

MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2023
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 Hudson, J. Miller, and Pieper.

Also present were Fire Chief Delain, Police Lieutenant Schmitt, Clerk Braunschweig.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Melanie Smythe of N140 W17938 Cedar Lane spoke to the Committee regarding her concerns with staffing levels at the police and fire departments. She acknowledged the committee has been discussing this issue but would like to know what the plan is for the Village to address the staffing levels.

Myers responded the Committee is currently looking at overtime levels, personnel numbers, and are awaiting a final report after the audit to see what funds are available for this matter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: a motion was made by J. Miller, seconded by Pieper, to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Schmitt reported on the following:

- Numbers are tracking within normal parameters and she had nothing of significance to report

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Delain reported on the following:

- The department was asked by the committee to provide numbers for incidents involving simultaneous calls for service, they are having some issues with their data but are working on it

OVERTIME REPORTS:

Police and Fire Departments: J. Miller stated she would like to see overtime numbers from 2022 for comparison purposes. Myers added he would like the numbers to go back to 2021 so they have 3 years for comparison.

POLICY UPDATES FOR POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Police Department – none

Fire Department - none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

TINY T'S LLC W157 N11638 FOND DU LAC AVE CLASS B FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE AND INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE, SHAWN FRANK – AGENT, CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP: a motion was made by Pieper, seconded by Hudson, to forward this request for Tiny T's Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License/Change of Ownership to Village Board with a recommendation of approval.

Schmitt and Delain advised there were no objections from Police and Fire Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

WALMART FREQUENCY AND DURATION OF CALLS FOR SERVICE: Lt. Schmitt referred to the informational packet which was provided for this discussion. Numbers for Calls for Service to Walmart were shown from 2006 – 2022 and indicated that these calls are increasing over time.

Schmitt stated they had met with the district manager, store manager and loss prevention manager from Walmart to discuss these concerns. One item of note was that many of the Calls for Service are related to the self-serve checkouts and they have been considering some actions that would cut down on these calls. Walmart management have looked at scanning programs which will freeze the checkout scans if a problem is detected until staff can assist. They are also considering having Loss Prevention monitor for failed scans and stepping in when needed.

Discussion followed with Schmitt answering questions from the committee on what types of proactive measures can be taken to lessen the number of Calls for Service the department needs to respond to. She added that the department is reaching out to other departments that have Walmarts in their jurisdictions to see if they experience similar concerns and how they are meeting those concerns.

Pieper asked for some comparison numbers between Walmart, Fleet Farm and Menards. Myers added that he would like to see the amount of time the department is dedicating to these Calls for Service. Hudson noted that the numbers seem to indicate an increase in calls around the holidays, J. Miller asked that Walmart also research possible solutions to the problems with the self-checkouts.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – PURCHASE OF FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING SIMULATOR IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,984.24: Delain advised the

department is requesting to purchase a Fire Extinguisher Training Simulator which will streamline their training process, and is cleaner, faster and allows them to train in a safe and controlled environment. The price for this simulator is \$18,984.24.

A motion was made by Hudson, seconded by Pieper, to forward this purchase request to Village Board with a recommendation of approval for the purchase of the Fire Extinguisher Training Simulator in an amount not to exceed \$18,984.24. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - PURCHASE OF FIFTEEN (15) AEDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,425.00: Schmitt advised the 2023 budget included \$24,000 for the purchase of new AEDs for the department. The price quote received from Coro Medical was for \$25,425.00 for 15 units, Schmitt stated the overage would be covered out of operating budget for computer hardware support.

Motion was made by Pieper, seconded by J. Miller to forward this purchase request to Village Board with a recommendation of approval for the purchase of fifteen AEDs in an amount not to exceed \$25,425.00. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: Myers advised that next month's meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT: there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Recorded by,

Julie L. Barth
Secretary