MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2014
GERMANTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNEX

CALL: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Werderman.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Werderman, Trustees Daniels and Hughes were present. Trustee Ewert arrived at 5:39 p.m.

Also present were Chief Hoell, Deputy Fire Chief Maury, Deputy Fire Chief Stark, and Captain Karpinski.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No discussion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: a motion was made by Hughes, seconded by Daniels, to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2014 Public Safety Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Hoell reported that traffic crashes were up for 2013, OWI arrests were down, adult arrests, thefts and drug arrests were up, juvenile arrests were down. He advised that the annual report will have all the final numbers for 2013.

Hoell stated that the department's Facebook page is getting a lot of attention and continues to be a good means for communicating with the public.

Also discussed were traffic grants, department staffing, bond amounts for citations, and recent squad accidents. Hoell stated the accidents would be covered by the other drivers' insurances.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Maury reported that fire calls and EMS calls were up. He stated that some of the fire drills had been cancelled due to inclement weather.

Karpinski reported on EMS situations and advised that calls for service have been increasing and the number of calls that overlap are also on the rise. He also commented on training that had taken place and upcoming training events. Karpinski stated that a meeting regarding the multi vehicle crashes on 41 in December resulted in additional signage and traffic cameras, a plan to install ramp gates in 2015 at CTH Q and Holy Hill Road, and message boards at Lannon Rd. Karpinski also advised that Germantown was featured in the Flight For Life newsletter regarding patient care issues, and the department was also involved with the State Trauma Advisory Committee.

Maury noted that at a recent convention in Milwaukee, Karpinski was recognized for his length of service.

Werderman reported that response times were good and asked how the weekend shifts were working out, Stark responded they were going well and the extra staffing was allowing them to respond to multiple calls coming in simultaneously.

OVERTIME REPORTS FOR POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT: No discussion.

POLICY UPDATES: No discussion.

DISCUSSION OF BURNING REGULATIONS: Maury advised that Delain was unable to attend tonight's meeting and was still working on the draft copy for the committee to review, he requested this item to be carried over to next month's meeting. Werderman stated this item would be placed on the March agenda under Unfinished Business.

CONTRACT WITH GRAEF FOR TRAFFIC STUDY ON INTERSECTION OF FREISTADT/MAPLE: Werderman advised this item had been previously discussed by Public Works and Village Board and was referred to Public Safety so the police department would have an opportunity to review their data for this intersection. Hoell stated that Lt. Grenier had compiled the accident history for that location since 2011 and found 18 crashes for the past 3 years to date. He noted the accidents have increased in frequency with 2 accidents in 2011 and 8 in 2013 with 5 of those involving injuries. He added that most of the accidents involve failure to yield and misjudgment of timing as a cause. He stated there are some options which could be considered for improving this intersection, such as creating a roundabout, lowering the speed limit, or installing 4-way stop signs. He said that a roundabout would work well at this location with the type of traffic flow it has, lowering the speed limit would likely not affect the number of accidents, and if a 4-way stop is considered, there would need to be substantial signage due to the double lanes and maybe one lane would need to be designated as right turn only. Hoell indicated a study by a traffic engineer could result in other options better suited for that intersection.

Discussion followed with Hughes questioning whether the best option would be to have a traffic professional do a study on this intersection and Ewert agreed that he felt the best course would be to have a traffic engineer look at it. Werderman stated he had wanted to see the numbers the police department could provide so that everyone had the correct information regarding accident history at that location.

A motion was made by Ewert, seconded by Hughes, to forward this item to Village Board with a recommendation that the Village refer this matter to Graef for a traffic study to be conducted by a professional traffic engineer for an expert opinion on concerns with the intersection of Freistadt and Maple. Motion carried unanimously. Werderman added that this request for a study could define what Graef is to look for and include a dollar amount that can be spent.

RIFLE PURCHASE – POLICE DEPARTMENT: Hoell stated the department is requesting to purchase 20 new rifles for the squads to replace the current ones which are over 15 years old. He advised bids had been received from Phoenix Distributors, Bravo Company and Streicher's, and while Phoenix and Streicher's had submitted low bid, Phoenix had a delivery date of 60 to 120 days, and the other two could not provide a delivery date. Hoell requested approval to purchase the rifles from Phoenix Distributors for $16,800 which is under budget.

A motion was made by Daniels, seconded by Ewert, to forward this purchase request to Village Board with a recommendation of approval for the purchase of 20 riffles from Phoenix Distributors at a cost not to exceed $16,800.00. Motion carried unanimously.

PHILIPS MRX PURCHASE GERMANTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT: Karpinski advised the department is requesting to purchase 5 new Philips MRx heart monitors. He explained that last year money had been budgeted to upgrade the monitors they are currently using but after researching the costs it was determined that to purchase new units was a better option. Karpinski also advised they were able to eliminate the need to purchase through a dealer and would realize a 37% savings by purchasing directly from Philips. He stated the cost for the five units would be $104,295.70 which includes 2 years of service, and that $63,000 was carried over from the 2013 budget. He also advised that the service agreement cost of $17,388 could be distributed over a 4 year period if it is not paid up front.

Discussion followed with Hughes stating that they money for this purchase has not yet been approved for spending and he would prefer to wait until that has been done. Werderman advised the motion could stipulate that, and Daniels made a motion to forward this purchase request to Village Board with a positive recommendation contingent upon the final borrowing numbers being passed. Motion was seconded by Ewert and carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: Werderman advised next month's meeting would be held on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m. Committee members agreed to the time change.

ADJOURNMENT: there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Recorded by,

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Secretary