

MEETING:	REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
DATE AND TIME:	Monday, February 5, 2024 6:00 PM
LOCATION:	Germantown Village Hall Board Room N112 W17001 Mequon Road

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.*

Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00pm on 2/5/24.

II. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Trustee Phil Hudson, Trustee Bill Neureuther, Trustee Jolene Pieper.

Also present: Police Chief Mike Snow via Webex, Police Lt Dan Mikulec, Administrative Manager Amy Lerch.

Absent: Fire Chief John Delain

Excused:

Trustee Baum arrived after roll call.

- III. **CITIZEN INPUT:** *(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.)*

- Melanie Smythe (Cedar Lane) welcomed the addition of a new supper club in Germantown, and commented on the referendum language pertaining to the GFD staffing. Consider re-phrasing as it seems to be too strong of a statement (ie: "must" hire).
- Caroline Schuster (Main Street) commented on the lack of a letter to the residents near the commercial property changing hands on Main Street. Concerned the previous agreement will not continue; the Committee will defer this topic to the Village Board meeting taking place that evening.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. January 8, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve as presented

Made by: Jolene Pieper

Seconded by: Dave Baum

Discussion: Trustee Neureuther requested spelling correction of '*Mueller Communications*' in Section VI.

All present voted in favor. Motion passed to approved amended minutes.

V. REPORTS:

A. Police Monthly Report

Chief Snow reported the promotion of Sgt. Von Bereghy to Lieutenant; Crime Prevention Office Rechlicz was promoted to Sergeant; one of the open Officer positions was recently offered to a 6 year City of Milwaukee Officer, he should begin early March.

Trustee Neureuther asked about the numbers on page 11 of the packet, both traffic violations and theft have significantly decreased since this time last year. Chief Snow will review that area and report back next month.

B. Fire Department Monthly Report

BC Holms was asked via Webex if he was stepping in for Chief Delain for the GFD reports, he indicated no as the Chief was out ill.

C. Overtime Report

Chief Snow reported the GPD is still down a number of positions since late last year, but we are getting more personnel onto solo patrol. Hiring of the experienced Milwaukee officer should make an impact on the usage of OT.

No report for GFD.

D. Policy Updates

No policy updates for GPD or GFD.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Dispatch Transition (ongoing discussion)

Village Administrator Kreklow was invited to give an update on the Dispatch Transition

project. Right now the focus is implementing Multi-Juris and standardizing the databases, which is moving along well. There have been pay increases implemented for WashCo Dispatchers, and discussions were held regarding the Germantown Dispatchers being hired by the County, as well as a pay differential package made available to them if or when they are hired by WashCo.

Trustee Hudson asked for more details regarding the database transfer and data mappings, were the transfer bonuses put in writing (it was via email), and will we see a timeline from the County for the PSC meeting purposes? Chief Snow mentioned there will be a County meeting next week with more info; Administrator Kreklow will forward a timeline to the Committee after that meeting in time for the next PSC meeting on 3/4/24.

Trustee Hudson ended with a question about the morale at GPD, and Chief Snow admitted there is some anxiety while this transition progresses. He is working on Administrative job descriptions in the coming weeks, hopeful it will boost confidence in the transition.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Application for an **ORIGINAL** "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for **FCH Germantown LLC**, N116W15841 Main St, d/b/a The Supper Club, Agent Shaun Bowe

Trustee Hudson invited Village Attorney Sajdak to comment on this agenda item and the companion license discussions. All property code issues have been resolved, and Staff recommends to carryover the existing terms of the license with the new applicant.

Trustee Baum addressed Ms. Schuster, to re-clarify the details so they are understood.

Trustee Neureuther asked about the surrender of license by the previous owner; Atty Sajdak instructed that will happen at sale closing.

Motion: Approve as presented

Made by: David Baum

Seconded by: Bill Neureuther

No further discussion; voting as follows:

Yes: Hudson, Baum, Neureuther

No: none

Abstain: Pieper (recused)

Motion was passed.

- B. Creation of Sergeant Position

Chief Snow Explained this position is part of the GPD Command Staff restructuring plan he implemented a few years back. There are 5 Sgt positions now and this would

complete the plan to bring 6 Supervisor positions for the increase in personnel in 2024. There are funds in the budget to cover the almost \$11,000 cost of this promotion.

Motion: Approve as presented

Made by: Jolene Pieper

Seconded by: David Baum

There was no discussion; all present voted in favor; motion passed.

C. Update on Public Information Efforts for Public Safety Referendum

Village Administrator Kreklow was invited to speak on this agenda item. The packet included a project timeline, and FAQ document, and a Fact Sheet focusing on the public information campaign. Mueller Communications will be doing 2 mailers in the coming weeks, as well as sharing on social media GPD and GFD video interviews relating to the need for increase in staff. There will be 2 public information sessions held late Feb/early Mar at Village Hall. Information sharing guidelines have been made available to the Village employees as a guideline on how to share information without expressing advocacy.

Trustee Neureuther brought up the phrasing used on page 43 ("must"), and suggested page 41 FAQ's should include a list of other/nearby communities that have done the same sort of referendum and how it was phrased.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next PSC meeting was set for Monday, 3/4/24 at 6:00pm.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40PM.