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| <b>MEETING:</b>       | <b>REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE</b>                 |
| <b>DATE AND TIME:</b> | <b>Monday, August 7, 2023 6:00 PM</b>                                 |
| <b>LOCATION:</b>      | <b>Germantown Village Hall Board Room<br/>N112 W17001 Mequon Road</b> |

### MINUTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *This meeting has been given public notice in accordance with Section 19.83 and 19.84, Wis. Stats, in such form that will apprise the general public and news media of subject matter that is intended for consideration and action.*
- II. **ROLL CALL:**
  - Present were Chairman Hudson, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, and Trustee Neureuther.
  - Also present were Police Chief Snow, Battalion Chief Asmondy, and Administrator Kreklow.
- III. **CITIZEN INPUT:**
  - Brian Dolk of Germantown, who lives near Kinderberg Park, brought concerns regarding issues with Kinderberg Park . Specifically people driving and parking near the pavilion and basketball courts, increased property damage, inappropriate music and vulgar/derogatory language; most vehicles missing plates or expired tags. I have called the GPD numerous times but have been told most of those times that there were no officers available to respond. This has become a Public Safety issue that cannot be put off any longer. There is no respect shown for Village property, grilling charcoal dumped at lampposts and vehicles driving on grass make the SplashPad unsafe for families. Suggested ticketing vehicles parked in the area that have no/expired plates, which could generate revenue. He supplied the Committee with a written statement and photos indicating property damage.
  - Scott Hefle of W159N10514 Old Farm Rd addressed the Committee's unfinished business of funding additional Police and Fire positions; will approval be passed at budget time? Referendum not passing poses a huge problem. Requesting action now. Also supported Brian Dolk's statement, have heard of the issues and the noise complaints. Asked about the Village's Citizen Patrol - could that be re-activated to assist?

- Jan Miller of W151N10297 Windsong Circle W spoke in support of Brian Dolk's statement and photos. They have discussed concerns, and she too has seen cars driving up the sidewalks. Issues have escalated, what are the rules about grilling? What enforcements are there to prevent parking on the grass?
- Melanie Smythe of N140W17938 Cedar Lane spoke to the Kinderberg Park issues, and believes from her past experiences in community situations such as this, it will only get worse. People are being reckless, suggest signage - no grilling, no vehicles allowed.

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion made** by Baum and seconded by Neureuther to approve minutes of the 7/10/23 Regular Public Safety Meeting, and minutes of the 8/1/23 Special Public Safety Meeting, as presented. No discussion, all voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

A. July 10, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. August 1, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

#### **V. REPORTS:**

A. Police Monthly Report

- Chief Snow reported no significant changes other than the 911 hang-ups, which are up from last year and he will look into those numbers.

NAC night was a huge success, with acknowledgment to Lt. Schmitt, SRO Olson and CO Rechlicz for their hard work in organizing the rest of the PD and donations from numerous local businesses.

B. Fire Department Monthly Report

- Battalion Chief Asmondy reported that call volume is trending upward, inspections are ongoing and being entered into our new ImageTrend database. June was a very busy Public Education month, and unfortunately GFD staffing is impacting our availability for Pub-Ed events. New item we will begin reporting is the number of occasions we have zero ambulances in the Village due to multiple calls. In June we had 13 separate occasions where we had no ambo in the village to respond for any calls. Call volume, multiple EMS calls, and if we're at full staffing at 5 that leaves the Battalion Chief in the station to respond to any EMS or Fire calls. We do page out All-Calls for people to backfill the station, and usually only get 1 or 2 people in those instances.
- As of last Tuesday we learned our EMS billing company has since gone out of business effective 7/27/23, and we were notified 8/1/23. Since 6/22/23 they have only billed 15 calls, when we really have about 300 calls that need to be billed. They have directed us to work with EMSMC, and not knowing the rate we are being charged going forward there will be a backlog of billing for a month or two. Battalion Chief Holms is spearheading this change

and has more info if anyone has questions.

- 7/1/23 we put our new Inspection program in, now using Image Trend for our Fire/EMS/Inspection reporting. Numbers will look very low in the July monthly report, but we are learning the system and working out the wrinkles. There is a lot of information to re-enter (contact & building info, pushing data from ProPhoenix to Image Trend) as well as continuing to do the scheduled inspections.

Discussion: Trustee Baum would like to hear from BC Holms regarding the new billing process.

- BC Holms: We had been looking at other companies, we have been month to month lease with local Cedarburg company, low commission rate which is nice. The CEO passed away unexpectedly, and he was their main guy in a group of 8 employees. A new billing company may have an increased commission rate (4-8%), but there is the potential for increased revenue (10-20%). We are meeting with 2 companies this week: a leading National billing company and a leading Midwest billing company. Both will provide the depth of support and billing success that we are looking for.
- With being behind billing by 280 calls, that translates to approximately \$100,000 in revenue. GFD will be presenting very soon at PSC or VB meetings to share what we have learned.

