

**MEETING MINUTES  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
DECEMBER 7, 2015  
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM**

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

ROLL CALL: Chairman Hughes, Trustees Baum, Daniels and Myers.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: no discussion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: a motion was made by Baum, seconded by Myers, to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2015 Public Safety Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Hoell reported on the following:

- Chaplain Young appeared on Channel 4 to discuss the aftermath of mass shootings
- P.O. Case was interviewed by Channel 12 regarding a hit & run accident at a local daycare
- Channel 58 did a story on the stolen "We Support Our Police" signs in the Village and the residents who began the sign campaign
- The department hired a new officer, Matt Jones, who was sworn in on November 30<sup>th</sup>
- Applications are being accepted through December 11<sup>th</sup> for two officer positions
- Buffalo Wild Wings is holding a fundraiser for the K9 Unit through January 31<sup>st</sup>
- Missing person from Virginia Highlands was located out of state and had left with family permission
- Police department was honored to be selected as grand marshal for the Christmas Parade
- No incidents involving Black Friday

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Weiss reported on the following:

- Annual Fire Safety Fair was held and was well attended
- Two structure fires, Tippicanoe Court and Waste Management
- Serious traffic accidents involving dump truck and diesel spill
- 2 vehicle fires including a bus
- Three firefighters certified as CPR & AED Instructors
- Dive gear was sold for over \$11,000
- The department is presenting a Child Safety ID Kit which will be provided to every child in the Germantown Schools

OVERTIME REPORTS FOR POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT: Hoell reported that the police department overtime is still tracking higher than normal due to staffing shortages, but with less money coming out of the wages account, the numbers should offset.

Weiss reported that the overtime costs are tracking lower than last year and they are accomplishing this by monitoring overtime and expenditures.

POLICY UPDATES: Police Department - Hoell advised the police department had none.

Fire Department - Weiss advised the fire department had none, and the policies previously reviewed will be going into effect on January 1, 2016.

SECONDHAND ARTICLE DEALER AND SECONDHAND JEWELRY DEALER LICENSE RENEWAL FOR JANUARY 1, 2016 - DECEMBER 31, 2016, KESSLER'S DIAMOND CENTER, N96 W16920 COUNTY LINE ROAD: there was no discussion on this license application. A motion was made by Daniels, seconded by Myers, to forward these license renewals to Village Board with a recommendation to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ANIMAL FANCIER LICENSE FOR JANUARY 1, 2016 - DECEMBER 31, 2016, PHIL SECKER OF W167 N10532 BRIDLE PATH, COMPLAINT RECEIVED: Hughes advised there were two complaints received regarding this license application. There was a written letter of complaint from John & Mary Stauder of W166 N10563 Surrey Drive who stated that the number of dogs allowed on the Secker property constituted a nuisance to the neighborhood, with barking being the most annoying. Another letter of complaint was received from Rich Cummings of W166 N10521 Surrey Drive. Mr. Cummings was present and spoke to the Committee regarding his concerns. He stated he lives behind the Secker property and he feels the presence of the dogs affects his own property value due to their inability to be outdoors without hearing the barking. He stated the kennel is close to their lot line and he was told last year the village had inspected the property and their findings were satisfactory, but he now has found out that the kennel area does not meet code requirements.

Discussion followed with Hughes advising that the property was inspected today and the kennel area is located approximately 5' from the lot line when it should be 15'. Myers stated he would like to see the files pertaining to this license request from previous years and wondered if there is a particular format to follow before granting this type of license. Baum stated that the license applicant must be in compliance with village code and if barking is an issue the applicant should be given some time to solve that problem.

Mr. Cummings further advised that he had erected a 6' fence in an attempt to mitigate the problems with the barking.

Hughes stated he had not voted in favor of this license application last year and would not be voting in favor of it this year.

