

MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 5, 2023
GERMANTOWN VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m. by Chairman Myers.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Myers, Trustees Hudson, J. Miller. Pieper joined the meeting while in progress via Webex.

Also present were Police Chief Snow, Fire Chief Delain, President Wolter.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Scott Hefle of W159 N10514 Old Farm Road stated he would like to compliment Trustees Pieper, Hudson, and J. Miller for their comments at last month's meeting regarding their support of additional staff for police and fire. He also referred to Chief Snow's support of the referendum and said he understood his reasoning, then summarized President Wolters comments from the meeting. He asked committee members if anyone has a solution for the staffing shortages.

Steven Wesolowski of W169 N10427 Pheasant Run spoke to the committee and stated he served as an EMS with Milwaukee for 18 years and has lived in Germantown since 1987 and has some knowledge of the history of police and fire departments. He said he would support hiring additional police officers and would like to see a separation between police and fire department hires on a referendum if there is one. He also said he has concerns with the fire department having 3 battalion chiefs, he feels that number should be reduced and the extra money used for police department staffing.

Melanie Smythe of N140 W17938 Cedar Lane discussed the contract with Mueller and said there should be a bid process done first. She added that staffing is needed in both public safety departments, and members should support an effort to work across committee lines and find funds from other departments. She suggested that the Village investigate the Waste Management issues and file for breach of contract, they could look into other bids and possibly save some money in the process. She also requested that the Village hold a 4th Committee of the Whole meeting during the budget process so everyone is clear on where all the money is being distributed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: a motion was made by Hudson, seconded by J. Miller, to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes carried unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT: Myers stated he had received a request from a resident on Hilltop regarding speeding in the area and requested the speedboard be placed there to

monitor traffic. Snow advised that it has been set up there in the past, and due to its visibility, the numbers for violations were low. He added he would discuss it with staff and check on the availability of the speedboard.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Snow reported on the following:

- Training section has been added to the monthly report, includes inhouse and specialty training
- Numbers have been put together for Walmart, Fleet Farm and Menards, once the ProPhoenix update has been completed, these numbers will be easier to pull from the records
- He did determine February numbers for thefts (thefts only, does not include numbers for Calls for Service) which were as follows:
 - Walmart – 39
 - Menards – 0
 - Fleet Farm – 8
- The ProPhoenix upgrade is in the last phase, and expects migration to be complete on May 2nd
- Training for the upgrade has been ongoing
- Myers asked for clarification on what aspects will be changed after the upgrade, Snow advised the areas affected include records management, computer entry, increased capability of what the system can do for the department, WDAs in squads can be utilized for more functions by officers
- Myers asked about the training report and whether it applied to new officers or all officers, Snow replied the training report covers all officers
- Staffing update includes 2 officers still in the Academy, will graduate 2nd week of May
- J. Miller asked when the reports for thefts will be done, Snow anticipates by June after customization has been done for these searches

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Delain reported on the following:

- Unable to complete their monthly report due to ProPhoenix updates which are creating issues with their numbers in the reporting system, rather than submit a report with possible inaccuracies, he will hold off until upgrades are completed
- Their building is getting new flooring/drain system, shipping containers have been placed in their back lot for storage of equipment and gear, anticipates this project will take until end of May
- New fire extinguisher training simulator is working out well, members can be properly trained with no mess to clean up
- They continue to see multiple calls occurring at the same time, will discuss further during the Personnel agenda item
- Police & Fire will be meeting on April 10th for battalion chief position

- Myers asked if the overhead doors had been replaced, Delain advised they are original to the building
- J. Miller asked where the trucks will be stored during the flooring process, Delain said they would be parked outside

POLICY UPDATES FOR POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Police Department – none

Fire Department - none

OVERTIME REPORTS: Snow advised the overtime numbers are beginning to come down slightly with new officers now on solo patrol, and a dispatcher coming off field training. A new dispatcher has been hired for the open position and is currently training, so all positions with officers and dispatchers are now staffed. He added that 2 officers are still at the academy and will probably not be on solo patrol until fall.

Delain advised their overtime numbers are consistent with last year's numbers, they have been working short one battalion chief, and vacations have caused some shortages.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CONTRACT WITH MUELLER COMMUNICATIONS FOR PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS ON POSSIBLE PUBLIC SAFETY REFERENDUM NOT TO EXCEED \$50,629.90: Myers advised that he had discussed this item with Administrator Kreklow and it was determined that this matter would be placed on the May agenda and Mueller will make their presentation at that time.

J. Miller stated an RFP should be done for this project and asked for clarification on this and whether it should be referred to Kreklow. Myers asked President Wolter if that would be the proper course to follow, Wolter stated it should be reviewed by Village Attorney to see if an RFP is needed or if it should go out to bid. Wolter added that his meeting with the administrator and attorney for the following day had been cancelled, but he would put this item on the agenda when they next meet.

REPORT ON PILGRIM ROAD PEDESTRIAN CROSSING REQUEST: Myers advised he had gone to this location with Superintendent Anderson and checked the area of Pilgrim between County Line Road and Mequon Road and they determined there were 5 to 6 crossings and explained the crossing sign guidelines. He noted that at another pedestrian crossing at Fond du Lac and Park, there are angled lines at the crossing which makes it more visible to motorists, and asked Anderson if that kind of marking could be done on the crossings on Pilgrim. Myers stated he also talked to one

of the school principals and was told that all students are bussed, and don't need to walk or cross on Pilgrim.

J. Miller noted when she talked to the principal, he had expressed concern that the signage and crosswalks on Pilgrim were not as clear as they could be, so if repainting is in the schedule, that would be an improvement.

