

MEETING:	REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
DATE AND TIME:	Monday, June 2, 2025 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.*

Chairperson Cutts called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 6:00pm.

II. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Trustee Meg Cutts, Trustee David Baum, Trustee Jolene Pieper, Trustee Kristen Borst

Absent: none

Excused: none

Also present: Police Chief Patrick Merten, 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.) Comments that may be injurious to village personnel or other individuals will not be allowed.*

- Scott Hefle (Old Farm Rd) commented on the K9 Fundraiser for GPD therapy dog Archie.
- Mark Simmonson (sic) commented on the dangers of the Hwy 145/FDL Ave and Park Ave intersection for KMS middle school students, buses and families. Requesting a 4-way stop sign due to lack of pedestrian access. (PSC members replied that it is not a Village-owned road (State/County road).)
- Jason Giguere (Appleton Ave) voiced concerns regarding the renewal of the Das Barrel Room outdoor permits (noise levels).
- John Bartel (Hilbert La) voiced concerns regarding the outdoor entertainment permit at the Von Rothenburg Bier Stube (noise levels).
- Caroline Schuster (Main St) asked about the previous owner Agreement regarding outdoor entertainment at the Von Rothenburg Bier Stube (noise levels). Also voiced concerns regarding the location of the food truck on the property (eyesore).

- Dennis Myers (Woodland Dr) commented in favor of the Big Sky premise extension.
- Jerry Myszewski (Red Oak Cr) voiced concerns regarding the Von Rothenburg Bier Stube outdoor entertainment being far too loud all summer long.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. May 5, 2025 (ACTION)

Motion: Approve minutes as presented

Motioned by: Trustee Pieper

Seconded by: Trustee Baum

Yes: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Borst

No:

Abstain:

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

V. REPORTS (Discussion Unless Otherwise Noted):

A. Police Monthly Report

Chief Merten reported on a fatal traffic accident in the Village, GPD training hours, the handling of a KMS teacher/staff threat. Extra presence will be at KMS this week.

B. Fire Department Monthly Report

No report this month.

C. Overtime Report

GPD: Increase this past month due to FMLA absences and Dispatch transition shortages.

GFD: Significant decrease from this time last year.

D. Policy Updates

There were no policy updates for Police or Fire.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Update on Transfer of Dispatch to Washington County (DISCUSSION)

Chief Merten gave updates regarding the Dispatch Transfer:
3rd shift dispatch transition has been completed.
2nd shift dispatch transition is scheduled for 6/16/25.
1st shift dispatch transition is scheduled for 7/7/25.

Until 7/7/25, the GPD lobby coverage will be from 6am-2:30. The availability of a secure room for citizens was discussed.

Trustee Baum voiced concerns about calls getting through to report incidents (residents will be directed to the Washington County non-emergency number).

Trustee Pieper asked about residents using our local dept for everyday questions/concerns - hours? (after 7/7/25, M-F 7a-6p).

Trustee Cutts recommended a video demonstrating how the safe room works (GPD FB page will have something soon).

Chief Delain confirmed the Fire Station is manned 24/7, so available to citizens if needed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Application for Fireworks Permit for July 4, 2025 by Parks & Recreation
Director Guilford Standridge (ACTION)

Motion: Approve as presented

Motioned by: Trustee Pieper

Seconded by: Trustee Borst

Yes: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Borst

No:

Abstain:

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

- B. Application for a Temporary Class "B" / "Class B" Retailer's License: Post One
(American Legion) Germantown 4th of July Celebration at Firemans Park
Pavilion (ACTION)

Motion: Approve as presented

Motioned by: Trustee Pieper

Seconded by: Trustee Borst

Yes: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Borst

No:

Abstain:

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

- C. Application for Appointment of Successor Agent: Buffalo Wild Wings,
N96W17990 County Line Rd; Agent for Consideration: Karen Hart (ACTION)

Motion: Approve as presented
Motioned by: Trustee Pieper
Seconded by: Trustee Borst

Yes: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Borst
No:
Abstain:
Motion carried by voice vote (Yes 4 No 0 Abstain 0)

D. Application for Appointment of Successor Agent: Latitude Café, W156N9636 Pilgrim Rd; Agent for Consideration: Shackar Levy (ACTION)

Motion: Approve as presented
Motioned by: Trustee Pieper
Seconded by: Trustee Borst

Yes: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Borst
No:
Abstain:
Motion carried by voice vote (Yes 4 No 0 Abstain 0)

E. Application for Appointment of Successor Agent: Speedway #4465, W178N9653 Riversbend Ln; Agent for Consideration: Caroline Clark (ACTION)

Motion: Approve as presented
Motioned by: Trustee Pieper
Seconded by: Trustee Borst