A motion was made by Baum, seconded by Myers, to forward this license application to the Village Board with a recommendation not to renew the Animal Fancier License for Mr. Secker unless remediation of the issues are shown to be in conformance with the requirements, that being to relocate the kennel outside of the 15' setback, and work with the neighbors to find a reasonable solution to stop the dogs from barking and disturbing the neighbors. Motion carried 3-1 with Baum, Daniels and Myers voting aye, and Hughes voting nay.

SECONDHAND ARTICLE DEALER LICENSE RENEWAL FOR JANUARY 1 2016 - DECEMBER 31, 2016 FOR WHITE HOUSE OF MUSIC, N112 W16290 MEQUON ROAD: there was no discussion on this license application. A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Baum, to forward this license renewal for White House of Music to Village Board with a recommendation of approval. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT MANNING ISSUES: Weiss advised that though the referendum failed, they still have issues with manning the department and would need to take a serious look at how to solve this problem. He stated he would like to hire additional staff such as a secretary and

assistant chief. Weiss added he had talked to Finance Director Rath and received some preliminary numbers for salary costs for fulltime and part time positions.

Discussion followed with Baum stating he would like to see a detailed plan developed which would work with the current budget. Hughes added that Weiss should meet with the Administrator and Finance Director for their input on this matter. Trustee Zabel joined the discussion and advised that some municipalities, such as Slinger, use private paramedic services which bill directly for their services and the costs are not covered by taxpayers. He stated that this is also an option that should be looked into when exploring all available options. Weiss responded that these private services would also get all the revenue that the Village now gets from ambulance calls and he feels that the citizens would not get the same quality of service which is now provided by the Fire Department. He stated he could show the Village would provide better service than a private business at less cost to the Village. Baum stated that multiple options still need to be explored and Hughes advised this item would be an ongoing discussion and brought back under Unfinished Business.

FILLING ACTING OFFICER POSITIONS - FIRE DEPARTMENT: Weiss stated that the department is still filling some positions under the "Acting" classification that include 3 captains and 1 lieutenant. Weiss advised he would be going before the Police & Fire Commission to request these positions be changed from "Acting" to the actual position. He added there would be no change in the cost to the Village and the employees in the acting positions would go to full time positions after interviews with the Police & Fire Commission.

DISCUSSION ON UPGRADING BRUSH 80 - FIRE DEPARTMENT: Weiss stated that he would like to use the funds from the sale of the dive equipment to refurbish the department's current brush truck. Weiss stated that an estimate of the costs would be \$11,257 and would include an aluminum bed, Hi Side compartments, 4 scene lights, light bar, siren speaker, 6 red light heads, paint and install. He added that the motor and frame are in good condition according to the Village mechanic and he feels the department can get 10 years of use from this vehicle before it needs replacing. Weiss noted that these repairs would allow them to remove the request for a new Brush Truck from the 20 year Capital Budget for 2017. Daniels questioned the status of the pump, Weiss advised it would need to be replaced and he was looking into DNR grants for next year to cover that expense.

A motion was made by Baum, seconded by Myers, to approve using the funds from the Dive Rescue equipment to refurbish the Brush Truck with cost estimates at \$11,257.00. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF STAFFING DURING THE VIETNAM MOVING WALL EVENT - FIRE DEPARTMENT: Weiss advised that he has been asked by coordinators of this event to staff the event with ambulance service for its 5-day run, 24 hours/day. He said that if this is done, the payroll budget would go over.

Weiss explained the event will last for 5 days from September 1-5, 2016, it will be held in the Firemen's Park area and will include helicopter rides and attendees will be at the site during all hours as it runs 24 hours/day. He added that events of this type can also attract negative groups and they should be prepared for that also. Baum questioned whether mutual aid could be looked into for the event, Weiss stated he has already been checking into that option. Baum also questioned whether the Chamber of Commerce could assist with funding for this event, Myers stated he would check with Lynn at the Chamber and would report back to the Committee. Hughes

added that the Tourism Committee is already contributing and this topic would also be an ongoing discussion and come back under Unfinished Business.

NEXT MEETING: Hughes advised that next month's meeting would be held on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Village Hall Boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Recorded by,

Julie L. Barth  
Secretary