

MEETING:	REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, September 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 6:04pm.

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, 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.*

Wyatt Wiehr (Wildrose Ln) spoke regarding the GFD Station 2 proposal and his recent follow-up tour of the facilities. He apologized for previous comments, not realizing how much of a need there is for expansion and updates.

Chairperson Cutts read an email from the Schneiders regarding the Germantown Fire Department and the money being spent on the Station upgrades and expansion.

Chairperson Cutts reminded the public of the Germantown Fire Department Open House on 10/16/25 from 5:30pm-8:00pm.

IV. MEETING MINUTES:

A. August 4, 2025 (ACTION)

Motion: Approve minutes of 8/04/25 as presented (modified from previous motion with incorrect date).

Motioned by: Trustee Pieper

Seconded by: Trustee Borst

Yes: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Borst

No: none

Abstain: Trustee Baum

Motion carried by voice vote (Yes 3 No 0 Abstain 1)

V. REPORTS (Discussion Unless Otherwise Noted):

A. Police Monthly Report

Chief Merten provided a monthly report and additional information regarding increased numbers of arrests and motor vehicle accidents over the past year. Traffic stops have resulted in more felony and misdemeanor cases.

B. Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Delain presented the new GFD monthly report, including all new data sets available. It was asked of the committee to provide feedback as to what would like to be reported in the future.

Committee discussion and Q&A ensued.

C. Overtime Report

Chief Merten reported the GPD OT is declining this past month, although up since this time last year. FMLA coverage and new recruits still in school, anticipate that to decrease after first of the year when they go out on their own.

Chief Delain reported the GFD monthly OT is at the second lowest number of 2025; Aug '25=297 hours, Aug '24=410. YTD numbers as of this time are 2025=3430. 2024=4471.

D. Policy Updates

No updates from Police or Fire.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no Unfinished Business.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Application for Transfer of Combination "Class A" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Kwik Trip (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. School Resource Officer Memo of Understanding for July 2025 - June 2027 (ACTION)

Chief Merten presented the SRO contract between the GPD and the Germantown School District. It was noted that this year the cost will be split 65/35%, as last year it was 50/50%.

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)

- C. Noise Ordinance Issues (DISCUSSION)

Village Attorney Brian Sajdak briefed the Committee on the Noise Ordinance complaints and the 2 issues he was asked to investigate and provide a brief background:

- residential noise complaint of early-morning mowing
- re-visit of the Village supporting a more objective standard for measuring and enforcing standards, per the request of Village President Soderberg

Community surveys were done to get sampling of existing ordinances, whether subjective, fixed, or mixed standards, regarding decibel limits and ordinance

enforcement.

Committee discussion ensued.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next Public Safety Committee meeting will be held Monday, 10/06/25 at 6:00pm.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Cutts adjourned the meeting at 6:40pm.