

CITY OF NEW HOLSTEIN POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2024

Location: City Hall, 2110 Washington Street, New Holstein, WI 53061

Members Present: Elroy Schreiner, Sonny Schaar, Chuck Meves, Dan Beckman, Mark Growe

Others Present: Police Chief Fisher, Fire Chief Carey, Mayor Snelson

The meeting was called to order by President Schreiner. It was noted that the meeting was properly announced. Roll call was taken by Schaar.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Meves nominated Schreiner to serve as President, seconded by Beckman. Being no other nominations, a motion was made by Meves, seconded by Beckman, and carried to close nominations. Schreiner will serve as President.

Beckman nominated Meves to serve as Vice President, seconded by Schaar. Being no other nominations, a motion was made by Beckman, seconded by Schaar, and carried to close nominations. Meves will serve as Vice President.

Schreiner nominated Schaar to serve as Secretary, seconded by Meves. Being no other nominations, a motion was made by Schreiner, seconded by Meves, and carried to close nominations. Schaar will serve as Secretary.

A motion was made by Schaar, seconded by Beckman and carried to approve the agenda.

A motion was made by Beckman, seconded by Schreiner and carried to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

Public comments were made. Mayor Snelson made a comment about items (agenda and minutes) not being in the drop box. The Commission informed him we do not have a drop box and items are sent via email to the Commission and are available in paper at each meeting.

No Communications.

Report from the Fire Chief: See attached document. In addition, the membership worked on cleaning up around the Fire House, they are waiting on a sign and lighting yet.

A motion was made by Beckman, seconded by Meves, and carried to approve Scott Bonlander as a Lieutenant.

Report from the Police Chief: See attached document. In addition, they had an audit in July, the State comes in to audit records. Everything was good and they passed, this audit takes place every three years.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 4:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Sonny Schaar, Secretary

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CHIEF ERIC R. FISHER
CAPTAIN CHUCK G. SCHROEDER

August 13, 2024

To: Police and Fire Commission
From: Chief Eric Fisher

RE: PFC August 2024 Meeting

Police and Fire Commission members,

Since January 1, 2024 the department has had a total of **1,872** incidents

Traffic Citations – **185**

Municipal Citations – **164**

Traffic Warnings - **197**

One of our main challenges in 2024 has been employee retention and recruitment. The profession as a whole has seen a significant change with those interested in becoming a police officer. As we speak, there are over 100 agencies in this state looking for officers, many trying to hire multiple officers, yet the academies are not getting filled, therefore leaving agencies working short staffed. This year we have struggled to fill positions, however, currently we are fully staffed with 7 full time officers with our latest officer still in field training.

New Hires

In 2024 we had several new hires.

Full time officer – Madison Voecks

Full time officer – Cheryl Kever

Part time Crossing Guard – Lisa Jacobson

Equipment Update

In 2024 we implemented a new less lethal program involving the usage of our shotguns for less lethal. These shotguns have been converted to be used with bean bag rounds, which gives us another tool to disable a potential threat with a lower type of use of force than our handgun.

I have also ordered and waiting on two 2025 new Ford Explorers to replace two squads. Part of the cost will be covered with \$25,000 in ARPA funds that was designated for this back in 2023. These two new vehicles will replace the 2012 Tahoe and the 2018 Ford Explorer. Both of these older vehicles will be sold at auction.

Early in 2024, I purchased a brand new speed/message board trailer to be used as a deterrent for the increased speeding issues we are having in the city. We are the only department in the area that has this other than the sheriff's department they have one. I utilized extra funds left out of my 2023 operating budget in order to purchase this valuable piece of equipment. The cost for this was approximately \$18,000. This particularly came in very handy during the Fireman's Picnic.

In addition, we purchased 30 heavy duty fillable barricades to be used for our Fireman's Picnic Parade as well as to be used in any emergency that may occur in the city. The cost for this purchase was \$6,000.

Notable incidents in 2024

2/7/24, Report of kids playing on Langenfeld Pond who fell in, officers and first responders responded and rescued the children

2/26/24, Assisted Calumet County Sheriff's Department at a residence across from the airport. Report of a male subject who pointed a firearm at stepdaughter, our officer was first on scene. We assisted in resolving the situation.

