.*

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY****3. Shared services**[26-0372](#)

*No updates.*

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY****Administrative Updates****1. Spring hiring process**[26-0373](#)

*3 offered FF positions for the May start of JFTA (2 interns)*

**2. West Allis merger**[26-0374](#)

*Common Council meeting on February 24, 2026, for a possible vote on the merged fire department.*

*Ongoing meetings to discuss work groups and organizational charts.*

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY****3. CRR totals**[26-0376](#)

*Fire inspections 275 (average 3,400/year)*

2025 - 192

2024 - 242

2023 - 320

2022 - 186

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

**4.** Promotional process in 2026

[26-0377](#)

*HEO process (2 current openings due to retirement)*

*Captains process (1 opening: deadline March 19th for applications)*

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

**CLOSED SESSION**

*Motion by Stojkovic, seconded by Leahy, to convene into closed session at 5:08 P.M. pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1)(c), considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, and may reconvene into open session . Motion passed unanimously.*

**1.** Promotion Policy Update

[26-0358](#)

*Discussion was had in closed session.*

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned from closed session at 5:27 P.M.*