

MEETING:	REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
DATE AND TIME:	Monday, August 4, 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 Kristen Borst, Trustee Jolene Pieper was present via WebEx, Trustee David Baum arrived at 6:05pm

Absent: none

Excused: none

Also present: Police Chief Pat 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 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.*

Lynne Bednarz (Pawnee Ct) commented against the expansion of Fire Station 2 and against the possibility of any high density development in the Village.

Melanie Smythe (Cedar Ln) commented on the GFD Station 2 expansion and the ongoing discussion of buildings above 3 stories. Can our Fire Dept handle taller buildings? (Chief Delain: Yes, up to 10-story buildings)

Sarah Larson (Butternut Rd) commented on the future development impacts to our Fire and Police: staff capacity, equipment needs, was this factored into the Referendum?

Jerry Siegle (County Line Rd) commented on drivers speeding on County Line Rd, interested in the traffic survey results.

Chairperson Cutts read an email received from the Schneiders voicing concerns of increases in billable services, Fire Station 2 expansion, and impacts of high density development on the Village.

Chairperson Cutts read an email received from Germantown Firefighters Local 4854 supporting the remodeling of the existing Fire Station 2, citing numerous issues and

concerns for the employees living and working in the facility.

Chairperson Cutts noted there will be an open house at Fire Station 2 on Edison Drive during National Fire Safety week, Thursday 10/16/25 from 5:30pm-8:00pm. This would be available in lieu of having a future Public Safety Meeting held at the Station.

IV. MEETING MINUTES:

A. July 7, 2025

Motion: Approve minutes of July 7, 2025 as presented.

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)

V. REPORTS (Discussion Unless Otherwise Noted):

A. Police Monthly Report

Chief Merten provided a monthly report and additional information regarding: traffic and speeding incidents, high speed stops (pit maneuver), K9 workload included assisting Washington County and the State Patrol.

B. Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Delain provided a monthly report and additional information regarding Mutual Aid: typically structure fire-related, instances given/received, related NFPA response times, non-hydranted locations using tender operations, and related staffing requirements.

C. Overtime Report

Chief Merten reported Dispatch and Seargent OT has been reduced, although shortages will continue until new hire training is completed after first of the year. Trustee Cutts asked for a comparison of the OT numbers year-over-year for the next PSC meeting. Trustee Baum asked about OT projections (Chief Merten: overall diminish throughout the rest of 2025).

Chief Delain reported GFD OT was up in July due to the new-hire academy (3 employees), shared numbers and comparisons from 2024. Trustee Baum questioned the impact of Senior Living facilities vs Multi Family facilities (Senior Living draws more time and resources from GFD). Chief Delain provided

history and response numbers, explained the differing "zones" in the Village (the Senior Living communities are their own Zone).

D. Policy Updates

No Policy updates from Police or Fire.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Request to Update Billable Services Schedule (ACTION)

Chief Delain presented the proposed changes & additions to the Fee Schedule, along with background information and supporting data. In the past we had itemized billing, this proposed fee schedule is a simpler one-cost bill.

Trustee Baum asked about billing for Hwy 41 incidents, and confirmed ongoing billing practices.

Trustee Borst asked for explanations of non-collection, and if that is absorbed by the residents (not an impact to the tax structure).

Motion: Approve the request to update the billable services schedule as presented.

Motioned by: Trustee Baum

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)

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Application for a One-Time/Special Event Outside Premise Extension at Big Sky Country Bar & Grill on 08/16/2025 for the Stars & Stripes Honor Flight Charity Golf Outing. (ACTION)

Motion: Approve as presented

Motioned by: Trustee Baum

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. Application for a Temporary Outdoor Entertainment Permit for Big Sky Country Bar & Grill for 08/16/2025. (ACTION)

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

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. Application for a Temporary Class "B" / "Class B" Retailer's License -
Germantown Historical Society's Oktoberfest 09/27/25-09/28/25. (ACTION)

Motion: Approve as presented
Motioned by: Trustee Baum
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)

D. Renovation and Expansion of Fire Station 2 (ACTION)

Village Administrator Kreklow presented two options for the renovation of the existing Fire Station 2:

- *Option 1: expand building to the EAST
- *Option 2: expand building to the NORTH

Both options are an increased cost from last year (\$5.2 mil to \$6.5 mil). This had been included in the budgeting process of the 5 year Capitol Plan, and there has already been \$500,000 pre-approved to be used immediately.

Fire Chief John Delain offered his comments, experiences and a brief history as to the Station 2 growth and possible renovations.

Trustee Baum spoke in favor of Option 2 for future growth.

Trustee Borst asked about the futures of Station 2, would it remain in use (yes).

Administrator Kreklow recommended Option 1, and suggested this item be moved forward to the Village Board in some form relatively soon. It would not be part of the consent agenda, so as to discuss and vote on this separately.

Motion: Approve renovation and expansion of Station 2, not specifying Option 1 or Option 2, to be forwarded to the Village Board
Motioned by: Trustee Baum
Seconded by: Trustee Cutts

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

E. New squad replacement for a crashed car (ACTION)

Motion: Approve as presented
Motioned by: Trustee Baum
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)

F. Effect of High Density Development on Police/Fire/EMS Services.
(DISCUSSION)

Trustee Cutts asked the Chiefs for their input as to the impacts of future High Density development in the Village.

Chief Merten: Majority of call volume is the retail and big box stores, drug arrests, so it depends on the clientele that would live in these locations. Would not be much of an impact fo the GPD.

Chief Delain agreed that the impact to the GFD would be very small, as 23% of our call volume is related to 4 buildings (Senior Living Facilities: Gables, Virginia Highlands, Fairway Knoll and Frontida).

G. Results of Radar Tracking on County Line Road (DISCUSSION)

Chief Merten shared results from the one-week traffic study near Lannon and County Line; Speeds averaged between 30-55 mph.

Trustee Baum asked if there were any excessive speeds? (No)

Trustee Borst asked if there had been calls or complaints logged? (Yes)

Trustee Baum asked for jurisdiction information (Germantown, Washington County, Menomonee Falls, Waukesha County)

Trustee Borst asked for Menomonee Falls data to be presented at the next PSC meeting.

Trustee Pieper asked about the number of Police Officers we will be hiring (2) and who pays for the training (combined Village and State).

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The September Public Safety Meeting will be determined at a later date due to the Labor Day weekend.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Cutts adjourned the meeting at 7:09PM.