

MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2014
GERMANTOWN VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Hughes.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Hughes, Trustees Daniels, Miller and Warren were present. Also present were Police Captain Snow, Fire Chief Weiss, and Deputy Fire Chief Maury.

PUBLIC COMMENT: no discussion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: a motion was made by Daniels, seconded by Miller, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2014 Public Safety Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Snow noted that the department had investigated a recent robbery at a local bank and the two suspects had been arrested. He advised a great effort was shown by the involved officers. Snow went on to say that the department had been awarded OWI traffic grant which is in effect through September of 2015, and that two new radar units would be purchased with state funding.

Daniels questioned whether the department was involved with the recent robbery at a local tavern, Snow advised Germantown officers participated early in the investigation which was turned over to the Sheriff's Department. Hughes asked for clarification on what is covered under Extra Patrol incidents, Snow stated extra patrol is done for residents who are out of town, in areas where vandalism has been problematic and when requested by residents. Snow was also asked about the truck inspections and he explained the responsibilities of the officer certified for truck inspections.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Weiss advised the total EMS calls for the month were 128, fire calls were 31 and inspections were up but had not all been entered at the time this report was prepared. He also went over the numbers for response times, public education contacts and recent events which were noted in the report.

Weiss also reported on recent calls the department had responded to which included a couple of vehicle fires. Weiss was asked what was covered under the report entry Routine EMS Calls, he stated non-emergency calls such as lift assists are included in that entry. He also clarified what type of incidents fall under the False Alarms which would include alarms set off by weather, electrical problems, and malfunctions, adding that officer discretion will at times determine whether the false alarm is a billable one.

Warren asked about the Fire Safety Program which was held on the 4th, Weiss stated that despite the weather they had steady attendance and the demonstrations were well attended.

OVERTIME REPORTS - POLICE DEPARTMENT & FIRE DEPARTMENT: Snow advised the police department's overtime appears to be tracking normally.

Weiss advised the fire department's overtime has been tracking similar to where it has been with overtime relative to the number of calls they have received.

POLICY UPDATES: Snow advised that there are four policies which are being implemented by the department:

1. Fiscal Management/Agency Owned Property
2. Officer Involved Deaths
3. Jurisdiction
4. Law Enforcement Authority

He added that these policies are required by the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group. There were no questions from the committee.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PURCHASE OF TWO COMPUTERS: Weiss indicated that the department was requesting to purchase two Toughbook computers for the ambulances, adding that this item was approved in the capital budget under 40-522-570-8420. He stated the computers would be purchased through TTK Electronics for \$11,660.00 which was under budget.

Motion was made by Warren, seconded by Miller, to forward this purchase request to Village Board with a recommendation of approval. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFFING: Weiss informed the committee that he is respectfully requesting to go to referendum at the April 2015 election for full time staffing at the fire department.

Discussion followed with Weiss outlining his reasons for this request which included:

- Improved response times which could save lives & property
- Comparables with similar sized departments with full time fire departments
- Improved safety for residential and commercial properties
- Full time staffing would reduce the amount of overtime needed
- Improved ISO ratings

Weiss noted that the fire department staff have been doing a great job with the staffing they currently have, but feels they could take it up a level with a full time department which would improve their response times. He stated that he would like to increase the full time staff from 4 to 16 and would still utilize POC members for fire calls and serious calls. He added that he has estimated costs at about 1 million above his current budget and the estimated impact on property owners in the Village would be approximately \$0.41 per \$1000 of property value.

Questions were asked by committee members regarding budget numbers, staffing, ISO ratings, and weekend staffing if referendum would fail. They also advised Weiss to prepare more before bringing this presentation to the Village Board and to provide the Board with a preview of the educational campaign he wants to organize for the referendum.

A motion was made by Daniels, seconded by Miller, to allow Fire Chief Weiss to take his presentation to the Village Board for a referendum. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: Clerk Goeckner advised that the November 3, 2014 Village Board Meeting has been cancelled.

Hughes stated that the November Public Safety Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, November 3, 2014 5:30 p.m. at Fire Station 2.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Recorded by,

Julie L. Barth
Secretary