

**VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN
P MEETING MINUTES
July 18, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Myers.

ROLL CALL: Present: Chair Myers, Tr. Pieper, Hudson, J. Miller. Also present Chief Snow, Chief Delain, Administrator Kreklow, and Clerk Treasurer Braunschweig.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jason Giguere of Appleton Avenue came to the podium and complained of noise issue from Das Barrell Room. He will come back to the podium under that item.

Tom Steinbach of Hilltop Drive came to the podium he complained of traffic on Hilltop Drive. Requested install double yellow lines on Appleton where the homes are. He wants more patrol and unmarked car for the speed patrol.

Add Hilltop Road Speeding to add to next month's agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

A. Approval of Minutes June 6, 2022, Meeting.

Motion (Pieper/Hudson) to approve Minutes of June 6, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

A. Police.

1. Monthly. Chief Snow reviewed the highlights. Traffic Stops up significantly.

B. Fire Department.

2. Monthly. Chief Delain reported on a reporting issue with the software. The current software did not upload reports to the state properly. The software company is aware of the problem since 2015. All records have been saved and recovered.

Chief Delain reported that the Fire Department walked through the house on the future public works building site. There will be a future controlled burn open to the elected body. Hired two full-time personnel to fill two vacancies and going through academy and then will be on designated shifts.

3. Policy Updates.

1. Police Department:

None.

2. Fire Department;

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Fireworks User Permit Application for Dan Benning, July 30, 2022 9 pm Homestead Hollow County Park, N120W19809 Freistadt Road J & M Displays.

Fire Chief DeLain met with Dan Benning and they will have their own Fire Suppression items, size of the fireworks will be inch and half. No additional conditions. All conditions have been covered.

Motion (Pieper/J. Miller) to recommend approval of Fireworks User Permit Application for Dan Benning, July 30, 2022 9 pm Homestead Hollow County Park, N120W19809 Freistadt Road J & M Displays. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Additional Public Safety Personnel – Request by Chair, Trustee Myers.
Motion (Pieper/Hudson) to move item B. unfinished business to the end of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. No Parking sign erected on Esquire Court in front of the sidewalk to the Community Area Entrance – Request by Tr. Pieper.
Tr. Pieper reported on the items. This is one car spot of no parking. Discussion to go to the Public Works for additional ordinance. Discussion item that the item is from the Association President.

Motion (J. Miller / Hudson) pass to No Parking sign erected on Esquire Court in front of the sidewalk to the Community Area Entrance – Request by Tr. Pieper. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Noise Complaint, for Das Barrel Room LLC, Mark Brooks, Agent, N52W14018 Aberdeen Dr, Menomonee Falls, d/b/a **Das Barrel Room**, W201N10466 Appleton Ave, Main Building Basement Bar, Storage Room, Dining Areas, Deck and Lawn off of back of building

Mark and Judy Brooks of Aberdeen Drive in Menomonee Falls, came to the podium. Commented on a noise citation of an inside band. There was not a warning, but citation. Village Prosecutor dropped citation. When he built deck, he addressed with the Village for outdoor music and abide by the noise ordinance. All communication of the noise ordinance has been from the Police Department. The same person is the complainant. He has not paid any citations. June 24th a police officer came at 6 pm and listened and the noise level was not louder than the normal road level. The bands end at 9:30 pm no later than 9:55 pm at the latest due to the ordinance. Discussion ensued of a decibel reading. Discussion ensued of other premises. There were a few complaints after 10 pm.

Julie Kind, W148N12534 Pleasant View Drive, is the personal representative for her sister that owns the bar building. She came to the podium. Previous owner did have music outside.

Jason Giguere of Appleton Avenue came to the podium. He complained of the noise and has called the bar and spoke to the persons that answered the phone. It was really bad last year. He keeps his doors and windows closed due to the noise. He just wants a good neighbor.

Discussion ensued of the Bier Stube downtown.

Discussion ensued of what is requested. Jason Giguere is requesting for the music to not be so loud. There was a band Thursday and Friday of last week and there was no problem. Not all the time. Last time bothered was Saturday but before 10 pm. and called in.

Discussion ensued of sending a copy of the ordinance and time of parameters are and bands play inside and out to everyone.

Discussion ensued of a report from the Attorney.

Julie Kind, came to the podium and commented on noise levels.

Tom Steinbach of Hilltop Drive came to the podium. He commented that there has been an issue of the 10 pm ending time. He commented to be consistent. He commented on the ordinance. He wants a quiet evening and his rights are violated. Asking for the noise to be reduced to a reasonable level and to review the ordinance.

Motion (Pieper/Myers) to revisit the item in six months.

Discussion ensued of an outdoor band. Discussion ensued of the zoning. Clarification as to what we can and cannot do based on the ordinances.

Pieper/Myers voted aye, J. Miller and Hudson voted no. Motion failed.

Director Retzlaff came to the podium. He is aware of the issue. In 2017 as related to the Bier Stube the noise ordinance was modified and the zoning code addressed the issues. At one time there were decibel levels. The ordinance changed in 2017.

Discussion ensued of rotating the band away from the residential area.

Discussion ensued of the subjection of noise level.

Discussion ensued of the issue of a bar expanding with an outdoor facility. Residents came and said they did not want to hear entertainment. This was an amendment to the conditional use permit. There was an offer to post noise decibel readings.

Mark Brooks came back to the podium. The stage faces West. Discussion ensued to turn the stage. Patrons set on the deck and the music is mostly on the deck, not on the stage. The sound is going west toward the building.

Mark Brooks commented he has bands booked through the end of the year. Chair Myer will dissemination of the information.

Judith of Appleton Avenue came to the podium. Building has always been a bar and restaurant. Not all are unhappy. Mark has cleaned up the area.

Discussion ensued to follow up with the Village Attorney on the item.

C. Additional Public Safety Personnel – Request by Chair, Trustee Myers.

Discussion ensued of a referendum for this particular issue. An additional officer was approved by the board. Chair Myers distributed referendum information and Fire Department Personnel to the Public Safety Committee.

Chief Delain commented that there are three calls at one time, needing mutual aid. A cardiac arrest call takes ambulances and staff out of command for one call. There are additional station needs.

Chief Snow commented he has reported to the board asking for more personnel. A traffic officer was added years ago; this was absorbed to patrol. Menomonee Falls has a division to traffic.

Need to increase patrols on second shift. Morale is low due to burn out. Need to bring staffing level up. Discussion ensued of State Patrol and Washington County on 41/45. Discussion ensued of the change of dispatch. Discussion ensued of the costs involved. Discussion ensued of adequate staffing of today and five years into the future. Discussion ensued as a question to include road construction.

Administrator Kreklow commented action could be to move in front of the Village Board and a lot of work prior to referendum. There have been other communities with public safety and road referendums. And asking residents what they are willing to support.

Chief Delain commented that he is looking for 12 additional bodies. Would need station / building room or additional building. 2001 report stated four stations were needed.

Would have to budget and connect the budget to the referendum. Last year looked at the Police and Fire staffing shortages. Levy limit increase with net new construction limits the increase.

Discussion ensued of other possible fees such as public fire protection fee, vehicle fee / wheel tax, transportation utilities. Dependent on how the referendum is written it can be an additional property tax levy.

Discussion ensued that a plan and comparisons of other communities are needed.

Discussion ensued of the timing for the April Election. The Chiefs will work on the item.

The next meeting will be on August 1st.

ADJOURNMENT.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Motion (J. Miller/Hudson) to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deanna Braunschweig
Deanna B. Braunschweig, WCMC/CMC
Village Clerk – Treasurer