

<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</b>
<b>DATE AND TIME:</b>	<b>Tuesday, September 26, 2023 6:30 PM</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Germantown Village Hall Board Room 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.*

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Village President Dean Wolter at 6:34 PM.

II. **ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Trustee David Baum, Trustee Jolene Pieper, Trustee Phil Hudson, Trustee Jan Miller, Trustee Rick Miller, Trustee Bill Neureuther, President Dean Wolter

**Also Present:** Village Administrator Steve Kreklow, Finance Director Matthew Uselding, and Village Clerk Donna S Cox

**Absent:** Trustee Myers

**Excused:** Trustee Terri Kaminski

- III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** *(Please be advised per 19.84(2) that information and comment will be received from the public. It is the policy of this municipality that public input be limited to a three (3) minute period per person with a time extension granted at the discretion of the Chairperson. Be advised that there may be limited discussion of the information received but no action will be taken under public comments.)*

Scott Hefle(Old Farm Rd) spoke against Dispatch Consolidation and discussed the Library budget cut.

Margaret Cutts (Bonniwell Rd) spoke again Dispatch Consolidation.

Melanie Smythe(Cedar Ln) thanked the Finance Department for budget preparations and requested to postpone Dispatch Consolidation.

Mary Schmies(Legend Av) spoke against the Dispatch Consolidation.

Germantown Dispatcher Mike Falls informed the Board of Dispatch's duties outside of answering calls, and spoke against consolidation.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. October 19, 2022

**Motion:** Approve as presented

**Motion By:** David Baum

**Seconded By:** Jolene Pieper

**Yes:** David Baum, Dean Wolter, Jan Miller, Jolene Pieper, Bill Neureuther, Rick Miller, Phil Hudson

**No:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Motion Passed (Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0)**

V. **2024 PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET REVIEW**

Finance Director Matthew Uselding presented an overview of the Public Safety Budget.

A. Honor Guard Fund

Uselding notes no changes to the Honor Guard Fund.

B. Canine Fund

Uselding notes no major changes to the Canine Fund.

C. Asset Forfeiture Fund

Uselding notes no major changes to the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

D. Police Department

Uselding highlighted the Consolidation of Dispatch, which would save the Village annually \$300,000 (only \$150,000 in 2024); the increase in gas and oil (\$49,000); the 2023 Public Safety salary increases (\$110,000); and the addition of three squad cars with Capital Projects - Fund 40 (\$180,000).

**Motion:** Amend the Police Department Budget and bring back to Public Safety Committee for additional research and studies regarding Dispatch

**Motion By:** Jan Miller

**Seconded By:** Jolene Pieper

**Yes:** David Baum, Phil Hudson, Jan Miller, Bill Neureuther, Jolene Pieper, Dean Wolter

**No:** Rick Miller

**Abstain:** None

**Motion Passed (Yes 6, No 1, Abstained 0)**

E. Emergency Government

Uselding notes budget drivers: Police Chief salary (5% allocation) and the Tornado Warning System (\$9,000).

**Motion:** Amend the Emergency Government Budget and bring back to Public Safety Committee for further review

**Motion By:** Jolene Pieper

**Seconded By:** David Baum

**Yes:** David Baum, Phil Hudson, Jan Miller, Rick Miller, Bill Neureuther, Jolene Pieper, Dean Wolter

**No:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Motion Passed (Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0)**

F. Fire Department

Uselding notes Budget Drivers of an increase in part-time and overtime (\$27,000 and \$60,000), public fire protection (\$537,000), vehicle maintenance (\$20,000), and an increase in Ambulance and Interstate Revenue. Regarding Capital Projects - Fund 40: Burn Tower repairs (\$115,000), ambulance replacement (\$515,000) and station paging system (\$75,000).

Trustee Jan Miller inquired about vehicle leasing and vehicle maintenance. The Fire Department does utilize the Department of Public Works for some, but not all, vehicle and equipment maintenance.

G. Alternative Public Safety Referendum Questions

Administrator Kreklow presented two potential Public Safety referendum questions. The Committee requested Kreklow find an additional alternative and to further discuss at the next Public Safety Committee Meeting (October 4, 2023).

**VI. NEXT MEETING DATE: *October 17, 2023 @ 6:30 PM Board Room***

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.