

<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>AMENDED REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE AND TIME:</b>	<b>Monday, November 3, 2025 6:00 PM</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Germantown Village Hall Board Room N112 W17001 Mequon Road</b>

**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 Meg Cutts called the 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, 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 Bednarez (Pawnee Ct) spoke on the dangers on Pilgrim Road, traffic flow dangerous to cross traffic.

Scott Hefle (Old Farm Rd) spoke on the Flower Source property and what updates are available to the public.

Chairperson Cutts read an email from Brad Schlag on behalf of his parents Bob & Sandy Schlag (Sante Fe Dr) in opposition of the continued daily weather siren testing. Suggested one test per month.

Chairperson Cutts read an email from Bill & Carol Schneider regarding the Flower Source property and it's safety, and looking for more updates as to where the project is at. Questioned why the Village Building Oversight Committee isn't reviewing or participating in the Police Dept building project?

**IV. MEETING MINUTES:**

A. October 2, 2025 (ACTION)

**Motion:** Approve minutes as presented.

**Motioned by:** Trustee Baum

**Seconded by:** Trustee Pieper

**Yes:** Trustee Cutts, Trustee Baum, Trustee Pieper

**No:** none

**Abstain:** Trustee Borst

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

**V. REPORTS (Discussion Unless Otherwise Noted):**

A. Police Monthly Report

Chief Merten provided the monthly GPD report and additional information: monthly arrests, citations, warrants, traffic stops are up from this time last year.

Trustee Baum asked if the numbers are up because we have more staff or we're just busier? (more activity in the Village)

B. Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Delain provided the monthly GFD report and additional information: all incident numbers are tracking within the usual trend, structure fire in the Village that displaced the homeowner.

Trustee Baum asked about highest activity Zone, is it still the senior facilities? (Yes)

C. Overtime Report

Chief Merten reported the Police Union OT was up, and SGT OT down, versus this time last year.

Chief Delain reported the overall GFD OT is down, the second lowest month of the past year.

D. Policy Updates

There were no policy updates from Police or Fire.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. *Discussion on the Village's Emergency Alert Sirens Testing Procedures (DISCUSSION)*

Grant has been applied for, we're waiting to see if we will get the monies (early DEC timeframe). The grant will pay for 50% of the remote software upgrade, no other additions (hardware, batteries, etc.) (total will be \$100,000).

Trustee Pieper led a discussion regarding the batteries, cost, testing procedures. Chief Merten explained the various test options: growl test, weekly or monthly, remove the daily testing.

Chief Merten stated the siren testing schedule can be changed without committee approval as it's dependent on available personnel.

B. *Discussion on Noise Ordinance Enforcement (DISCUSSION)*

Chief Merten presented noise complaint statistics for the past year. Committee discussion ensued, it was deemed to be a topic that does not have enough complaint activity to warrant changing the ordinance. No further discussion or action at this time.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Temporary Class "B" Application for St. Boniface Spaghetti Dinner - January 31, 2026 (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)**

B. Temporary Class "B" Application for St. Boniface Lenten Fish Fries - February 20, 2026, February 27, 2026, and March 6, 2026 (ACTION)

**Motion:** Approve 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)**

C. Update on Police Calls to Flower Source Property (DISCUSSION)

Chief Merten presented call history for the former Flower Source property. Of 61 calls over nearly 2 years, 5 were found to be valid concerns.

Trustee Pieper suggested the Village President follow-up with the Village Administrator regarding the demolition process and timeline.

Administrator Steve Kreklow stepped forward to provide information regarding: the draft of the grant application has been sent, they are reviewing the draft, an asbestos check needs to be done, the Village already has quotes for moving forward.

This item will be placed on the next meeting Agenda as an action item (to be forwarded to the Village Board for approval of funds to be used to complete the demolition of the Flower Source buildings & property).

**VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Chairperson Cutts set the next meeting for MON 12/1/25 @ 6:00pm.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairperson Cutts adjourned the meeting at 6:35pm.