A short Q&A discussion continued.

C. Overtime Report

GPD – Staffing levels have been the same, new Officer came on board recently, another was hired to start the academy early 2024.

GFD - Numbers are the same month to month until we can get more depth by hiring more Paid on Premise positions. We had one employee who just passed the Fire Academy, finishing check-offs so they can begin covering more shifts.

D. Policy Updates

1. Police Department Policy Updates

Nothing to report.

2. Fire Department Policy Updates

Nothing to report.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Motion made** by Baum, seconded by Pieper, to take things out of order and jump down to New Business items B through H.

No discussion, all voted in favor, motion carried unanimously.

A. Alternatives for Funding Additional Public Safety Positions

Kreklow noted this topic has been on previous agendas, and we've presented that the GPD is looking for (4) Officers at a cost of ≈ \$415,000 and the GFD has expressed

their needs at 12 Firefighters at a cost of  $\approx$  \$1.425 million. We have discussed alternatives in the past for funding this amount (totaling 2/3 of the almost \$1.6 million amount):

- Shifting the public fire protection fee to the utility bill (\$537,000)
- Shift sealcoating to the wheel tax (\$350,000)
- Carryover some unused levy limit funding (\$100,000)
- All of these result in a gap of  $\approx$  (\$588,000)

We have increased 2024 budgets for Police & Fire, which will help increased salaries for existing positions. But we are starting 2024 with a budget gap of \$876,000, so we don't have funds to add positions. The only realistic way to fund the Public Safety need is through a referendum, which I recommend to the Committee to send this option to the Village Board for discussion. The next opportunity to get a referendum on the ballot would be April 2024.

Neureuther agreed, but with the large amount we do need input from the community. Not in favor of hiring a firm to help publicize the referendum. Suggests squeezing a few positions in early 2024 to start? What is the impact number for a homeowner on their taxes, do we have those numbers?

Pieper suggested that prior to deciding on a referendum, we should contact Washington County to look into the cost-savings of moving Dispatch to the County level.

Kreklow reiterated the additional shared revenue is \$498,000, which has already been taken into consideration when talking about the budget gap of \$876,000 (total gap would've been \$1.4 million).

Committee discussion continued

- where does the decision lie, PSC/GGF/VB?
- half of this community doesn't pay utility bills, the taxpayers don't want the burden on their bill
- Referendum preparation and budgeting options should be worked in parallel

**Motion made** by Neureuther to study funding options before putting this topic on the next PSC agenda. Baum seconded for discussion.

- Snow believes there will be a very different level of service with moving Dispatch to the County level
- Kreklow reminded the Committee this is the beginning of looking into the options and the process of utilizing the County Dispatch, nothing would be decided or put into motion until mid-2024, and this does not replace the need for a Referendum
- Record-keeping, clerical, some staff still required in the Village, Village Board needs to decide the level-of-service question that will arise
- Was suggested to the Committee to begin drafting language for a Referendum and how it could be structured, what would be the impact on a home, etc.

Baum agreed that information would be welcome at the next meeting, but also would like to see a spreadsheet detailing the salaries and positions for the 4 Police and 12 Fire.

BC Asmondy reiterated the present situation , limited staffing running 180+ EMS calls, an extra crew of 2 would still get us back a square one if there's a structure fire or vehicle accident that all are dispatched and unavailable for extra incoming calls.

**Original motion made by Neureuther was amended**, seconded by Baum, asking the Committee to come up with alternatives for the Referendum question and the possible costs associated. No discussion, all voted in favor, motion carried unanimously.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion made** by Baum, seconded by Pieper to approve the items B through H as presented.

Neureuther asked if these renewals were overlooked from 7/1/23? Erin Hirn confirmed that the majority of them (all but 2) were overlooked. Chief Snow had no concerns on the items. All voted in favor, motion carried unanimously.

- A. The following has applied to the Village Board of the Village of Germantown, Washington County, Wisconsin, for an **ORIGINAL** Second Hand Jewelry Dealer License for the period August 8, 2023 (Board Approval Date) until December 31, 2023. Applicant **National Rarities LLC** (Dennis M McCaffrey); 2190 S Mason Rd Suite 209, St Louis MO.

**Motion made** by Baum, seconded by Pieper, to approve item 7A as is. No discussion, all voted in favor, motion carried unanimously.

