

MEETING:	REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
DATE AND TIME:	Monday, March 4, 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 3/4/24.

II. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Trustee Phil Hudson, Trustee Bill Neureuther, Trustee Dave Baum.

Also present: Police Chief Mike Snow, Fire Chief John Delain.

Absent: Trustee Jolene Pieper

Excused:

- 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) asked for more information regarding 3rd shift coverage during the dispatch transition and after. Also requested the address for the (RFP) proposed Police/Fire building should be removed, suggests it not be a pre-determined location at this time.

Scott Hefle (Old Farm Rd) commented on the RFP for the Police/Fire building, concerned about the cost to run sewer & water to the old DPW location. Possibly look at locations that presently have sewer & water. Response time from that location will increase, as majority of the calls are South of Freistadt Rd.

Trustee Hudson read correspondence from The Schneiders (Bayberry Cr) voicing concerns about the Referendum information shared so far, and the need to ensure all residents are informed. How can we get larger grants, similar to Menomonee Falls Fire getting \$5.5 million.

Trustee Hudson showed the referendum flyer that he had received in his mailbox, and verified the mailing of it to all residents happening this week.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Approval of minutes of PSC meeting on 02/05/24

Motion: Approve 2/5/24 minutes of PSC meeting as presented

Made by: David Baum

Seconded by: Bill Neureuther

No further discussion; voting as follows:

Yes: Hudson, Baum, Neureuther

No: none

Absent: Pieper

Motion was passed.

V. REPORTS:

A. Police Monthly Report

Chief Snow first addressed last month's question of large decrease in traffic violations and theft in the last year. Walmart theft reports went from Jan 2023 (40) to Jan 2024 (10), also noted there was a change in Walmart's Loss Prevention personnel which could be a factor in the reporting of those numbers. As for traffic violations, there were more requests for directed patrols in 2023.

Regarding the most recent monthly report, (4) Officers were recognized by the VFW last week for their performance in 2023. Solo patrol expected in March for our Officer completing Field Training. A recent hire that was attending the Academy has removed herself from pursuing employment with GPD. Unfortunately we are on the hook for the remainder of that cost, app \$4,000. We did offer a position to the next candidate on our list, starting Academy late March.

A theft investigation by GPD and Hartford last week resulted in the arrest of two suspects after a pursuit. Resulted in up to 20 charges, most felonies, many county agencies assisted.

B. Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Delain noted that this past month there was an increase in calls by (70), which is our largest number ever at 266, and proof that we are only getting busier.

Public comments were read commending two of our Crew on a rescue call.

Residents have notified GFD that their ISO insurance ratings have changed from (3) to (10) which has nearly doubled their homeowners insurance. The ISO ratings relate to distance from the Fire Dept, whether there are hydrants, and recent ISO changes have affected some of our residents.

C. Overtime Report

Chief Snow reported the GPD OT is still on track with the past few months, and shortages are requiring more OT as we wait for new hires to complete Field Training and the Academy.

Chief Delain reported the GFD OT is extremely high due to vacations and an injury, with (2) employees logging 110 and 144 OT alone (starts to accrue after 53 hours).

Trustee Baum asked to confirm that someone worked almost 200 hours in one week? Chief explained the 72/12 State requirement.

D. Policy Updates

No Policy updates from GPD or GFD.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Dispatch Transition (ongoing discussion)

Chief Snow began with an update on the software transition which is on track for a 4/1/24 completion. Presently have 6 dispatchers, and we must retain those 6 until WashCo takes over 3rd shift dispatch by September.

Administrator Kreklow has seen the timeline, which is a milestone driven process (hiring, training, etc) and not a timeline driven process. There are multiple variations and contingencies of the timeline, with completion still on track for mid-2025.

Trustee Baum raised the question: will anyone will be in the building at all on 3rd shift, in case of citizen emergency at the Station.

Trustee Hudson reminded Administrator Kreklow that the Committee still has not seen a timeline document they will be able to look at to see what is going on. Administrator Kreklow will email to the Committee by the end of this week (03/08/24).

Trustee Baum asked for an update on the Hartford transition, how has it gone. Chief Snow reported it went as planned, a little late on the timeline but overall well.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion on Public Safety Building Needs Assessment RFP

Chief Snow and Chief Delain provided history of this topic and specifics of the existing Police and Fire buildings too small for the growing needs.

Director of Public Works Matt Mortwedt was invited to speak regarding the proposed RFP.

Trustee Baum asked if the specific location could be removed from the RFP so that all Village locations could be considered. Also questioned cost and quality of those bidding on the RFP, and should the Construction Oversight Committee be involved.

Trustee Neureuther added the need for the location to be based on call volume (heat map), and not specified at this time in the RFP. Also was requested the winning party be present at the Village Board meeting for Q&A.

B. Knoxbox key Holders Purchase

Chief Delain gave information supporting the upgrade of the Knoxbox units in the GFD vehicles and the need for update to the electronic box. Funds are covered under the State of WI Act 102.

Trustee Neureuther asked for more specifics on the pricing presented.

Motion: Approve as presented

Made by: David Baum

Seconded by: Bill Neureuther

No further discussion; voting as follows:

Yes: Hudson, Baum, Neureuther

No: none

Absent: Pieper

Motion was passed.

C. Repairs to Burn Tower

Chief Delain provided information regarding the 23-year old burn tower presently at Station 2. There are two quotes presented, equipment and labor, and the total cost was in this year's budget.

Trustee Baum asked how often the burn tower is used, is there another location we could use instead.

GFD uses the burn tower many times a month, other departments also use our tower, and the closest location we could use (for an hourly rate) would be Oak Creek. We would need to staff the Station to send crew and equipment to another location.

Motion: Approve as presented

Made by: David Baum

Seconded by: Bill Neureuther

No further discussion; voting as follows:

Yes: Hudson, Baum, Neureuther

No: none

Absent: Pieper

Motion was passed.

D. Application for Temporary Class "B" / "Class B" Retailer's License - Kiwanis of Germantown

Motion: Approve as presented

Made by: David Baum

Seconded by: Bill Neureuther

No further discussion; voting as follows:

Yes: Hudson, Baum, Neureuther

No: none

Absent: Pieper

Motion was passed.

E. Position Descriptions from Police System Specialist and Police Support Specialist

Chief Snow explained the consolidation of existing job assignments into these two proposed positions.

Motion: Approve the 2 job descriptions going to GGF for financial consideration.

Made by: David Baum

Seconded by: Bill Neureuther

No further discussion; voting as follows:

Yes: Hudson, Baum, Neureuther

No: none

Absent: Pieper

Motion was passed.

F. Purchase of Support Therapy Dog

Lt. Penny Schmitt of the GPD presented information regarding the purchase proposal of a Support Therapy Dog for the PD. Chief Snow added this support dog would be handled by SRO Olson and live in her home.

Trustee Neureuther thanked Lt. Schmitt for the detailed letter that answered all of his questions, and he fully supports a proposal such as this.

Motion: Approve as presented

Made by: David Baum

Seconded by: Bill Neureuther

No further discussion; voting as follows:

Yes: Hudson, Baum, Neureuther

No: none

Absent: Pieper

Motion was passed.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE:

Motion: We (PSC) follow suit with what the Village Board does regarding scheduling their next meeting on 4/1/24, we would have ours the one hour earlier. If they cancel, we will cancel.

Made by: David Baum

Seconded by: Bill Neureuther

No further discussion; voting as follows:

Yes: Hudson, Baum, Neureuther

No: none

Absent: Pieper

Motion was passed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.