NEW BUSINESS

COLGATE BP, N96 W21962 COUNTY LINE RD., CLASS A LIQUOR AND CLASS A FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE, SUMIT CHOCHAN.

AGENT: Hudson indicated there were multiple errors on the license application for Colgate BP, i.e., it was filled out with Village of "Colgate", and County of "Germantown" which were not correct. He questioned whether it should be returned for corrections. Snow advised that when the police department is given bartender applications that have been completed incorrectly, they are returned to the applicant for corrections.

A motion was made by Hudson, seconded by J. Miller, to have the application resubmitted after corrections have been made. Motion carried unanimously.

BLAZER DASH 5K RUN/2 MILE WALK, MAY 20, 2023, BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN, KRISTIN MILLER – RACE DIRECTOR: a motion was made by J. Miller, seconded by Hudson, to forward this application for the Blazer Dash 5K Run/2 Mile Walk on May 20th to Village Board with a recommendation of approval. Snow and Delain advised there were no objections from the police and fire departments. Motion to approved carried unanimously.

USE OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES ON VILLAGE ROADS, WI STATE STATUTE 23.33(11)(a) Counties, towns, cities, and villages may enact ordinances regulating all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles on all-terrain vehicle trails maintained by or on all-terrain vehicle routes designated by the county, city, town or village: Trustee Rick Miller advised that he and Trustee Pieper had cosigned on this agenda item, and she was currently unable to access the meeting via Webex. He said this item had been brought to their attention by residents who would like to see the Village approve of the use of ATVs on village roadways. He advised that there would need to be ordinance changes and routes would need to be posted. R. Miller added that Tim Rohrer, President of the Kettle Moraine ATV Association, was present and had provided some information for the committee regarding what steps the Village would need to take if they were to approve this item.

Discussion followed with Mr. Rohrer answering questions from the committee regarding ATV use in other communities and whether it had presented any issues. Discussion included the following:

- Hudson advised he had not reviewed all the information and questioned whether this would include all village roadways or just specific areas of the Village
- R. Miller said he had discussed this agenda item with Pieper and there were some residents who had expressed an interest in this, the packet has some good information in it with sample ordinances, he noted it would be up to the Committee to determine if this is an item they wish to pursue and what routes would be appropriate for ATV travel
- Myers stated he received some feedback from residents, he checked with the County and they advised against ATV travel on county roadways
- J. Miller questioned the speed of the ATVs and posting of trails, there was discussion of the trails and what restrictions they have regarding ATVs, as some trails are also for bicycles and pedestrians
- Hudson referred to the map in the packet of proposed areas of travel for ATVs and said he would not approve the areas marked for travel; R. Miller agreed that the map would need to be refined
- J. Miller asked Chief Snow for a comment; he said he had talked about this with the other Chiefs and Sheriff in Washington County, he was told that some who were hesitant in the beginning had found there were no problems. Snow added that there would need to be conversations on which roads ATVs could travel on

Pieper was able to join the meeting via Webex at this time and made a motion to forward this item to Village Board with a recommendation of approval. Motion was seconded by J. Miller. Discussion followed with Hudson advising he would not support this item because of the roads marked on the map for ATV travels, he would like to give this matter careful thought and would like to see a workable map before supporting the idea of permitting ATVs on village roadways. Myers added that there is no plan currently in place for this idea, there would need to be ordinance changes and roadways approved for ATV travel; however the committee could approve the concept of this plan and forward to the Board. J. Miller added that she has not had a chance to thoroughly review the paperwork provided, but she would agree to having the concept approved by Village Board and then bring this item back to Public Safety to work on the details. Motion by Pieper failed, 1-3 with Myers, Hudson, and J. Miller voting nay.

Pieper made a new motion to forward this item to Village Board to gather their consensus to see if this is something that they would be willing to entertain and then send back to Public Safety to formulate a concrete map which would then be sent to Village Board for approval. Motion was seconded by Hudson and carried unanimously.

POLICE AND FIRE PERSONNEL FUNDING FOR 2023/2024: J. Miller presented a handout to committee members which addresses the goal of finding funding for police and fire department positions for 2023 and 2024. She stated this matter was discussed at last month's meeting, and President Wolter had recommended that the Public Safety

Committee research where funding could be found for additional positions in the police and fire departments. J. Miller made the following suggestions:

- Use Public Fire Protection Fee – switch the PFP fund from General Fund to Water Utility = \$537,000
- With approval from Public Safety and Village Board, the \$537,000 redirected to the Water Utility Fund, the Village would need to raise the PFP fee from \$2.13 to approximately \$15.00, about a \$13.00 increase quarterly on the utility bill, or a \$52.00 increase per year per customer
- Public Safety would determine PFP charge, that charge would be divided between water utility users based on meter size, current PFP total is approximately \$600,000 with \$537,000 being paid from General Fund to Water Utility. PFP fee will increase when water tower is completed, PSC would determine the PFP charge which would be split between water utility users based on meter size

J. Miller stated this process would begin to address the needs for funding additional personnel, it would not take money from other departments.

Myers thanked J. Miller for her presentation and advised this item would be placed on next month's agenda for further discussion.

Wolter stated there had been prior discussion on this matter by Village Board, there was discussion about capping that fund and giving any increase to water utility, there was some dissent about raising rates after rates had already been increased, but it could be brought forward again for reevaluation.

J. Miller noted that if this item goes to referendum it would result in tax increases which are already being affected by the new DPW construction.

NEXT MEETING: Myers advised that next month's meeting will be held on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT: there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Recorded by,

Julie L. Barth Secretary