

MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 18, 2016
GERMANTOWN VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

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

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

Also present were Police Chief Hoell, Captain Snow, Fire Chief Weiss, Deputy Chief Delain and Clerk Goeckner.

PUBLIC COMMENT: no discussion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: a motion was made by Baum, seconded by Myers, to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2016 Public Safety Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Hoell reported on the following:

- Ongoing investigations which include an armed robbery and a fatal crash
- Residential burglaries
- July 4th activities
- Leadership Germantown golf outing which raised over \$9000 for the Honor Guard fund
- Kiwanis contributed tips totaling \$295 from July 4th to the Honor Guard
- Over 200 police signs showing support for the department have been sold with \$3.00 from each sale going to the Honor Guard
- August 9th the department will be participating in a presentation at the Library, "The Danger of Human Trafficking" along with the Washington County Drug Unit
- The department's Facebook page has reached 7000 followers
- Officers were exposed to scabies

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Weiss reported on the following:

- 3 alarm structure fire at Rheocast
- Hazmat call at Gehl's, 5 subjects transported
- Training burn off of County Line Road with participation from five different crews
- Last month 77% of their calls for service were EMS related
- Chief Weiss was appointed to the Wisconsin State EMS Advisory Board by Governor Walker

OVERTIME REPORTS: Police Department – Hoell reported that the police department is tracking slightly higher than normal due to staffing issues. He advised that one officer completed field training last week and another would be completing field training shortly which would help with staffing levels.

Fire Department – Weiss reported that overtime numbers were good, they were spending approximately \$10,000 less on overtime than last year at this time. He advised the numbers on the right side of the chart were incorrect and he would get them corrected for the next report.

POLICY UPDATES: Police Department – none. Fire Department – none.

REVIEW OF OUTSIDE PREMISES HOURS: Hughes advised this item was placed on the agenda for review and a recommendation to the Board.

Discussion followed with Carrie Schuster of N116 W15881 Main Street speaking to the committee on this issue. She stated they live next to the Bier Stube and continue to have problems with loud music with excessive bass, patrons smoking in the backyard and driveway, garbage strewn on their property, and loud talking. She said that extending the hours would lead to more nuisances and 10:00 p.m. is late enough.

Richard Thomas of W162 N11619 Park Avenue stated he had concerns with extending hours due to problems with litter, loitering and noise. He said he felt that extending the hours would intensify these problems and would like to see something done to manage the problems that already exist, such as extra patrol in the area or signage addressing the littering/loitering concerns. Mr. Thomas advised he has contacted the police department with his concerns of noise at Bubs and called in complaints which he felt weren't handled adequately, so now they just deal with it.

Daniels stated that he has spoken to the owners of both bars multiple times over the years and both of them want to be good neighbors and suggested that residents can also call the establishments directly if they have concerns, or contact their trustee to call the businesses.

Hoell also advised that if residents feel their concerns that are reported to the police department are not handled to their satisfaction, they should contact him.

Richard Bauerle of W174 N9786 Wendy Lane stated he lives across the street from a subject who was known to the police, and he was told by the department that they would come to arrest him – the caller – even though his neighbor was known to be robbing banks.

Baum referred to the information provided by Clerk Goeckner regarding how other communities handle requests for outdoor premise extensions and noted that the times vary from 6PM – 10PM with one extending to midnight with a conditional use permit. He added that the Village seems to be on track with their times and doesn't see a need to change it.

Goeckner advised that the survey was forwarded to clerks statewide and noted that there were no responses received from the clerks in Washington County. She added that Mr. Hastings had indicated he would be providing information regarding the hours allowed for outside premise extensions, but there was no information forwarded to her from Mr. Hastings.

There was further discussion regarding locations of applicants for outside premise extensions regarding business districts vs. residential. Myers advised he would like to see the time remain at 10:00 p.m., Daniels stated he may be open to extending the hours depending on location and if the purpose would be for serving food, not for music. Hughes advised the Village Attorney had indicated that ordinance changes could be problematic but that removing the outside premise extension from the licensing process and making it a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) would allow the Village to address the applications on an individual basis.

A motion was made by Daniels, seconded by Myers, to direct staff and Village Attorney to draft an ordinance that would be comparable to that used by the City of LaCrosse for the purpose of outside premise extensions, making them a part of the Conditional Use Permit section which is part of zoning

and planning, and therefore removing it from the licensing process, and then bring that back to Public Safety for review.

Ed Schuster of N116 W15881 Main Street spoke to the committee and stated that the Bier Stube is primarily run as a tavern, not a restaurant, and he would not want to see the time for an outside premise extension go past 10:00 p.m., and would prefer it to be earlier than 10:00 p.m.

Motion to approve carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION OF POSSIBLE COMPRESSION BRAKING ORDINANCE – REQUESTED BY TRUSTEE DANIELS: Daniels advised he had been contacted by a resident who would like to see the Village enact an ordinance which addresses compression braking, also known as jake braking.

Douglas Goetz of W172 N13091 Division Road was present and advised he did contact Trustee Daniels with this request as he has noticed an increase in the amount of compression braking being used in his area and the excessive noise which results. He stated his road is used as a main trucking road for semis and dump trucks and noted that while some company trucks are very quiet there are others that are very noisy.

Fred Rehbein of W172 N13125 Division Road was present and stated he is Mr. Goetz's neighbor, is retired, and hears excessive engine braking all day long. He advised that Division Road is heavily used by trucks and some of them are extremely noisy. He added that Division Road used to have more radar posts and maybe that would make a difference.

Richard Thomas of W162 N11619 Park Avenue stated he can hear engine braking on Park Avenue, possibly from 145.

Baum questioned whether there is a safer way for trucks to brake without using compression brakes, and Delain explained the basics of compression braking and why it is used. Delain stated that normal compression braking is not extremely noisy and the excessive noise from some trucks may be due to altered exhaust systems. Hoell noted that this issue was brought before Public Safety and the Village Board about 9-10 years ago, but failed to pass at the Board level. Baum asked if this could be classified as a noise complaint rather than engine braking, Hoell advised that the police department would need an ordinance in place to enforce compression braking violations.

A motion was made by Baum, seconded by Daniels, to have the Village Attorney draft an ordinance for compression braking and bring it forward to the next Public Safety Committee meeting for review. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASE OF UNICATION PAGERS IN LIEU OF PORTABLE WATER TANK – FIRE DEPARTMENT: Weiss stated there is \$5200 in their budget under account 10-522-570-8100 for the purchase of a portable water tank and he is requesting that these funds are used instead for the purchase of nine (9) Unication G1 Pagers which they are in dire need of. He advised the pagers could be purchased from General Communications for \$5000 which includes a 3 year warranty and G1 Programmer.

A motion was made by Baum, seconded by Myers, to forward this purchase request for nine Unication G1 Pagers w/warranty and one G1 Programmer through General Communications for a total cost of \$5000 from account 10-522-570-8100 which was originally designated for a new portable water tank. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting date set for Monday, August 1, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Village Hall Boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Recorded by,

Julie L. Barth
Secretary