

**MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2015
GERMANTOWN VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM**

CALL: The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chairman Hughes.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Hughes, Trustees Daniels, Miller and Warren were present.

Also present were Police Chief Hoell, Captain Snow and Deputy Fire Chief Maury.

PUBLIC COMMENT: no discussion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Warren, to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2015 Public Safety Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Warren, seconded by Daniels, to first discuss Item A under New Business, Donges Bay Road Speed Limit. Motion carried unanimously.

DONGES BAY ROAD SPEED LIMIT: Hughes advised this item was placed on the agenda due to residents in the area of Donges Bay Road wanting the speed limit lowered. He noted that the speed limit on Donges Bay Road is 40 while surrounding roadways are posted at 35. Daniels asked for clarification regarding which area of Donges Bay the committee was looking at, Hughes advised they could look at the area between Division and Fond du Lac Avenue.

Hoell stated that while he was not aware of any merits for changing the speed limit, he would not be opposed to see it lowered to 35 mph. He added that the department had done a speed board study last summer on Donges Bay Road and the study showed that 85% of the vehicles traveling there are going 45 mph. Hoell also advised that there is accident history at the intersections of Donges Bay and 145, and Donges Bay and Pilgrim, but he was not aware of any mid-section accident history.

John Penkal of N104 W16075 Hedgeway was present for this agenda item and stated he agreed that the speed limit on Donges Bay should be reduced to be consistent with the speed limits on surrounding roadways. He also said that he felt Donges Bay may draw motorists that want to avoid the lower speed limits and more frequent stops on Mequon Road, adding that since Donges Bay is not monitored as closely as some other roads, motorists feel free to drive over the speed limit.

Discussion followed with Miller advising it would make sense to have the speed limit on Donges Bay Road the same as neighboring residential areas, Warren noted that Division used to be 40 but was lowered to 35 due to sight lines and additional subdivisions. Zabel stated that when speed limits on Pilgrim and Division were looked at some years ago, Donges Bay was not changed due to a lack of development in the area. He added that with the changes made - park development and land owned by the school district next to Donges Bay Road - these are factors to consider in lowering the speed limit. Zabel also advised that a lower speed limit would alert drivers that there may be reasons to watch their speeds, and that many residential driveways are on Donges Bay Road. Zabel stated he would like to see the speed limit lowered to 35 mph. Hughes indicated that now would be a good time to look at changing the speed limit before the road reconstruction begins. Daniels then read an email received from Bridget Poetzl of N104

W15447 Donges Bay Road which stated that she strongly supports lowering the speed limit on Donges Bay Road to 35 mph, she would like to see increased traffic enforcement in the area when resources are available, and she had spoken with numerous residents on Donges Bay Road and neighboring subdivisions who also support a lower speed limit.

Warren then stated he had discussions with the Village Engineer regarding this matter and would like to read into the minutes the comments of the Village Engineer: "the 85 percentile of the data collected last May and June shows 45 mph. Reducing the speed limit without constant enforcement will accomplish nothing and constant enforcement would be infeasible for the police department." Warren went on to say that he was in favor of reducing the speed limit but would not want to make a decision until the Village Engineer has a chance to weigh in on this decision.

A motion was made by Daniels, seconded by Miller, to forward this item to Village Board with a recommendation for the reduction of the speed limit on Donges Bay Road between Division Road and Fond du Lac Avenue from 40 mph to 35 mph. Motion carried 3-1 with Hughes, Daniels and Miller voting aye, and Warren voting nay.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Hoell reported on the following:

- Officers responding to an accident on USH 41 found a passenger unresponsive from a drug overdose and administered Narcan, the passenger survived.
- K9 fundraiser letters were sent out and checks were coming in to the department, Hoell expressed the department's appreciation for all contributions to the K9 Unit.
- Theft arrests have increased partly due to the retailers taking a more aggressive stance on theft apprehensions.
- Traffic citations are down, the department has no speed grant to work with this year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Maury reported on the following:

- December had 94 EMS calls (up 3%) and 19 fire calls (up 14%) from 2013.
- 159 inspections were done.
- 2014 Self Assessment was completed for the DSPS 2% funds.
- Response times were 15.08 for unstaffed time and 6.08 for staffed time.
- 21 public education contacts for the month.
- The new defibrillators are in service, training has been completed for all members.
- New engine is due in April.
- Knox Box maintenance is being continued.
- A cost reimbursement check was received for the diesel fuel cleanup on 41/Holy Hill Road.
- Reminder of the Fire Department Awards Dinner on Feb. 27th at Life Church, 6:30pm.
- A disk will be provided to committee members with the department's policy updates.
- The department responded to a cardiac incident at Wal Mart which resulted in a save.

Warren asked about current staffing on weekends, Maury advised they are staffing two 12 hour shifts on Saturday and Sunday with 3 personnel. Miller asked how recruiting is going, Maury advised there has been some interest and the fire chief has been responding to inquiries. He added that firefighter training is a 15 week course, EMS training takes longer.

OVERTIME REPORTS POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT: Hoell advised the end of year numbers looked good. Maury advised that the fire chief was using aggressive measures to reduce overtime costs.

POLICY UPDATES: Hoell advised the police department had none for this month. Maury stated that Chief Weiss would be forwarding a copy of the current SOG Manual and other policy updates.

REQUEST FOR AMMUNITION PURCHASE - POLICE DEPARTMENT: Snow advised the department is requesting to purchase training ammunition in a larger amount due to none being purchased in 2014. He clarified the purchase request was for the 28 cases of Federal 223 Rem 55GR from Keisler Police Supply for \$4,790.80.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Warren, to approve the purchase of the training ammunition in the amount of \$4,790.80 from Keisler Police Supply. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR TASER PURCHASE - POLICE DEPARTMENT: Snow stated the department is requesting to purchase 3 new taser units from Taser International including holsters, battery packs and 4 year warranty, for \$3,896.90. He advised the funds for this purchase are in the 2015 budget under account 10-521-570-8100.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Daniels, to approve the purchase of 3 new taser units from Taser International for \$3,896.90, to include holsters, battery packs and warranty. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE SQUADS - POLICE DEPARTMENT: Snow advised that bid requests were sent to 5 vendors with 3 bids returned. He stated the department would like to accept the bid from Ewald, even though low bid came from Sorens Ford for \$26,174.50 but did not include about \$500 in options that were necessary. The bid from Ewald was for \$26,182 and included all necessary options. Snow advised the department would like to purchase two 2015 Ford SUV Police Interceptors to replace squad 6 and squad 9 from Ewald for an amount not to exceed \$56,364.00 and for the funds for the changeovers in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for a total of \$81,364 from account 10-521-570-8100.

A motion was made by Warren, seconded by Daniels, to forward this purchase request to Village Board with a recommendation of approval for the purchase of two 2015 Ford SUV Police Interceptors from Ewald for \$26,182 each and approval for the changeovers in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, total amount \$81,364 which is under budget from account 10-521-570-8100. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 2, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., Village Hall Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Recorded by,

Julie L. Barth
Secretary