

MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 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, Campbell and Myers.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: no discussion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: a motion was made by Myers, seconded by Baum, to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2016 Public Safety Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Hoell reported on the following:

- Trick or treat event went smoothly with no incidents
- On October 24th, a resident found some cash and turned it in to the department, the owner of the cash did call the department and was able to claim the money
- Youth Futures is having a scrap metal drive on the upcoming weekend, the dumpsters will be located at the police department front lot
- Rambo will be having surgery tomorrow and is expected to be off duty for the following 2 weeks

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Weiss reported on the following:

- Call for service involving two burn patients
- Semi-truck fire at Waste Management
- Chemical reaction incident at Kit Packers resulting in an evacuation of the building
- The department is 10% busier than last year at this time
- Motor vehicle accident on 41 near Holy Hill Road where Flight for Life was called

OVERTIME REPORTS: Police Department – Hoell advised that overtime numbers are comparable to last year's numbers.

Fire Department – Weiss stated that their overtime is tracking as expected with no major concerns.

POLICY UPDATES:

Police Department – Snow advised that Policy 12.01 - Weapons and Ammunition - was not ready for review and would be brought back at December's meeting. The following policies were reviewed by the committee:

1. 7.03 Lockup Facility
2. 6.03 Operation of Police Vehicles
3. 6.04 Body Armor Utilization

Snow advised the 3 listed policies had undergone minor updates, there were no major changes from the original policies.

Fire Department – none.

**PUBLIC PEACE AND GOOD ORDER ORDINANCE: VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN
ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR EXTENDED HOURS FOR CERTAIN
LATE NIGHT OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT USES BY CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
WITHIN THE VILLAGE (SECTION 9.07(2)(B) OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN
MUNICIPAL CODE:**

Hughes advised this item was brought back to Public Safety for discussion on how to properly notice the residents of the Village. He added that the Village Board had discussed this matter and felt there needed to be a more encompassing type of notice to residents. Baum stated that standard noticing is 300' from the affected property, and they have widened that area up to 1 mile when notice was given for cell towers. He stated he would favor a larger notice perimeter.

Ed Schuster of N116 W15881 Main Street was present and said he was concerned with the number of taverns on Main Street this proposed amendment might affect, and what the Village was going to do about the current noise ordinance and its 10PM cutoff. Hughes responded that those concerns could be brought up at the Board meeting, he said tonight was for discussion on how to notice the residents on this matter. Schuster suggested that postcards could be mailed out.

Discussion followed with Hughes advising that the common notification sources could be used such as the village website, newspaper, and message board by the library. Myers noted that the notice could be included with the tax forms mailed out in December and then brought back to the Board in January 2017. Myers made a motion to include notification of the ordinance amendment with the tax bills and bring back to Village Board on January 16, 2017. Motion was seconded by Campbell. Discussion continued with Hughes advising that if it were not feasible to include notification with the tax bills, this matter would come back to Public Safety at the December 5, 2016 meeting. Myers stated he would talk to Finance Director Rath to see if the notices could be mailed with tax forms, and if not, this item would be discussed at the December 5th meeting for a different solution. Baum questioned whether an alternative plan should be discussed at this time, Hughes advised that could be looked into at the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Zabel suggested an alternative plan if this procedure was not feasible. He said it would entail contacting the engineer's office or clerk's office to look at a map for business zoning and map out either a 1 mile radius or ½ mile radius to determine the number of residents that would be included in the areas affected by this proposed amendment.

SURPLUS (SELL) ENGINE 61 – 1989 MACK FIRE PUMPER: Weiss advised that the department was requesting to sell this unit which is a second reserve engine and only used on rare occasions. The unit currently is in need of repairs which would cost approximately \$1500. He added that the truck is over 25 years old and is a drain on the department's budget.

A motion was made by Baum, seconded by Myers, to approve the sale of the 1989 Mack Fire Pumper Engine 61. Myers questioned how much the engine would bring in, Weiss stated it could bring anywhere from \$6600 to \$11,000 based on sales of other similar trucks, and this money could be used to offset some of their other expenses. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

REVIEW THE INSURANCE SERVICE OFFICE (ISO) RATING FOR THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN: Weiss stated that he is very proud of the fire department for this rating which was previously a 4 and now after being reevaluated they are 3/10 which would cover the residences and businesses within a 5 mile radius of the fire station. Weiss went on to say there are steps he can take that could further improve this rating which would include developing pre-arrival instructions for

emergency communications/dispatch, and credit for dispatch circuits which need weekly testing. He added he would be meeting with Chief Hoell regarding pre-arrival instructions for dispatch. Weiss also stated that he is fairly confident they could achieve an ISO rating of 2 next year which results in better insurance rates for businesses and residences.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT (continued): Weiss stated there was one additional item he wanted to bring up which is the danger that firefighters face when there are attic fires. He said there is a special nozzle which they could purchase used specifically for attic fires, but these nozzles cost about \$1000 each and they would need 3. Weiss then showed the committee a nozzle which Delain built for about \$50 and would serve the same purpose. Baum questioned whether there would be any liability associated with using this item, Weiss responded that fire departments commonly make some of their own tools and there is no liability associated with it.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting date set for Monday, December 5, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Recorded by,

Julie L. Barth
Secretary