4/18/24, Report of a male suspect holding a female hostage at gunpoint, female was able to escape and after a short period of time and negotiation over the phone the male surrendered to the police. Suspect was charged with operating a firearm while intoxicated, 2nd degree reckless endangerment, and disorderly conduct

5/25/24, Report of significant damage to the bathroom at Optimist Park, Damage amount was costly, with holes punched in walls and partitions ripped out. Juvenile was identified and arrested for the damage. This was a common theme there was a lot of damage this summer with all of the park bathrooms, costs were excessive to the city.

5/28/24, Report of a violent domestic where wife contacted police due to intoxicated husband who was throwing knives at her. Suspect also cut all the power to the house. Suspect was arrested and charged with Use of a dangerous weapon and Domestic Disorderly Conduct

7/29/24, Report of a Hispanic men fighting and a possible stabbing victim. Officers arrived and suspect fled, victim was not stabbed but pushed where he struck his head on concrete and suffered a brain bleed. At the time was not known if victim would survive. Suspect located by Fond Du Lac County deputies and arrested on our warrant. Suspect picked up and taken to jail charged with aggravated assault and disorderly conduct

Sincerely,

Eric Fisher
Chief of Police

Start Date: 1/1/2024 12:00:00 AM
End Date: 8/13/2024 12:00:00 AM
Agency(s): NH

Incident Count by Incident Type

Incident Type	Incident Count
911 ASSIST	28
911 HANG UP	35
ABANDONED VEHICLE	2
ACCIDENT	18
ALARM	11
ALCOHOL	1
ANIMAL	61
ASSIST AGENCY	113
ASSIST CITIZEN	86
BATTERY	1
CARBON MONOXIDE	1
CIVIL MATTER	7
CIVIL PROCESS	6
CRIME PREVENTION	180
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	5
DEATH	3
DISTURBANCE	22
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	5
DRUGS	6
FIRE ALARM	4
FIRE CALL	14
FIREWORKS	9
FRAUD	9
HARASSMENT	25
JUVENILE COMPLAINTS	25
LOST / FOUND	31
MEDICAL	166
MISCELLANEOUS	22
MISSING PERSON	2
MOTORIST ASSIST	28
NOISE COMPLAINT	14
OPEN DOOR	12
ORDINANCE	72
PARKING COMPLAINT	146
RECKLESS DRIVING	17
RETAIL THEFT	1
RUNAWAY	3
SEX OFFENSE	4
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	8
SUSPICIOUS SITUATION	41
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	27
THEFT	18
TRAFFIC HAZARD	24

Report Name: /Custom Reports/CAD Reports/Incident Counts/Incident Count by Incident Type

Run Date: 8/13/2024 7:36:44 AM

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Incident Type	Incident Count
TRAFFIC STOP	455
TRESPASSING	3
TRUANCY	3
VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER	5
WARRANT	5
WEAPON	1
WELFARE CHECK	87
	1872

August 2024 Police and Fire Commission Update

1: We have had 45 calls year to date 1/1/2024 to 8/13/2024

From last meeting to today

8 Mutual aid calls

6 Fire Alarms

1 Structure Fire

3 Service Calls

2: New Members.

Rodney Johnson has returned to the department on 7/8/2024.

Carley Blado has joined the department started on 8/5/2024. He started his firefighter one class on 8/7/2024.

We had one other person apply for the department, but they failed the background check.

There is interest in joining the department.

Matt Brill resigned from the department. He was on military leave of absence. He has been discharged from the Army and is not planning on returning to New Holstein.

Kurt Mayer has resigned from the department because of time constraints and hopes to return at some point.

Kyle Meyer is retaking the entire Firefighter One Class. He failed the written test three times and must take the entire class over. Kyle joined the department on 10/4/2021. He has a positive attitude. Attends meetings and training. Makes fire calls and does his best to help.

Cameron Fritz hasn't passed his written for firefighter one yet.

Scott Bonlander and Brad Woelfel interviewed for the open lieutenant's position. I would like to recommend Scott for the position. He has Certified as Firefighter One and Two. Driver Operator and Aerial Certified. He will need to complete a Fire Officer Class. He would stay on probation until his class is completed. He joined the department on 12/4/1995. We utilized our officer evaluation process.

June, we had our ISO Audit. Normally done every five years last time was in 2018 should have our results later this year.

July annual ladder and hose testing were completed.