

MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 6, 2020
GERMANTOWN VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman Miller.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Miller, Trustee Myers, Trustee Pieper. Trustee Wing arrived at 6:08 p.m.

Also present were Police Chief Snow, Fire Chief Delain, Clerk Braunschweig.

PUBLIC COMMENT: no discussion

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: a motion was made by Myers, seconded by Pieper, to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2020 Public Safety Committee meeting and the June 15, 2020 Special Public Safety Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Snow reported on the following:

- Protests have been the biggest concern over the past month, overtime costs were elevated due to additional personnel assigned to these cases
- Department is getting back to normal with traffic stops and interaction with the public
- Miller asked if there had been any issues with the recent protest that took place in the Village, Snow advised the protestors were peaceful, a permit had been obtained prior to the march, and staff were prepared and in place during the protest
- Pieper asked if there had been any other protests in the Village, Snow advised there were no additional protests here but other communities such as Menomonee Falls had multiple protests to deal with. Germantown assisted other communities during protests at Grafton, Cedarburg, Mequon, and the SWAT team assisted in Milwaukee.
- Myers asked how many attended the protest, Snow advised there were between 150 – 200 attendees.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Delain reported on the following:

- They are resuming normal activities which includes fire inspections which started on July 1st
- Trainings are being resumed; on July 18th a house burn has been scheduled at Rim's Edge Orchard
- Various mechanical issues have been cropping up on their engines, repairs are pending
- Miller expressed appreciation to both departments for the reverse parade held on July 4th
- Pieper asked for COVID-19 updates, Delain advised the Village has had 17 new cases since July 1st, the County has had about 75

Trustee Wing arrived at this time, 6:08 p.m.

- Miller questioned whether the department still has an ambulance dedicated to the transfer of patients testing positive for COVID-19, Delain said they are continuing with that practice since the numbers are still increasing

OVERTIME REPORTS:

Police Department – Miler advised the police department had already addressed overtime during monthly report discussion

Fire Department – Delain advised the numbers are currently low but the department is facing some of the same issues as the police department and expect there may be increases in overtime costs

POLICY UPDATES FOR POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Police Department - none

Fire Department - none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION OF SPEED LIMIT ON PARK AVENUE: Snow advised the results of the speed board study showed that the average speed during the testing period was 22.33 mph and that 85% were traveling between 19 – 28 mph. He added that these numbers were for southbound traffic on Park Ave.

Discussion followed with Miller noting that most vehicles were traveling the speed limit although that could partially be due to the presence of the speed board. Wing added that he would like to see results of a traffic study where the signage would not be visible to drivers, Snow stated he would check with other communities to see if there is a device used that is less visible.

Further discussion of permanent solutions to address speed issues on Park Avenue consisted of:

- Speed bumps
- Flashing signs that show speed
- Possible concerns with Public Works regarding speed bumps
- Some speed bumps are removable for winter months

Miller stated that this item should be forwarded to Public Works for their input on what options may be available to address speeding concerns on Park Avenue. He stated he would contact Jay Olszewski and get his ideas regarding speed bumps, digital signs, and other options such as changing curb lines.

A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Wing, to send this agenda item to Public Works for their input on what options are available to slow down traffic on Park Avenue and then bring back to Public Safety for discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

License Renewals: All premise license recommendations/approvals to be conditional upon completion of all documentation, compliance of all code violations/requirements and monies owed to the village paid prior to issuance of licenses in addition to any other conditions noted.

RENEWALS: CLASS B FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE AND CLASS C WINE FOR KAI YONG INC. DBA CHINA KITCHEN, N112 W16550 MEQUON RD, MA GONG KAI AGENT: a motion was made by Myers, seconded by Wing, to forward this license renewal application for China Kitchen to Village Board with a recommendation of approval. Motion carried unanimously.

RENEWAL CLASS C WINE FOR OLD GERMANTOWN LLC, W148 N12696 PLEASANT VIEW DR, SCOTT & GEORGENE SOMMER: a motion was made by Wing, seconded by Pieper, to forward this license renewal application for Old Germantown to Village Board with a recommendation of approval. Motion carried unanimously.

PETITION FOR STOP LIGHT ON APPLETON AVE. AT ENTRANCE TO STEIN'S AND MENARDS: Miller stated that a petition requesting consideration of a stop light on Appleton Ave. at the entrance to Stein's and Menards was requested by Richard Hogan who resides on Appleton Ave. Mr. Hogan included a letter with the petition that stated the reason for this request was safety concerns due to the volume of traffic entering and exiting the businesses along this part of Appleton Ave. He felt a stop light at this location would greatly reduce the number of accidents and near-accidents which occur at that location.

Discussion followed with Pieper noting that the 3 petitioners' signatures all show the same address, and wondered if any other residents in the area were experiencing problems. Wing stated he had not heard of any specific concerns, he noted that Appleton Ave. has room when exiting at that location for vehicles to pause between lanes of traffic. Miller added that Appleton Avenue is a state highway and this request would have to go to the state for review. He also noted that there are other exit options with 3 exits available, with the one on Maple having traffic lights. Snow stated there is no significant accident history at that location.

Further discussion followed with Wing advising there have been recent discussions and meetings regarding dangerous intersections in the Village which should be addressed first. Miller stated there should be contact with the petitioners to let them know that Appleton Avenue is a state highway and the Village does not have jurisdictional rights for consideration of traffic signals. Myers stated he would contact Washington County for the correct procedure the petitioners would need to follow to file their petition with the state and he will then make contact with the petitioner.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 3, 2020 6:00 p.m. Village Hall Boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Recorded by,

Julie L. Barth
Secretary