

**MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013
GERMANTOWN VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM**

CALL: The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Secretary Barth.

ROLL CALL: Trustees Daniels, Ewert and Hughes were present. Chairperson Werderman arrived at 5:42 p.m.

A motion was made by Hughes, seconded by Daniels, to appoint Trustee Ewert as Chairman Pro Tem. Motion carried unanimously.

Also present were Chief Hoell, Chief Pollpeter, Deputy Chief Maury.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No discussion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Daniels, seconded by Hughes, to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2013 Public Safety Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hughes, seconded by Daniels, to move to New Business first. Motion carried unanimously.

DANCE LICENSE, GERMANTOWN ALUMNI CARE ASSOCIATION AT FIREMAN'S PARK, SEPT. 14TH 3:30 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.: a motion was made by Hughes, seconded by Daniels, to forward the dance license application for Germantown Alumni Care Association to Village Board with a recommendation of approval. Motion carried unanimously.

OUTSIDE PREMISES EXTENSION - GAMROTH'S KUHBURG JUNCTION, W140 N10385 FOND DU LAC AVE, SEPT. 28, 2013 2:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M. TO INCLUDE THE BACKYARD AREA S/W OF THE BUILDING: a motion was made by Daniels, seconded by Hughes, to forward the application for Outside Premises Extension on September 28th for Kuhburg Junction to Village Board with a recommendation of approval. Motion carried unanimously.

DENIAL OF OPERATOR LICENSE: the applicant, Lucas Rodriguez, was not present. Hoell advised the police department was recommending denial of the bartender application due to the applicant's lengthy criminal record.

Werderman arrived at this time, 5:42 p.m.

A motion was made by Hughes, seconded by Daniels, to deny the application for bartender license by Lucas Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.

Ewert turned over the chair position to Werderman at 5:43 p.m.

REQUEST TO REPLACE SWAT RIFLES - POLICE DEPARTMENT: Hoell advised the department had recently sold their old shotguns and rifles through an online auction site for law enforcement and had received \$6,254.01 for the guns. He stated the SWAT team is in need of new rifles to replace the ones currently in use which are 15 years old. Hoell said the new rifles would cost

\$1170 each and the department was requesting to purchase 4 using the funds from the sale of the old weapons, for a total cost of \$4680.00

A motion was made by Ewert, seconded by Hughes, to forward this purchase request to Village Board with a recommendation of approval. Hughes questioned whether bids had been sought for this purchase, Hoell stated they had checked with other vendors and Streicher's had the best price. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF BURNING REGULATIONS: Werderman advised this item was placed on the agenda due to citizen concerns.

Melissa Moran of W149 N9857 Treetops Court was present and brought up the following concerns and her recommendations regarding burning in the Village:

- Leaf burning poses a health risk, studies have shown the smoke contains carcinogens
- Population has increased greatly since the ordinance relating to burning was put in effect
- Maybe include more restrictions in the ordinance, i.e. lower wind speeds, limit the number of permits issued to reduce the number of burns
- Other municipalities have restricted leaf burning
- Look at no burning south of Freistadt Road
- Educate residents of their options such as composting or taking leaves to the recycling center

Discussion followed with Werderman agreeing that the ordinance, which was created in 1989 and modified in 1991 and 2003, was dated and the structure of the Village has changed dramatically in that time. He said he would consider reviewing the ordinance and putting in additional exceptions and/or restrictions.

Pollpeter explained how burn permits are issued and that they are valid for a 2-week period. He added that if a burn ban is put in effect, the fire department notifies the permit holders. Pollpeter also advised that violators are ordered to extinguish any burning and may be ineligible to receive further permits. He added that though a burning ordinance is in place at this time, future expansion of the community will likely result in no burning allowed and everything being recycled.

Hughes noted that older residents may have a problem getting leaves to the recycling center and questioned what the cost would be to the Village to do curbside leaf pickup. Daniels stated that some residents would not like to see burning banned and he said he would like to look further into creating zones within the Village where burning would be allowed.

Hoell suggested that the committee look for additional community feedback on this issue and added he would like to see a petition drawn up in support of any proposed changes.

Hughes also questioned what would be involved with putting this matter on a ballot for a scheduled election and what the cost would be for a referendum, Werderman wasn't sure if it would meet the specifications for a vote.

Ewert said he has been burning for about 45 years and gets 2-3 permits each year. He added he does not burn leaves but does burn brush and has not had a problem with the 12 mph wind speed that is allowed by ordinance.

Werderman advised this item would be carried over to next month under Unfinished Business and asked the trustees to do some individual research on this topic. He also requested that Pollpeter check with neighboring municipalities for comparisons on burning restrictions.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Hoell updated the committee on recent events including crime alerts issued for an incident where an adult male approached a young girl and made inappropriate comments and attempted night time burglaries, and an incident involving a NFL team flag being burned. He also informed the committee that the department had hired two new officers who were sworn in two weeks ago, Darren von Bereghy and Daniel Mikulec, and a new communications officer, Elizabeth Prasser.

Additionally he advised Wal Mart had contributed \$2500 to the K-9 Program, the speed grant program was done at the end of the month, and the decibel meter was operational. Werderman advised the decibel meter readings would be discussed at next month's meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Pollpeter advised that fire alarms were at 158 for the year to date compared to 177 last year. He advised EMS calls were also slightly lower than last year.

Pollpeter reminded everyone that next month on Saturday, October 5th, the fire department would be holding their annual Fire Safety Fair from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and extended an invitation for all to attend.

OVERTIME REPORTS - FIRE DEPARTMENT AND POLICE DEPARTMENT: Werderman noted that the police department numbers were elevated due to the grant work and the fire department numbers were elevated due to weekend staffing issues.

POLICY UPDATES: No discussion.

NEXT MEETING: Werderman advised that next month's meeting date would be Monday, October 7, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Village Hall Boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Recorded by,

Julie L. Barth
Secretary