

Chairman Butler called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. on July 12, 2021

Voting members present

Alderpersons Brian Butler and Todd Yoder

Voting member not present

Aldersperson John Blundy

Other Officials Present

Deputy Chief Jeff Stevens, Fire Chief Brett Brown, Aldersperson Lili Stevens

Resident Present

Erick Sokn

1. **Non-Member Alderspersons wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item: None**
2. **Residents Wishing to be Heard on a non-agenda item:**

Erick Sokn of Rustic Oak Drive expressed that the illegal fireworks used by other residents this year were large and excessive, resulting in, among other things, danger to others and debris on his home and property.

3. **Approval of minutes from April 12, 2021**

A motion to approve the minutes by Aldersperson Yoder, second by Chairperson Butler, approved on voice vote.

4. **Business items**

- A. **Police Department Monthly Review – no questions**
- B. **General Police Department Update**

Loki dog did not pass scent certification – result of exhaustion after ride in improperly equipped car. We are addressing this temporarily by sharing a car – not an ideal solution. Will reschedule the certification. This is only the scent certification and does not affect other duties. Handler Ron Moore will also be working with a handler from Morton PD to ensure Loki can pass the certification and handle a range of scents. Our new canine car is marked, but we are awaiting an insert and other equipment. Other cars will be updated when we get the cars.

Hiring update: We had 3 lateral applicants from a regional PD that appeared to be serious, however all have withdrawn. We understand one would like to go out of state, one received a new position their PD. There was quite a bit of pressure at that PD to have these officers stay.

The Police Commission is evaluating candidates for an August academy date and we will be recruiting and testing.

The Police Supervisor Selection Committee will name two current officers as sergeants when Grossman and Willi leave.

With those sergeants leaving, we are passing on their extra duties. Willi was our main firearms and tactics instructor, with those duties passed to CIERT member, Detective Hinken and additional range officers, Bean, Cernek, and Hodges. They will follow up with additional instructor-specific training.

Grossman, our main instructor in physical arrest techniques, will pass that on to Hensley (a currently-certified instructor), Westbrook (a martial arts instructor), and Cernek. Again, they will follow up with additional instructor-specific training.

Grossman is also our nationally-certified instructor for recognition, prevention, and reaction to positional asphyxia and in-custody death (technically Excited Delirium and Agitated Chaotic Events). He has passed those duties to Nate Thompson, who will pursue certification.

Grossman also ran our FTO program, which Sgt Hunsinger has taken over.

Both sergeants have left us with detailed program plans in preparation for their departures.

With new legislation, we are to use an ISP system to track and report use of force, internal investigations, and contact with those in mental health crisis, starting July 1. ISP is taking feedback on its proposed system to do that throughout July, so its implementation is forthcoming.

The new legislation is intended, we think, to require use of deadly force trigger to be set at defense of life, require intervention in misconduct, things we already have in place. What is uncertain are the true effects of the language presented. We have trained for it as well as we can and will monitor court decisions and practice.

C. General Fire Department Update

Chief Brown reported there were 198 calls for WFD last month, putting it on a pace for its busiest call year. 25-30 of those were EMS calls in the Northern Tazewell district, most of those occurring in the city. The NTFPD EMS arrangement is working well for WFD, NTFPD, and the city.

There has been a sharp decrease in their COVID-19 calls. EMS can now test immediately on scene at a call.

WFD is adding EMS capabilities by adding authorized medications and procedures.

The FD building is open again for tours and other purposes.

There are 6 new firefighters in basic training, August – January.

WFD has 3 medic interns who will hopefully certify as paramedics within 3 months.

Adjournment: 5:30