

**MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2013
GERMANTOWN VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM**

CALL: The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Secretary Barth.

ROLL CALL: Trustees Daniels, Ewert and Hughes were present. Chairperson Werderman was absent.

A motion was made by Hughes, seconded by Daniels, to appoint Trustee Ewert as Chairman Pro Tem. Motion carried unanimously.

Also present were Chief Hoell, Captain Snow, Chief Pollpeter, Deputy Chief Maury and Deputy Chief Stark.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No discussion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Hughes, seconded by Daniels, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2013 Public Safety Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Hoell advised that Calls for Service were down, adult arrests were up and juvenile arrests were down. He also updated the committee on the following:

- Texts/emails for crime alerts now fully functional
- High school held assembly with media re: distracted drivers
- Crime alert put out for local armed robbery at gas station
- Residential burglary where complainant pursued suspect - Hoell advised to call 911 and not pursue suspects
- Staffing issues - patrol positions have been filled and interviews for the detective position will be held on Oct. 17th

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Pollpeter reported there were 18 fire calls for the month and that number is down from last year. He also reported on the Fire Safety Fair and said that though the weather did not cooperate, they had a nice turnout from the community. He stated the K9's presence there was a big hit and thanked everyone who participated in the event.

OVERTIME REPORTS - POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT: Hoell advised the department is tracking within normal ranges. Ewert asked if anything can be done to minimize the amount of overtime worked, Hoell responded that overtime assignments are approved by a supervisor before and after being worked. He added that some overtime assignments are unavoidable, i.e. court, prisoner transports, mental commitments - which are all lengthy procedures.

Pollpeter advised the fire department's overtime usage depends on calls and activity, some of which are already calculated in.

POLICY UPDATES: Hoell stated the police department is still working on the accreditation process.

DISCUSSION OF BURNING REGULATIONS: Hughes stated he had looked into leaf pickup being done by the village and was informed it could not be done due to village employees not being able to take leaves to recycling center. There was some discussion as to whether this was accurate information. Ewert stated he would prefer to see the ordinance stay the same, Daniels stated he would support regulating leaf burning in certain areas of the Village and would look further into how areas could be zoned. Ewert advised this item would be carried over to next month's meeting for further discussion.

DISCUSSION OF DECIBEL METER READINGS FOR BIER STUBE: Hoell advised the newly purchased decibel meter is operational and officers have received training on how to use it. He stated there had been 3 noise complaints received during the past month on Sept. 6, 7 and 28th, from the Schuster's. He further stated that when the first complaint was called in, officers were unable to respond promptly due to other emergency calls in progress. They arrived after 9:30 p.m. and took a reading of 65. On the 7th they responded and took a reading of 68 and a maximum reading of 72. Upon further investigation, the officer discovered an unattended mower running on the Schuster property which could have contributed to the higher reading. On the 28th the Bier Stube was hosting a wedding reception with a band and they were found to be in violation with readings ranging from 75-80. However the decibel unit had mistakenly not been calibrated prior to taking the readings and no citation was issued. The supervisor on duty did talk to the establishment regarding the noise complaint and they complied by turning down the music. Hoell added that he does not think this process is going to work at solving the problems in that area, and he would like to see a meeting set up with the Schuster's, the owner of Bier Stube, Village President Wolter and himself in an effort to discuss matters and come to some type of resolution.

Mrs. Schuster was present and stated she had already talked to President Wolter and was waiting for a response from him. She agreed that the decibel meter is not working to solve the problem and nothing will work as long as there is music permitted in the beer garden. Mr. Schuster was also present and advised that music is played on the outside speaker at noon when the garden is not open for business yet. He also confirmed that his mower was running on his property while he was working on it.

Ewert asked Hoell if he would go ahead with setting up the meeting, Hoell stated he would take care of it.

PURCHASE OF TWO NEW TASERS - POLICE DEPARTMENT: Hoell requested approval for the purchase of two new taser units to replace old units with expired warranties. He advised there are funds left from the sale of used rifles in the amount of \$1494.00 and the department was receiving drug forfeiture money in the amount of \$1234 which would more than cover the expense of the taser units which would cost \$2464.73.

A motion was made by Hughes, seconded by Daniels, to forward this purchase request to Village Board with a recommendation of approval. Motion carried unanimously.

THE USE OF RIFLES FOR HUNTING IN THE VILLAGE - POLICE DEPARTMENT: Hoell informed the committee that the State recently passed a new law which allows rifle hunting statewide unless local municipalities restrict the use of rifles within their boundaries. He advised he was recommending that the Village amend ordinance 9.02 to include language that the Village maintain rifle restrictions and allow hunting with shotguns, muzzleloaders and handguns only. He added that he had checked with neighboring municipalities and Mequon already has the restrictions in place and Menomonee Falls is in the process of doing the same.

Discussion followed with Jeff Dhein present who advised he was in agreement with the discussion but that he would like to see rimfire rifles allowed with the above mentioned weapons. A motion was made by Daniels, seconded by Hughes, to forward this item to Village Board with a recommendation to include language in chapter 9.02 to maintain rifle restrictions, and that hunting with firearms is restricted to shotguns, muzzleloaders, handguns and rimfire rifles in the Village. Motion carried 2-1 with Ewert and Daniels voting aye, Hughes voting nay. Hughes stated he would like to have further discussion on this matter at the Board meeting.

REPAIR OF TENDER 1791 - FIRE DEPARTMENT: Pollpeter advised that Tender 1791, a tank truck, needs repairs for multiple leaks and the cost would likely exceed \$6000.00. He was recommending that the truck be taken to Monroe sometime in December for the needed repairs with the invoicing done in January. He added that their 2013 vehicle repair account does not have enough money in it to cover this repair and requested that any leftover funds from 2013 could be carried over to 2014 to help offset the cost of this repair.

Discussion followed with Hughes expressing concern that they were talking about spending money that hasn't been approved yet for the 2014 budget. Pollpeter stated the actual repair costs won't be known until the truck is taken in for the repairs. He added the leaks have slowed down enough that the truck is still being used.

Hughes made a motion to send this item to Village Board with an asterisk that with the budget meeting on the following day, it should be reviewed whether there is sufficient money in the fire department's account for repairs and maintenance. It was also noted that this repair may be considered an emergency repair. Motion was seconded by Daniels and carried unanimously.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO PARADE ORDINANCE AND PERMIT APPLICATION: Clerk Goeckner told the committee she would like to see some minor changes done with parade permits to streamline the approval process. She advised that currently all applications are approved by the police chief, fire chief, superintendent of public works, village administrator and village president prior to the permit being issued. She was requesting that the process be shortened by getting approval from the police chief, fire chief and director of public works. The village administrator and president would no longer need to approve the permit, but would be notified of the event.

A motion was made by Hughes, seconded by Daniels, to forward this proposed change of the parade ordinance and permit application to Village Board with a positive recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: Ewert advised the next meeting date would be Monday, November 4, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Village Hall Boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Recorded by,

Julie L. Barth
Secretary