

CITY OF NEW HOLSTEIN POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2024

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

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

Others Present: Police Chief Fisher, Fire Chief Carey

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.

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

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

No public comments.

No Communications.

Report from the Fire Chief: See attached document. In addition, Brad Anhalt is retiring from the department. Logan Knott has resigned as a probationary member of the department.

Report from the Police Chief: See attached document. In addition, Madison will be also in the school starting in January. The two new 2025 squad cars are in and will be in service in the next few weeks. The department is also working on a new patch design that will be rolled out soon.

A motion was made by Meves, seconded by Schaar, and carried to appointed Brad Woelfel as a Lieutenant.

A motion was made by Schreiner, seconded by Meves, and carried to approve Eric Mayer as the First Assistant Chief.

A motion was made by Schaar, seconded by Meves, and carried to approve Travis Price as a Lieutenant.

President Schreiner requested an updated membership list from the Fire Department.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 4:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Sonny Schaar, Secretary

PFC POLICE REPORT NOVEMBER 12, 2024

Number of incidents so far for 2024 is **2,550** and in 2023 the number of incidents at this time was **2,669** a difference of 119 incidents less in 2024. The reason for the difference was that in 2023 there was a change in cellphones where if a person shook it, it would call 911 since then the problem was resolved. However, during this time period we had 91 911 hang-up calls, which does account for the higher number in 2023.

Our traffic stops also significantly increased up to this point this year by **77%** having a total of 693 stops. Out of those stops we issued 285 warnings, 299 citations, and 201 municipal tickets with a total of 785 contacts.

In addition, the police department has seen a big increase in more violent crimes, we had numerous gun calls and stand offs as well as several violent domestics. This also takes in part the lower call volume for 2024 compared to 2023, due to having some very large investigations that took months to investigate tied up the officers from being on the road to patrol.

On **October 19, 2024** Captain Schroeder and Officer Doute Participated in the New Holstein Trunk or Treat having 2 squad cars present for community policing.

Highlighted events for the previous month

3 OWI's this month - 10/04/2024 – OWI – 5th offense arrest (12:28 in the afternoon), **10/23/2024** – Second offense OWI (at 4:35 p.m.), **10/26/2024** – 1st Offense OWI

10/06/2024 – Officer stopped a vehicle for expired registration. Vehicle operator was arrested for a warrant out of Waukesha County.

10/10/2024 – Victim's mother came to PD to report adult daughter was attempting to leave an abusive relationship, but boyfriend threatened to kill her if she took their child. Victim was able to sneak out of residence as suspect was sleeping. In interviewing the victim, it was learned that the suspect was a convicted felon and in possession of a firearm. As the victim was safe, a tactical plan was devised, surveillance was conducted, and contact was made with the suspect. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Calumet County Jail, where he remains, pending charges to include disorderly conduct, repeater, domestic violence; possession of a short-barreled shotgun/rifle; possession of a firearm by a convicted felon; possession of THC 2nd+ offense, repeater; possession of methamphetamine – repeater; and possession of drug paraphernalia.

10/12/2024 – Agency Assist involving a high speed chase that originated in Kiel. Multiple agencies involved. Vehicle and driver were ultimately located and driver was detained.

10/25/2024 – After a lengthy investigation and outstanding work from Officer Schallmo, the Calumet County Drug Task Force, Wisconsin Department of Justice - Division of Criminal Investigations (DCI), and the Lake Winnebago area Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group, an arrest and body only warrant was made in our double overdose deaths that had occurred in September of 2023. The arrested suspect was booked and charged with 2 counts of 1st Degree Reckless Homicide/Delivery of Drugs and the second suspect who is on the run is also being charged with 2 counts of 1st Degree Reckless Homicide/Delivery of Drugs along with other charges. Our agency is working with the US Marshals Service in order to track the second suspect down and to get him into custody.

10/27/2024 – Received a report of kids stealing holiday decorations and leaving the stolen property at other homes. Items were secured at NHPD.

10/30/2024 – Received a report of someone entering another person's apartment and attacking the resident. An arrest was made and charges of battery and criminal trespass to property are pending.

Officer Schallmo has received specialized training related to ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) investigations. **In the month of October**, after a lengthy investigation, Officer Schallmo coordinated with the Calumet County Sheriff's Office, the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Office, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice - Division of Criminal Investigations to serve a search warrant on a residence in the city. A suspect was arrested and is currently facing charges of child enticement, exposing genitals/pubic area/intimate parts to a child; and exposing a child to harmful material.

November 2024 Police and Fire Commission Update

1: We have had 66 calls year to date 1/1/2024 to 11/12/2024

21 Calls from last meeting to today

6 Mutual aid calls

8 Fire Alarms

1 Structure Fire Smoke in Building

5 Service Calls

1 Vehicle Accident

2: Membership Update

Myrissa Reinhart joined the department on 8/21/2024

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

Myrissa Reinhart, Carley Blado and Kyle Meyer have completed the 60-hour portion of their Firefighter One Certification Class and are now taking Hazmat Operations.

Craig Carey, Jacob Marsh and Eugene Thede are taking Fire Investigation at the Chilton Fire House through FVTC.

Department update

We received our ISO results we remained a 3 in the city and a 5 in the country.

We are working on entering into the Length of Service Program (LOSAP) It enables the department to use 2% funds to enroll members into a retirement program. Currently members receive \$125 per year of service from the city if they serve 15 or more years. The LOSAP program matched 2 dollars for every 1 dollar that is paid into the program. We are put a points system together to reward members for attending meetings and drills also making calls.

The landscaping project has been completed at the firehouse. The project was an Eagle Scout project that Ben Schroeder worked on. Nick Turba, Josh Scott, Travis Price had a lot of time in the project and other members helped as needed

The replacement tender has been ordered from Midwest Fire we should receive that truck in the summer of 2026.

Jacob Marsh and Brad Woelfel interviewed for the open Lieutenant's position. I would like to recommend Brad for the position. He has Certified as Firefighter One and Two He Joined the New Holstein Fire Department since 1/17/2011 Brad previously served on the St Anna Fire Department for 11 years and 5 years of that was as a Lieutenant. He will need to complete a Fire Officer Class. He would stay on probation until his class is completed. H We utilized our officer evaluation process.