Yes: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Borst
No:
Abstain:
Motion carried by voice vote (Yes 4 No 0 Abstain 0)

F. Application for Appointment of Successor Agent: Swing Time, W197N10340 Appleton Ave; Agent for Consideration: Abigail Roadhouse (ACTION)

Motion: Approve as presented
Motioned by: Trustee Pieper
Seconded by: Trustee Borst

Yes: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Borst
No:
Abstain:
Motion carried by voice vote (Yes 4 No 0 Abstain 0)

G. 2024-2025 Original Alcohol Beverage License Application for Willowcreek BP (ACTION)

Motion: Approve as presented

Motioned by: Trustee Pieper

Seconded by: Trustee Borst

Trustee Pieper asked if there were any concerns from Police (none).

Yes: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Borst

No:

Abstain:

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

H. 2025-2026 Alcohol Beverage License Renewal Applications (ACTION)

Motion: Approve as presented

Motioned by: Trustee Pieper

Seconded by: Trustee Borst

Trustee Cutts asked if there were any concerns from Fire (none). Trustee Pieper asked if there were any concerns from Police (none).

Yes: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Borst

No:

Abstain:

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

I. 2025-2026 Outside Premise Extension Renewal Applications (ACTION)

Motion: Approve as presented for discussion.

Motioned by: Trustee Pieper

Seconded by: Trustee Borst

Trustee Baum requested input from Village Attorney regarding sound violations, let this go to the Village Board for final say.

Yes: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Borst

No:

Abstain:

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

Clarification Village Attorney will address the legal language at the Village Board this evening.

J. Amended 2025-2026 Outside Premise Extension Application for Big Sky Country Bar & Grill (ACTION)

Motion: Approve as presented

Motioned by: Trustee Pieper

Seconded by: Trustee Borst

Trustee Baum was impressed on the volume of emails in support of Big Sky.

Yes: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Borst

No:

Abstain:

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

- K. 2025-2026 Outdoor Entertainment Permit Applications for Annual and One-Time Events (ACTION)

Motion: Approve as presented

Motioned by: Trustee Pieper

Seconded by: Trustee Borst

Trustee Baum reiterated this will be discussed at the Village Board meeting this evening.

Trustee Borst asked about any noise level standards, ordinances, decibel testing?

Chief Merten explained the Police standard practices.

Trustee Cutts asked about Tiny T's stated "3pm until close". Chief Merten confirmed they still need to follow the Village ordinance of 10pm.

Yes: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Borst

No:

Abstain:

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

- L. 2025 Police Department Budget Amendment to account for insurance proceeds, state reimbursements, and donations that offset previously unbudgeted expenditures (ACTION)

Motion: Approve as presented for discussion.

Motioned by: Trustee Pieper

Seconded by: Trustee Borst

Chief Merten explained this item relates to proceeds of vehicle sales, and insurance checks from vehicle crashes, being put back into the GPD vehicle maintenance fund.

Village Finance Director Matthew Uselding confirmed the revenue/expenditure offsets.

Yes: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Borst

No:

Abstain:

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

- M. Change over cost for 4 new 2025 squad cars (ACTION)

Motion: Approve as presented for discussion.

Motioned by: Trustee Pieper

Seconded by: Trustee Borst

Trustee Baum asked if these were budgeted items? (Overages will come out of previously passed Item L) Discussion ensued regarding Admin cars, changeover process, usage of specific vendors (knowledge, cost, detailed work and timing).

Trustee Pieper and Trustee Borst asked about looking into having DPW do this sort of work to offset labor costs. Chief Delain offered past experiences and the delays encountered due to DPW's primary workload.

Yes: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Borst

No:

Abstain:

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

- N. Amendment to Graef/PRA/Moore Contract to Analyze the Cost of Options for Police and Fire Facilities (ACTION)

Motion: Approve as presented

Motioned by: Trustee Pieper

Seconded by: Trustee Borst

Village Administrator Steve Kreklow presented additional information regarding the initial study done by Graef. The PSC was asked for a scope of potential contract, property options, stand-alone or combined building. Committee discussion ensued at length: repurposing the Ascension building was not a viable option; should draw-up our list of wants & needs; PSC should tour other Police & Fire locations.

Trustee Cutts stated there will be future Public Safety Committee meetings at our Police and Fire Stations, open to the public so they can see what the environments look like today.

Village Administrator Kreklow will ask Graef for a proposed amendment to include a combined facility with itemization.

Yes: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Borst

No:

Abstain:

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

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next Public Safety Committee meeting will be held Monday, 7/7/25 at 6:00pm.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Cutts adjourned the meeting at 6:58pm.