

**MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2021
GERMANTOWN VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM**

CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Myers.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Myers, Trustees J. Miller and Pieper. Hudson was absent/excused.

Also present were Administrator Kreklow, Attorney Sajdak, Clerk Braunschweig.

PUBLIC COMMENT: no comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: a motion was made by Pieper, seconded by Miller, to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2021 Public Safety Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Snow was not present, no report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Delain was not present, no questions on the report.

POLICY UPDATES FOR POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Police Department 1-6

1. Policy 335 – Chaplains
2. Policy 336 – Child and Dependent Adult Safety
3. Policy 337 – Service Animals
4. Policy 338 – Volunteers
5. Policy 339 – Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation
6. Policy 340 – Off Duty Law Enforcement Actions

A motion was made by Pieper, seconded by Miller, to approve the policy updates as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department - none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

DENIAL OF OPERATOR'S LICENSE – CRYSTAL MC COY: There was discussion on denial of operator's licenses, Pieper stated she had researched this matter and found there are exceptions in state statute regarding denial of operator licenses.

Attorney Sajdak was present and discussed this matter further stating that when questions come up regarding this, the response is that the state statute says if there is a felony conviction or habitual law offender, they are not eligible to hold a license, however the caveat to this is that the statute references several of the employment discrimination sections, and effectively the 111 sections state that you cannot discriminate against someone due to their conviction record, and indicates that you can't discriminate against somebody with a conviction unless it relates to the job they are looking into.

Pieper said that the statute also recommends taking into consideration the length of time when the conviction occurred and whether there has been criminal behavior since that time. She advised the applicant had no other related crimes listed on CCAP. Sajdak noted that CCAP does not provide all conviction records as it is for the State of WI only and only lists criminal convictions. He reminded the committee that licensing is ultimately their discretion and if they are comfortable with the applicant working within the community they represent. He added that other factors to take into consideration are how long ago the offense occurred, and what other types of violations are on their record. He stated this all is covered by the reference to Chapter 111, and if the committee determines that the background shows violations that are related and applicable, the applicant would not be eligible to hold that license. Sajdak also cautioned the committee that the license is not specific to the location, if a bartender's license is granted the applicant can serve anywhere in the Village.

A motion was made by Pieper, seconded by Miller, to forward this item to Village Board with a recommendation to approve issuance of the Operator's License to Crystal McCoy. Miller noted that while she supports the applicant's desire for employment, she questioned what other information may have been discovered during the background check. Motion carried 2-1 with Myers and Pieper voting aye, Miller voting nay.

NEXT MEETING: Myers advised that the September meeting would be held on September 20th, due to Labor Day on September 6th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT: there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Recorded by,

Julie L. Barth
Secretary