

MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 17, 2017
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 Campbell and Warren. Trustee Myers arrived at 5:40 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tom Steinbach of W204 N10609 Hilltop Drive was present and spoke to the committee regarding concerns he has with speeding traffic on Hilltop Drive between Appleton Ave. and Mequon Road. He advised this is an ongoing problem and occurs at all hours with vehicles continually ignoring the posted 40 mph speed limit. Mr. Steinbach requested the village consider several options which he felt could make a difference. They include:

- making the speed limit 30 mph on the south end of Hilltop near the residences
- putting up additional speed limit signs
- placing the speedboard in the area to record traffic speeds
- assign more police patrol to the area
- painting the yellow lines in the middle of the road solid so there would be no passing in both directions on the south end of Hilltop

Hughes advised this item would be placed on the August Public Safety agenda under New Business. Trustee Zabel added that if traffic studies were being done for this matter, the police department should also look at Willow Creek where it goes downhill as he is hearing similar complaints from residents in that area.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: a motion was made by Warren, seconded by Campbell, to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2017 Public Safety Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Chief Hoell reported on the following:

- NAC night will be held on Tuesday, August 1st from 5PM – 8PM
- The department is following up on several death investigations from the past month
- Gun shop burglaries
- New K-9 “Hotto” is in training
- On June 19th the department had the swearing in ceremony for the 4 new officers

POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT: No discussion.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Chief Weiss reported on the following:

- Live fire training drill conducted in June on Freistadt Road
- Recent structure fires on Rockfield Road and White Pine Court

- Responses to incidents on I41 including a car fire and rollover accident where Flight for Life was called
- Calls for overdoses on the rise
- Department has completed 100 fire inspections
- Station 1 had water quality testing done
- Tender 9 which is a 1989 Mack has been taken out of service due to numerous costly repairs that would need to be done to keep it in service, it will be going to auction

POLICY UPDATES: none.

BALLISTIC VESTS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT: Snow advised the department was requesting to purchase ten (10) ballistic vests for officers who are due for new body armor. The vests would be purchased from Advantage Police Supply for a cost of \$9,465.00 which includes 10 vests plus accessories, using funds in account 10-521-530-3810. Snow advised the department would be eligible for a 50% reimbursement of the purchase from a grant through the National Institute of Justice.

A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Warren, to forward this purchase request to Village Board with a recommendation of approval for the purchase of 10 ballistic vests from Advantage Police Supply for \$9,465.00. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASE OF BLUETOOTH MICROPHONES FOR PORTABLE RADIOS – POLICE DEPARTMENT: Snow advised the department was requesting to purchase 42 bluetooth microphones for the new portable radios which were missed in the original order. He added the department had instead received 42 speaker microphones which would be returned. Snow stated the microphones would be purchased through Harris for a cost of \$149.50 each, with a refund of \$80.00 each for the 42 speaker microphones being returned, so a total cost of \$2919.00, using funds from account 40-521-570-8460.

A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Campbell, to forward this purchase request to Village Board with a recommendation of approval for the purchase of 42 bluetooth microphones from Harris Corporation. The 42 speaker microphones already received will be returned (cost of \$80/each) and replaced with bluetooth wireless speaker microphones at \$149.50 each, the difference of the upgrade will be \$2919.00 and come from account 40-521-570-8460. Motion carried unanimously.

SMOKE FREE FIRE SERVICES – FIRE DEPARTMENT: Weiss advised the State of Wisconsin has adopted a Presumption of Employment-Connected Disease – Cancer, and though subsection 4 indicates that smoking cigarettes excludes the firefighter from the presumption, he would like to preclude tobacco products in the department including – but not limited to – chewing tobacco and e-cigarettes.

Weiss went on to say that this was brought before the committee for information only, and has been reviewed by the labor attorney who recommended that this matter go before the Police and Fire Commission.

OVERTIME REPORTS:

Police Department – Hoell advised there was nothing unusual to report.

Fire Department – Weiss stated that overtime is down considerably from past years and credits that to increasing the fulltime positions.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 7, 2017 5:30 p.m. at the Village Hall Boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Recorded by,

Julie L. Barth
Secretary