

MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2022
GERMANTOWN VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chairman Myers.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Myers, Trustees Hudson, and J. Miller. Trustee Pieper arrived at 6:09 p.m.

Also present were Police Chief Snow and Clerk Braunschweig.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Scott Hefle of W159 N10514 Old Farm Road was present and expressed his concerns regarding public safety matters in the Village. He would like to see Board members review the budget for emergency services, stating that overtime numbers have increased due to the need for additional coverage/staffing in those areas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: a motion was made by Hudson, seconded by J. Miller, to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2022, Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Snow reported on the following:

- Email from a resident who interacted with two officers (Bloch and Spitzer) while at Alt Bauer Park and was impressed by their demeanor and professionalism
- 10 felony arrests during month of September, many times details are not shared due to the nature of the ongoing investigations
- Recognized Officer von Bereghy for his work while investigating theft of drugs from Ellen's Home
- Updated committee on the status of the homicide, commended the detective bureau and officers for their dedication and tireless work on this investigation
- Myers thanked the Chief for the inclusion of the thank you letters from the public, stating it was good for the committee and people of the community to hear these
- J. Miller asked about the school check numbers, Snow stated that officers routinely make stops at the schools to increase officer presence and do walkthroughs

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Myers advised the fire department monthly report would be held over until next month's meeting.

POLICY UPDATES FOR POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Police Department – none

Fire Department - none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

REQUEST FROM RESIDENT TO INVESTIGATE HAWTHORNE DRIVE FOR STOP SIGN, INTERSECTION OF HAWTHORNE AND JUNIPER DRIVE:

Thomas Williams of N109 W16882 Hawthorn Drive was present and stated he had concerns with vehicles going through the stop signs at Hawthorne and Juniper which included private vehicles, snowplows and squads. He indicated that more attention to the intersection may result in better observance to the signs and asked the Village to consider some type of updates to that location, such as getting the stop sign lines repainted, additional speed limit signs in the area, lighted stop signs, signage warning of a stop sign ahead, and placing the speed board in the area.

Discussion followed with Mr. Williams expressing his concern at the number of times squads use the route passing through this area when responding to calls on the south side of the Village. He felt that some of the calls did not require the use of lights and sirens through residential streets. He added that his main concern was the hope that something could be done to draw attention to slowing traffic down and having vehicles obey the stop signs.

Myers stated he would talk to the Director of Public Works regarding a review of the current signage at that location and would advise him of the snowplow complaint. Snow stated he also would discuss the concerns of Mr. Williams with officers.

Pieper noted that she is aware that some drivers have run the stop sign there completely by accident, not being aware of the signage, she added that something to bring the stop sign to the attention of drivers may be helpful, especially repainting of the stop sign lines. Snow added that the flashing light stop signs have had a lot of success in areas where there is a problem with unintentional running of stop signs.

Myers advised this item would be placed on next month's agenda for follow up.

CLASS B TEMPORARY BEER LICENSE FOR ST. BONIFACE CONGREGATION, W204 N11968 GOLDENDALE RD., LENT FISH FRY FEBRUARY 24, MARCH 3, AND MARCH 10, 2023, FROM 4-7 P.M. a motion was made by Hudson, seconded by J. Miller, to forward this Class B Temporary Beer License for St. Boniface to Village Board with a recommendation of approval. Snow advised there were no objections from the police department. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

FIRE AND POLICE OVERTIME REPORTS: Snow advised he had obtained overtime reports for the years 2017 – 2020 and provided copies to the committee. He noted that the numbers for 2021 and 2022 have increased which is primarily due to staffing shortages. Snow said the department has been short staffed for up to 7 officers off and on since 2020. He also noted that hirings have been done but if the new officer(s) requires the academy, it

will be nearly a year before that officer is ready for solo patrol. Another factor adding to the increased costs is that more officers are taking their overtime to pay than in previous years.

Myers advised this item would be held over until next month to give committee members an opportunity to review the information provided. Hudson stated he would like to confirm some of the numbers provided, J. Miller asked if next year's costs are expected to increase, Pieper advised she may be forwarding some of her questions via email.

NEXT MEETING: Myers advised that next month's meeting will be held on Monday, December 6, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT: there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Recorded by,

Julie L. Barth
Secretary