- B. The following has applied to the Village Board of the Village of Germantown, Washington County, Wisconsin, for **RENEWAL** of a Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License and "Class C" Wine License for the period commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. **MC Roadhouse ILC**, Matthew Roadhouse, W160N10544 Old Farm Rd, **Swingtime**, W197N10340 Appleton Ave.
- C. The following has applied to the Village Board of the Village of Germantown, Washington County, Wisconsin, for **RENEWAL** of a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for the period commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. **Metro Cigars, LLC** N102W19455 Willow Creek Way; Agent Jennifer Groh; d/b/a Metro Cigars
- D. The following has applied to the Village Board of the Village of Germantown, Washington County, Wisconsin, for **RENEWAL** of a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for the period commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. **JK GAM LLC** W140N10305 Fond Du Lac Avenue; Agent Jon Gamroth; d/b/a Gamroth's Kuhburg Junction
- E. The following have applied to the Village Board of the Village of Germantown, Washington County, Wisconsin, for **RENEWAL** of a "Class B" Fermented Malt

Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for the period commencing July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024: **Veracruz WI LLC**, Charles Hastings, Agent, W112 W16344 Mequon Road, d/b/a Veracruz WI LLC, W112 W16344 Mequon Road

- F. The following has applied to the Village Board of Germantown, Washington County, Wisconsin, for **RENEWAL** of a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for the period commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. **Marko's Pizza II, INC** W156N9664 Pilgrim Rd; Agent Ken A Ubert; d/b/a Marko's Pizza
- G. The following has applied to the Village Board of the Village of Germantown, Washington County, Wisconsin, for an **ORIGINAL** "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for the period commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. **Brama's Pizzeria, LLC**, N112W16700 Mequon Road, Brama's Pizzeria, Agent Carrie Wegner
- H. The following has applied to the Village Board of the Village of Germantown, Washington County, Wisconsin, for an **ORIGINAL** "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for the period commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. **The Goose is Loose LLC**, W187N12793 Fond du lac Avenue, d/b/a TBA, Agent Peter Skodras
- I. Pro-Phoenix Multi-Juris

Chief Snow would like this approved so the County would be hosting our RMS, similar to what Ozaukee County did prior to joint dispatch. This would provide improved efficiency, as well as 3<sup>rd</sup> shift dispatch coverage if needed. This would reduce annual costs by \$12,000-\$15,000. We did secure a grant for the almost \$76,000 initial transfer amount, unless the County wants to cover that cost.

Discussion began with Baum requesting additional detail regarding funding and County involvement. Kreklow advised the Grant is already secured but we could use those grant dollars for another purpose should the County cover some or all of the hosting cost. This should not be delayed as it will help us now should any staffing issues require County use.

**Motion made** by Pieper, seconded by Neureuther, to approve New Business item I. No discussion, motion carried 3-1 with Baum voting nay.

- J. Drone Purchase

GPD is looking to purchase a back-up drone with the Grant monies we have had sitting for almost a year.

**Motion made** by Baum, seconded by Neureuther, to approve as presented.

Discussion: Pieper voiced Homeowner Association concerns and uneasiness of the drone training taking place over their homes. Chief Snow offered a presentation to the homeowners to show them what the training entails, there is no recording taking place, we could move training around but there's no guarantee it will not take place in same area in the future. Chief Snow will speak with his Command Staff and report back to Pieper directly as a follow-up.

No further discussion, all voted in favor, motion carried unanimously.

K. ISSUES OF OBSCENE MUSIC & PUBLIC DISTURBANCES & DAMAGE AT KINDERBERG PARK

Chair Hudson suggested to postpone rather than rushing this topic. Baum disagreed with a postponement, our residents can't enjoy their own parks. Pieper mentioned lack of funding for camera installation, and suggested renting pavilion only to Village residents as this time while also increasing the security deposit. And could this go to the Village Board as an agenda item? Kreklow noted the Village is looking to implement resident and non-resident rental rates, as well as increase the security deposit.

Chair Hudson reminded all that not 100% of the issues at the park are related to the pavilion rental. By only making rental fee & deposit changes, it will not solve the problems going on. And no it could not go to the Board tonight. Neureuther suggested having Park & Rec look into this and bring back recommendations; have it put on their next agenda on 8/23/23. Pieper asked Chief Snow what can be done in the meantime? Chief Snow encouraged residents to call 911, we are performing extra patrols around the park, and we have extra portable cameras we can install, which GPD will look into.

Baum asked if there could be DPW barricades installed immediately at the sidewalk entrances to prevent vehicle traffic? Chief Snow will speak with Highway Dept for barricade placement.

**Motion made** by Baum, seconded by Pieper, that this topic be brought back to Committee next month. No further discussion, all voted in favor, motion carried.

VIII. **NEXT MEETING: Set September 2023 Meeting Date and Time**

The next Public Safety Committee meeting was set for Wednesday, 9/06/23 @ 6:30pm.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully,

Amy Lerch

Administrative Manager