

MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2020
GERMANTOWN VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Miller.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Miller (virtual via WebEx), Trustees Myers and Pieper. Trustee Wing arrived at 6:02 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 October 5, 2020 Public Safety Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Snow reported on the following:

- COVID-19 has affected a number of staff at the department
- Wing arrived at this time, 6:02 p.m.
- Monthly report is showing a decrease in traffic stops compared to 2019, accident numbers are also down
 - Traffic volume has significantly decreased during the pandemic but numbers have been picking up
 - Retail theft numbers have increased especially at Walmart, staff has met with Walmart management to look at ways to resolve the problems there
 - Elections will be held tomorrow, the department has increased staff to monitor the poll locations
 - Myers appreciated the letters of thanks included in the report

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Delain reported on the following:

- Staff at their department have also been affected by COVID-19
- They have seen an increase in people with COVID related illnesses, hospital will notify them of positive results
- Increase in fire calls including one in a senior-living facility
- Pieper asked if the cause of the fires was known, Delain responded one was caused by a chemical reaction on cleaning cart, one from a charcoal grill, a hot load was dumped at Waste Management, another was undetermined

OVERTIME REPORTS:

Police Department – Snow advised the overtime budget was tracking well even with the extra overtime assigned to cover COVID absences

Fire Department – Delain said that their overtime has been consistent during the past few months

POLICY UPDATES FOR POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Police Department - the following policies were submitted for review:

1. 300 Use of Force
2. 301 Use of Force Review Boards
3. 302 Handcuffing and Restraints
4. 303 Control Devices and Techniques
5. 304 Conducted Energy Device
6. 305 Officer Involved Shootings and Deaths
7. 306 Firearms
8. 307 Vehicle Pursuits

Snow advised that there were 30 new policies and the ones listed here are the most commonly used. Wing asked if these policies are consistent with what other departments have, Snow advised they are. Wing also questioned the Use of Force Review Board policy, Snow stated it will be a new policy for the department and a Board will be put together by next year. Myers asked for a brief synopsis of the Vehicle Pursuit policy, Snow advised the department's policy is consistent with the Sheriff Department's policy, a pursuit channel is used and pursuits will be allowed within reason. Supervisors have discretion to continue or terminate the pursuit - traffic conditions and weather contribute to their decision.

Fire Department: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS

FIRE DEPARTMENT – ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5.15 BURNING REGULATED, RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS: a motion was made by Myers, seconded by Pieper, to forward this item to Village Board with a recommendation of approval.

Discussion followed with Wing asking if these changes were recommended due to businesses bringing in debris from other locations to burn, Delain advised that was correct and the only change to the ordinance was to include the wording that yard waste which is burned must originate on the property where the burning is taking place.

Motion to approve amending Section 5.15 Burning Regulated, Restrictions and Limitations carried unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ORDINANCE TO RESCIND ORDINANCE 5.10 STRUCTURES WITH LIGHT-FRAME TRUSS: a motion was made by Myers, seconded by Pieper, to forward this item to Village Board with a recommendation of approval.

Discussion followed with Miller clarifying that this ordinance is no longer relevant due to training that firefighters receive. He added that the fire department has been paying to provide signage to businesses which would inform responding personnel on the type of building they were entering, but this was an extra step that is no longer necessary.

Motion to approve Rescinding Ordinance 5.10 Structures with Light-Frame Truss carried unanimously.

DISPATCH COMPENSATORY TIME: Snow advised that this was a request to allow police department dispatchers to earn a total of 42.5 hours of compensatory time instead of the current 40 hours. He explained that they work an 8.5 hour shift instead of the normal 8.0 hours worked by most personnel.

A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Pieper, to forward this request to increase dispatch compensatory time from 40 hours to 42.5 hours to Village Board with a positive recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., Village Hall Boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Recorded by,

Julie L. Barth
Secretary