

MEETING:	REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
DATE AND TIME:	Monday, July 6, 2026 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 Trustee Cutts called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

II. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Trustee Meg Cutts, Trustee Jolene Pieper, Trustee Scott Hefle; Trustee Patrick Kaiser arrived at 6:10pm.

Absent: None

Excused: None

Also Present: Police Chief Patrick Merten, Fire Battalion Chief Ryker Holms, Administrative 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.*

Melanie Smythe (Cedar Lane) commented on July 4th success; appreciated recent meeting with owner's rep & PD; budgetary discrepancies; looking for update on FD owner's rep; Flock camera placement concerns.

Battalion Chief Ryker Holms and Battalion Chief Cary Rodriguez of Germantown Fire Department came forward to present Unit Commendation Awards to two of their members: FF/EMT Archibald and FF/Medic Shafer.

The 2 GFD members responded to a carbon monoxide alarm activation emergency call, and went above and beyond their normal duties in ensuring the resident's safety. The cause of the elevated carbon monoxide readings was found, they performed a temporary repair of a damaged vent in a utility closet, provided a carbon monoxide alarm from the GFD Station 2 for overnight safety, and prevented a tragic event from happening in our Village.

IV. MEETING MINUTES:

Motion: Approve meeting minutes A and B as presented

Motioned By: Trustee Pieper

Seconded By: Trustee Hefle

Yes: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Hefle

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried by Voice Vote (Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0)

A. June 1, 2026, Meeting Minutes (ACTION)

B. June 15, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes (ACTION)

V. REPORTS (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED):

A. Police Monthly Report

Chief Merten presented the PD monthly report and additional information. Trustee Hefle commented on the large increase in traffic stops since this time last year.

B. Fire Department Monthly Report

Battalion Chief Holms presented the FD monthly report and additional information. Of note was 3 structure fires in the past two weeks, which uses additional personal and vehicles.

C. Fire Department Building Project

Battalion Chief Holms reported continuing work on recommendations for the Building Oversight Committee. Trustee Pieper commented on the possible rehab and use of the old Station #1? Discussion ensued.

D. Overtime Report

Chief Merten reported PD OT is trending down year over year, and presently under budget.

BC Holms reported FD OT is trending downward but expect increased in OT in Q3 and Q4 2026 due to upcoming FMLA. Trustee Hefle asked about details; BC Holms noted we have saved overall by filling the additional department positions.

E. Policy Updates

No updates from Police or Fire.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Temporary Class "B" Beer/"Class B" Wine Application for Germantown Historical Society's Oktoberfest, September 26-27, 2026 (ACTION)

Motion: Approve as presented

Motioned By: Trustee Pieper

Seconded By: Trustee Hefle

Yes: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Hefle, Trustee Kaiser

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried by Voice Vote (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

- B. One-Time Temporary Outdoor Entertainment Permit for Lynn Sterns, W124N12127 Wasaukee Rd, on 08/22/2026 (ACTION)

Motion: Approve as presented

Motioned By: Trustee Pieper

Seconded By: Trustee Kaiser

Yes: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Hefle, Trustee Kaiser

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried by Voice Vote (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

- C. Police Department Budget Amendment for Insurance Proceeds, Grant Revenues, Donations, and Sale of Handgun Revenues (ACTION)

Chief Merten gave additional information on this item, Committee discussion ensued.

Motion: Approve as presented

Motioned By: Trustee Pieper

Seconded By: Trustee Hefle

Yes: Trustee Cutts, Trustee Pieper, Trustee Hefle, Trustee Kaiser

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried by Voice Vote (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

D. ATV/UTV, E-bike, and E-Dirt Bike Usage in the Village (DISCUSSION)

Chief Merten provided information & requirements regarding ATV/UTV rules for the Village roadways.

Committee discussion ensued on this topic.

Chief Merten provided information & requirements regarding E-bike usage in the Village.

Committee discussion ensued on this topic.

E. New Flock PTZ (Pan, Tilt, Zoom) Camera at Kinderberg Park (DISCUSSION)

Captain Penny Schmidt came forward to present information regarding a new Flock camera with pan/tilt/zoom capabilities to be placed at Kinderberg Park. It could become a strong deterrent to the vandalism and property damage that continues to occur in the park. This new Flock camera is compatible with our existing, and runs off solar power.

Committee discussion ensued; it was suggested to look into posting a sign at the park entrance(s) notifying the public of the cameras presence.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

The next PSC meeting will be held on Monday 8/3/26 at 6:00pm.

Chairperson Trustee Cutts adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm.