

MEETING:	REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
DATE AND TIME:	Monday, August 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.*

Chairman Hudson called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 6:00pm.

II. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Trustee Phil Hudson, Trustee David Baum, Trustee Jolene Pieper, Trustee Meg Cutts

Absent:

Excused:

Also present: Police Chief Mike Snow, Fire Chief John Delain, Admin. Manager Amy Lerch

- 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.)*

Scott Hefle (Old Farm Rd) commented on the options of enforcing the noise ordinance.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. Minutes of July 1, 2024

Motion: Approve minutes as presented.

Motioned by: Trustee Pieper

Seconded by: Trustee Baum

Yes: Trustee Hudson, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Cutts

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried by voice vote (Yes 4 No 0 Abstain 0)

V. REPORTS:

A. Police Monthly Report

Chief Snow reported the Multi-Juris reporting numbers are not completely accurate, will have final numbers next month. New K9 (Migo) will work with Officer Spreiter, training starts soon. Flock Cameras are incredibly helpful but can no longer be supported by donations. New officer completed Field Training, 2 others are expected to complete Field Training next month.

Trustee Pieper asked about negotiations with Wal-Mart, regarding the volume of visits. Chief Snow reported CFS are down this past month, and Wal-Mart continues to regularly fund the Flock Cameras in that part of Town.

B. Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Delain reported the Public Education endeavors have significantly increased over May and June.

Trustee Pieper asked about the calls reported per Zone, and where the Senior Housing falls in the Village Zones.

C. Overtime Report

Chief Delain reported the GFD overtime is up due to having (3) people on light duty. Trustee Baum asked when anticipated return to regular duty would be; (1) is due to pregnancy and variable, other (2) should be back within 4-6 weeks.

Chief Snow reported the GPD overtime numbers are improving as new hires come off of Field Training.

D. Policy Updates

GPD and GFD had no reports for Policy Updates.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Dispatch Consolidation Update

Chief Snow reported the second week of September as the target date for third shift dispatch to be transitioned to County. Meeting weekly now, and working a solution for the GPD lobby and it's security.

Trustee Baum asked if there was anything significant so far, what is Hartford reporting now that they have gone through this process.

Chief Snow reported the original thought of GPD having it's own channel is now not going to (initially) happen. Germantown and Jackson will be sharing a channel. Hartford is entirely turned over to County now, but in general it's working well and as expected.

Trustee Hudson asked for 3rd shift transition confirmation (9/16), and voiced concern

that we are very close to the switch over and no GPD lobby plan.
Chief Snow provided more details regarding the GPD lobby and security.

B. Public Safety Building Update

Chief Snow gave an update on the early stages of the meetings with Graef. More info at next PSC meeting.

C. Weather Siren Update

Sheboygan Warning Systems provided an update as to the cost and configuration options for the sirens. The \$22,659.50 total would be hardware, software and configuration cost to visit each siren. Committee discussion ensued, with Trustee Pieper confirming the trend that most WI counties are handling the siren. Trustee Baum asked Chief Snow to discuss this further with the County. The Committee requested updated quotes for the next PSC meeting (September).

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. GFD Position Requests

Chief Delain provided research comparing supervision roles of other local fire departments. He is requesting the approval of up to (4) employees to the position of Lieutenant. There would be a 5% pay increase, and this would provide a more defined organizational structure as we move into 2025 and the increase of personnel.

Motion: Approve new business Item A

Motioned by: Trustee Pieper

Seconded by: Trustee Baum for discussion; when would this be implemented (start of 2025).

Trustee Cutts asked if the 5% increases were in the budget (2025 budget amounts).

Yes: Trustee Hudson, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Cutts

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried by voice vote (Yes 4 No 0 Abstain 0)

B. Noise Ordinance Discussion

Village Attorney Brian Sajdak was invited to speak to the Committee regarding this topic. Village Staff reviewed options and have proposed to create an 'Outdoor Entertainment' license or permit: 1) address the outdoor noise requirements every time a permit is issued, and 2) much easier to revoke that permit by having this new license or permit implemented.

This would include events like Taste of Germantown, Mai Fest, etc. The verbage between the licensing and noise codes would need to be modified; do existing hours of

noise operation need to be changed; determine a permit-by-event or a yearly permit; fee schedule could be modified.

Lengthy discussion ensued between the Committee and Attorney Sajdak.

Chairman Hudson directed Attorney Sadjak to use the existing noise restriction hours and bring back a draft for review at the next PSC meeting.

C. Discussion Regarding current Municipal Code for Solicitors, Canvassers, and Peddlers

As there was no additional information provided, Chairman Hudson asked for a motion to table this until the next PSC meeting.

Motion: Table Agenda Item C until next meeting

Motioned by: Trustee Baum

Seconded by: Trustee Cutts

Yes: Trustee Hudson, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Cutts

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried by voice vote (Yes 4 No 0 Abstain 0)

D. Purchase of Firearms and Related Equipment

Chief Snow provided information regarding the aging of service weapons and the upgrades required. An upgrade to new firearms and sights would require the replacement of existing holsters.

TOTAL : \$66,081 (This purchase could be supported by available ARPA funds.)

Motion: Approve New Business Item D go before Village Board for Discussion

Motioned by: Trustee Baum

Seconded by: Trustee Pieper

Trustee Pieper asked about the resale process of retiring firearms.

Yes: Trustee Hudson, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Cutts

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried by voice vote (Yes 4 No 0 Abstain 0)

E. Flock Safety Invoice

Chief Snow provided the annual invoice for 5 of our Flock Safety cameras. These are funded in part by donations (VFW, Walmart, 2023 fleet sale), and by funds from our software account. This should be a budget item for next year so to not rely upon donations to support Flock cameras.

Motion: Approve New Business Item E as presented

Motioned by: Trustee Pieper

Seconded by: Trustee Baum

Trustee Baum asked if this will be included in the next budget process for 2025 (yes).

Yes: Trustee Hudson, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Cutts

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried by voice vote (Yes 4 No 0 Abstain 0)

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next Public Safety Committee meeting will be held on Monday, 9/9/24 @ 5:30pm.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Hudson adjourned the meeting at 6:58pm.