

**Regular Police Committee Meeting
City Of Virden
City Council Chambers
February 12th, 2026**

Meeting called to order by Alderman Boster at 7:22 pm

Alderspersons in attendance: Carter, Neighbors, Donley, Matrisch, Boster, and Karrick

Absent: Bertolino, and Calloway

Also in attendance: Mayor George Murphy, City Clerk Jon Myint and Police Chief Steven Snodgrass

Audience: None, **Comments from Audience:** None

Note: Meeting was recessed four times for Police interviews.

Topics:

1. Approval of Minutes 12-11-25 Police Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Karrick seconded by Neighbors to approve Police Committee Meeting Minutes of 12-11-25. **Motion** passed with all in favor

2. Interviews for full time/part-time police officers

a. Five interviews were conducted for police positions.

3. Discuss solicitors and code

a. **Discussion:** On City code, applications, background checks, permits, and citizen safety/privacy.

b. This issue has been moved to the Administrative Committee.

4. Repair of police emergency generator

a. The Police emergency generator has a leaking water pump, and the pump needs to be replaced. The estimated cost is \$2,700.

b. A number of questions arose; repair/replace, service warranty, maintenance contract, when does the present warranty/contract end, who can do the work.

c. This issue has been moved to the Public Works Committee.

5. Other items of discussion:

1. Updating Police Technology

- a.** The police communication system needs to be updated to meet state requirements, improve, (speed up) communication with state/county police/ other towns, cut down on the amount administrative time on a stop.
- b.** Presently officers are having to use their personal phones for police business.
- c.** What is needed: computer or iPad device for 2 or 3 cars within car mounts, handheld printers (one for each car) for E-Tickets, new P-25 radios, all the license and software to support the new equipment.
- d.** This issue has been tabled to the next Police Committee meeting, to allow the Police Chief time to research all the new equipment needed to bring the police department communication system up to date.

2. ORI number for background checks.

- a.** The state has issued an ORI number, and it is now active.
- b.** February 20th will be the cutoff date for this round of applications.

Executive Session:

Motion: made by Boster seconded by Carter to enter Executive Session at 9:01 pm for approval of Executive session meeting minutes and to discuss personnel.

Motion: passed with all in favor

Motion: made by Boster seconded by Matrisch to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of 12-11-25. **Motion:** passed with all in favor

Motion: made by Boster seconded by Karrick to provide the mayor and the Chief of Police the top 2 candidates from the interview on 02-12-26 named in the Executive Session minutes for the future power test and passing all requirements prior to going to the academy. **Motion:** passed with all in favor.

Additional: None

Motion: made by Boster seconded by Matrisch to adjourn at 9:24 pm.

Motion: passed with all in favor

Jonathan J. Myint
City Clerk

Date Approved: