MEETING:	**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**
DATE AND TIME:	**Monday, July 7, 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 Pat Merten, Battalion Chief Ryker Holms, 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 four (4) 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.*

Chairperson Cutts reminded all that Citizen Input time limit has been increased to 4 minutes.

Melanie Smythe (Cedar Ln) commented on the recent County Newsletter reporting changes in the State law allowing counties to exceed property tax levy limits. Suggested we review so we have more of a say in that process. A copy of the report was shared with the Committee.
Scott Hefle (Old Farm Rd) commented against the use of Kinderberg Park for the new Public Safety Building(s).
Jan Miller (Windsong Cr W) commented against the use of Kinderberg Park for the new Public Safety Building(s).
Bob Finkstein (Bayberry Cr) spoke against removing the emergency sirens in the

Village.
Bill & Carol Schneider (via email) commented against the use of Kinderberg Park for the new Public Safety Building(s).

IV. MEETING MINUTES:

A. June 2, 2025 (ACTION)

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

Yes: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Borst
No: none
Abstain: none
Motion carried by voice vote (Yes 4 No 0 Abstain 0)

B. June 16, 2025 (ACTION)

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

Yes: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Borst
No: none
Abstain: none
Motion carried by voice vote (Yes 4 No 0 Abstain 0)

V. REPORTS (Discussion Unless Otherwise Noted):

A. Police Monthly Report

Chief Merten provided a monthly report and additional information regarding the threat incident at KMS, fatality crash, stabbing suspect apprehended in Indiana, drug arrest, department training, new Truck Inspector certified with the GPD, SWAT and EVOC training.
Trustee Cutts asked about the large percentage increase in property checks.

B. Fire Department Monthly Report

Battalion Chief Holms provided a monthly report and additional information regarding data integration for new reporting since the switch to County Dispatch, 3 new hires completed their Academy, Fourth of July happenings, regional EMS meeting information, June YOY we are up 3%.

C. Overtime Report

GPD: Chief Merten reported Dispatch OT will continue to decline as the consolidation completed on 7/7/25, patrol OT increased due to activity.

GFD: BC Holms reported June OT up due to 3 on FMLA, recent new hires will alleviate this going forward.
Trustee Baum asked where we stand with the positions approved by the Referendum? (7 have been hired, 3 are still vacant.)

D. Policy Updates

No policy updates from Police or Fire.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Full Dispatch Consolidation as of July 7, 2025 (DISCUSSION)

Chief Merten reported the Dispatch Consolidation was completed at 6am this morning. Working on finalizing the change-over of the phones and VOIP.
Trustee Pieper asked about the systems used and the compatibility. Chief Merten explained the vendors used and the parties involved (Norcomm).

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Application for Appointment of Successor Agent: Aldi #67, N96W18838 County Line Rd; Agent for Consideration: Zachary Moyer (ACTION)

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

Yes: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Borst
No: none
Abstain: none
Motion carried by voice vote (Yes 4 No 0 Abstain 0)

B. 2025-2026 Alcohol Beverage License Application for Jase Golf LLC (ACTION)

Motion: Approve as presented.
Motioned by: Trustee Pieper
Seconded by: Trustee Borst
Trustee Borst asked about the license count; Village Clerk Donna Ott provided clarification that all regular licenses are spoken for.
Yes: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Borst
No: none

Abstain: none
Motion carried by voice vote (Yes 4 No 0 Abstain 0)

C. Temporary Outdoor Entertainment Permit Application: Buzdum's Pub & Grill for 08/16/2025 and 08/23/2025 (ACTION)

Motion: Approve as presented.
Motioned by: Trustee Pieper
Seconded by: Trustee Borst
Trustee Baum asked PD/FD if there are any outstanding issues with this property/business? (None noted.)
Yes: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Borst
No: none
Abstain: none
Motion carried by voice vote (Yes 4 No 0 Abstain 0)

D. Amendment #2 to Graef Contract for Professional Services for Public Safety Building Options (ACTION)

Motion: Approve as presented for discussion.
Motioned by: Trustee Pieper
Seconded by: Trustee Borst
Village Administrator Steve Kreklow presented the (7) options that were drafted to be presented to Graef for cost estimates (analysis fee of $75,200):

1. Review previously presented options to identify cost reduction
    1. New Police Station at old DPW site
    2. Renovation and expansion of existing GFD Station 2
    3. Building of new GFD Station at site of Friedenfeld Park.
2. Investigate use of Ascension building (recently purchased by Village) as a Police Station.
3. Cost estimate of new Police Station at the old DPW site.
4. Expansion and renovation of existing Fire Station 2. (Building age requires updated infrastructure, new windows, etc.)
5. Expansion and renovation of existing Police Station.
6. If Police move to another location, renovate existing Police Station as second Fire Station.
7. Investigate a combined Police & Fire facility. Only Village-owned land available would be Kinderberg Park, which the Administrator would not recommend.

It was requested of the Committee to move viable options ahead to the Village Board so that this project keeps moving forward.

Lengthy Committee discussion ensued, including topics: land-swap, old Kwik-Trip location, square footage comparisons, plan for today versus future, updated list of Village-owned property, Village park location(s) discussion, acreage requirements for combined building, similar projects in neighboring communities.

Yes: none
No: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Borst
Abstain: none
Motion failed by voice vote (Yes 0 No 4 Abstain 0)

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Motion: Next PSC meeting on 8/4/25 to be held at the GFD and GPD Stations for a facility tour.
Motioned by: Trustee Pieper

Discussion ensued.

Amended Motion: PSC meeting on 8/4/25 to start earlier, at 5:00pm.
Motioned by: Trustee Pieper

Discussion ensued.

Motion withdrawn.
Withdrawn by: Trustee Pieper

Motion: Next PSC meeting on 8/4/25 at the GFD Station 2, and the September PSC meeting be held at the GPD Station.
Motioned by: Trustee Pieper
Seconded by: Trustee Cutts

Discussion ensued. Administrator Kreklow noted a motion was not required for the August and September meeting location and time changes, he will work with the Fire and Police to accommodate those meetings for the public.

Administrator Kreklow recommended looking at the renovation and expansion of GFD Station 2, as immediate facility upgrades are needed. As Trustee Baum asked for consensus on each item, it was suggested to make a motion on each of the 7 items.

Motion: Approve item #1 as presented
Motioned by: Trustee Baum
Seconded by: Trustee Cutts
Motion passed by voice vote (Yes 4 No 0 Abstain 0)

Motion: Approve item #2 as presented
Motioned by: Trustee Baum
Seconded by: Trustee Cutts
Motion failed by voice vote (Yes 1 No 3 Abstain 0)

Motion: Approve item #3 as presented
Motioned by: Trustee Baum
Seconded by: none
Motion failed due to lack of a second

Motion: Approve item #4 as presented
Motioned by: Trustee Baum

Seconded by: Trustee Cutts for discussion
Discussion ensued.
Motion failed by voice vote (Yes 0 No 4 Abstain 0)

Motion: Approve items #5, #6, #7 as presented
Motioned by: Trustee Pieper
Seconded by: Trustee Baum
Motion failed by voice vote (Yes 0 No 4 Abstain 0)

E. Update Billable Services (ACTION)

Motion: Table item until next meeting
Motioned by: Trustee Pieper
Seconded by: Trustee Baum

Yes: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Borst
No: none
Abstain: none
Motion carried by voice vote (Yes 4 No 0 Abstain 0)

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next Public Safety Meeting will be held on Monday, 8/4/25 at GFD Station 2 (N115W18752 Edison Drive) at 5:30pm.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Cutts adjourned the meeting at 7:07pm.