

MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2022
GERMANTOWN VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

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

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Scott Hefle of W159 N10514 Old Farm Road was present and expressed his concerns regarding staffing at the police and fire departments. He stated he was aware of the discussion for additional staff for police and fire, and the suggestion of it going to a referendum. Hefle stated that referendums can be voted down by residents who fear that passing a referendum would create higher taxes. Hefle asked the committee why taxes should have to be increased for something that should already be budgeted for under necessary services. He encouraged the committee to look closely at budget items that could be cut in order to allow for additional staffing for police and fire rather than relying on a referendum that may not pass.

Myers advised that he had brought this item before the committee for discussion and this matter would not be appearing as a referendum this year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: a motion was made by Pieper, seconded by J. Miller, to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2022, Regular Meeting.

Discussion followed with J. Miller advising that she had concerns with last month's agenda item C, "Additional Public Safety Personnel – Request by Chair. Trustee Myers." J. Miller noted that the agenda did not indicate this item was going to be considered for a referendum, and she felt that if that was the direction this matter was intended to go, it should have been specified that way on the agenda. She added that if this matter is brought back to committee for additional discussion, she would like to see "referendum" wording included on the agenda.

Motion to approve the minutes carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Snow reported on the following:

- The monthly report will be presented at next month's meeting
- Officers attended Active Threat Training in West Bend
- Lateral transfer process is being used to fill current open positions for officers
- New hire for police officer, Bryan Sek, will be starting his Academy training
- NAC Night will be held tomorrow, August 2nd at Fireman's Park

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Delain reported on the following:

- 2 recruits have completed Academy and have started shift work
- Substantial rainstorm with flooding from a couple weeks ago caused mechanical issues with the ladder truck when it went through a flooded area, insurance claim is pending, Inland Diesel is doing further testing on the truck and repairs will be done unless the truck is declared totaled by insurance company

POLICY UPDATES FOR POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Police Department – none

Fire Department - none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FROM RESIDENT TO INVESTIGATE INTERSECTION OF MAIN STREET AND FOND DU LAC AVENUE FOR SAFETY – RESIDENT LIVES ON CORNER AND WITNESSED/EXPERIENCED ISSUES WITH VEHICLES USING THE INTERSECTION: Myers advised this item was brought to the attention of the committee by Trustee Rick Miller who was acting on the request of resident Samantha Drew of N116 W15757 Main Street who was asking to have the intersection of Main Street and Fond du Lac Avenue investigated for safety concerns.

Ms. Drew was present and stated her concerns with traffic at that location. She advised that vehicles are rolling through the stop sign or ignoring it completely making it hazardous for her to turn into her driveway which is located at that intersection. She said there have been multiple occasions where she was nearly struck while waiting to pull into her driveway which frequently gets obstructed by other traffic. Ms. Drew advised she has contacted the police department with a request for extra patrol in the area and was also counseled by the officer on safer approaches to her driveway. She asked if a traffic study could be conducted to determine if there is a solution to this problem, like maybe putting in a roundabout, or hidden driveway signage. She added that semi-trucks turning at that intersection are also a concern.

Pieper advised she would like the committee to have an opportunity to look at that intersection and also have the police department research their records for any data at that location. She stated this item could be placed on the agenda for next month for further discussion.

Attorney Sajdak reminded committee members that when the Village approved the PDD for Gehl's, one of the conditions applied was for the improvement or squaring off of the

intersection of Main and Fond du Lac. He added that although this would not address any of the immediate safety concerns, it could improve things long term.

A motion was made by Pieper, seconded by J. Miller, for staff to follow up with Gehl's to find out when they will proceed with reconstruction work at the intersection of Main Street and Fond du Lac Avenue. Motion carried unanimously. Myers advised he would pass this on to Administrator Kreklow for follow up with Gehl's.

CLASS B FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE AND CLASS C WINE LICENSE FOR AUGUST 15, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023, A KID AT HEART PLAYLAND LLC, W188 N10707 MAPLE RD SUITE B, GERMANTOWN, ELIZABETH ORTIN AGENT, 2300 SQUARE FOOT COMMERCIAL BUILDING INCLUDING 2 PARTY ROOMS IN BACK OF BUILDING:

All premise license recommendation/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.

A motion was made by Pieper, seconded by J. Miller, to forward this application to Village Board with a recommendation of approval. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: Myers advised that next month's meeting will be held on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT: there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Recorded by,

Julie L. Barth
Secretary