

**Police Committee Meeting**  
City Of Virden  
City Council Chambers  
Thursday March 13th, 2025

Meeting called to order by Mitchell at 7:25 PM

**Aldermen in attendance:** Mottershaw, Bertolino, Neighbors, Donley, Mitchell, Boster, Schnetzler and Alderwoman Calloway (Calloway departed at 8:20PM)

**Absent:** None

**Also in attendance:** Mayor George Murphy, City Clerk Jon Myint, Chief of Police Steve Snodgrass

**Audience:**

**Comments from Audience:**

**Topics**

**1. Approval of Minutes (02/13/25)**

Motion made by Boster seconded by Bertolino to approve the minutes of 02/13/25 Motion passed with all in favor.

**2. Hire full-time police**

Hiler was hired as a full time police officer to replace Kennedy. Sergeant Berns may be leaving soon (he has not submitted a retirement date yet).

Discussion was held on:

Police officers' shortages that need to be filled as soon as possible.  
The Police Chief stated he is seeing officer burn out.

Building a Hire List by advertising for full and part time certified officers and full and part time noncertified people.

Allowing the Chief to Advertise for 90 days for the above positions. Then again for 90 days.

Consensus passed.

Mottershaw was ok for part time but not full time.

**3. Discuss promotion to Sergeant.**

Discussion was held on promoting one officer to Sergeant. There has always been two Sergeants. One position was never filled when Chief Snodgrass was promoted. The other opening is coming up when Sergeant Berns retires. Chief Snodgrass has a person that is presently performing a lot of a Sergeant's duties. The Chief will be submitting him for promotion.

This topic is being chaired until there is definite opening becoming available.

**4. Purchase of Equipment**

The Chief answered questions about the recent purchase of 2 office desk (that were within his authorized spending limit).

Discussion on Inventory and Inventory Control Tags

The 2 new radios are in and have been installed in the cars.

The Chief stated, Dave is checking on the cost of a Law Enforcement Agency Data System (LEADS)

**Motion:** made by Boster seconded by Mitchell to adjourn at 8:22 PM.  
Consensus passed.

Jonathan J. Myint  
City Clerk