

MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 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 and Trustee Wing were present. Trustee Pieper arrived at 6:02 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Miller advised he received letters from 2 citizens who wished to be heard for Public Comment.

First was a letter from J. Oleson which expressed concerns with the following:

- Gehl Foods buying properties on Main Street
- Parking on Main Street hazards
- Saxony Village construction
- Noise
- Dog waste complaint
- Increased traffic/truck traffic

Miller advised the second letter was in regard to a licensing item on the agenda and would be brought up at that time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: a motion was made by Wing, seconded by Pieper, to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2020 Public Safety Committee meeting and the August 10, 2020 Special Public Safety Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Snow reported on the following:

- Presentation of commendations for Lt. Mikulec and Officer Duckert at the Village Board meeting tonight for work done in the drug unit
- Accreditation process is progressing nicely, policies will be introduced at about 10 per week and should be complete by February 2021
- Annual report has been completed, Snow complimented C.S. Schmidt on the work she did on the report and said he would answer any questions the committee may have
- Wing said the report was very well done and he liked the Policy Academy articles. He added that he would like to see more police involvement in these type of community programs with adults and juveniles
- Snow advised he is always looking for ways to connect with the public and further police relations with the community; he noted that he is looking into how to hold these types of programs with the new guidelines in place

- Pieper asked if Halloween Trick or Treat is still scheduled, Snow advised it is and officers are planning to be out in the neighborhoods
- Myers noted he was in the Citizen Police Academy in its 2nd year and learned a lot from it

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Delain reported on the following:

- They are getting back into their community programs
- Have restarted the fire inspections and initially had some resistance with the senior facilities but are working through that
- Public education events have begun, due to concerns with the public coming into the fire station they are holding these events at the Survive Alive Station
- Bell in Firemen's Park has been down for a couple years and is now being repaired and painted to bring it back into service
- Wing inquired into the costs for the bell project, Delain stated so far under \$1000 and there have been some donations pledged
- Joint event was held at the County Fair Park for Fire Prevention last weekend, was well attended

OVERTIME REPORTS:

Police Department – Snow advised the overtime budget is in good shape at this time, one officer currently on light duty due to squad accident

Fire Department – Delain said that the department has had a lot of overtime which was discussed at the budget meeting, they are looking at ways to work it out

POLICY UPDATES FOR POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Police Department - the following policies were submitted for review:

1. Chief's Preface
2. 100 Law Enforcement Authority
3. 101 Chief Executive Officer
4. 102 Oath of Office
5. 103 Policy Manual
6. 200 Organizational Structure and Responsibility
7. 201 Department Directives
8. 202 Emergency Operations Plan
9. 203 Training
10. 204 Electronic Mail
11. 205 Administrative Communications
12. 206 Supervision Staffing Levels
13. 207 Former Officer Carrying Concealed Weapon

Snow advised that some of the policies are new and others are updated versions of current policies. He said the policies are provided and reviewed by Lexipol and can be adjusted to fit the needs of the department. Lexipol does background and maintenance on the policies to ensure they are in compliance with state statutes.

Fire Department: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS

ANIMAL FANCIER LICENSE – CRYSTAL PRADO, N96 W15250 COUNTY LINE ROAD: Miller advised the second letter he received was regarding this license application and was received from the Thom family. The letter objected to the applicant having more than 3 dogs.

Discussion followed with Wing noting that the applicant was requesting this license for an additional kitten, not a dog. Myers asked if there were any complaints on file with the police department for this applicant, Snow advised there were none. A motion was made to approve the Animal Fancier's License for Crystal Prado by Pieper and seconded by Myers.

Further discussion followed with Mr. Thom calling into the meeting to voice his concerns with this application. He advised that there has been a lack of control demonstrated by the applicant for the animals already in their possession, and he has had conversations with them in the past to keep their dogs quiet. Wing told Mr. Thom that the applicant currently has 2 dogs and 1 cat and is requesting a license for an additional cat. He encouraged Mr. Thom to contact the police department if there are problems with barking dogs.

Clerk Braunschweig advised the committee they could make the motion for approval conditional upon the applicant being limited to 2 dogs and 2 cats. Wing amended the motion to limit the applicant to 2 dogs and 2 cats. Amended motion seconded by Myers and carried unanimously. Original motion to approve carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE 14-2020 AMENDING THE OFFICIAL TRAFFIC MAP AND CONTROL DEVICES: Miller noted that this item has been discussed at past meetings but had not yet been acted on. Attorney Sajdak stated that this would give authority to the Director of Public Works instead of the Police Chief to change signs.

A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Wing, to forward Ordinance 14-2020 to Village Board with a recommendation of approval. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE 15-2020 CREATING SECTION 9.21 PROHIBITING RESIDENTIAL PICKETING: Sajdak advised that due to recent events in the Village, and in discussions with the police department, it was decided to look into an ordinance that would give the police department tools to help maintain order in these types of circumstances. Wing noted that the exception to this ordinance would be labor disputes.

A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Wing, to forward Ordinance 15-2020 to Village Board with a recommendation of approval. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE 16-2020 CREATING SECTION 7.20 RELATING TO COMPLIANCE WITH TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES ON PRIVATE STREETS: Sajdak advised this would give authority to the police department to enforce traffic violations in areas with private roadways, these would be municipal citations not state citations. When asked for clarification, Snow advised that the department currently is limited to what they can enforce on private roadways and this would allow the department to address traffic concerns that happen on private roadways.

A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Wing, to forward Ordinance 16-2020 to Village Board with a recommendation of approval. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., Village Hall Boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Recorded by,

Julie L. Barth
Secretary