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

CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chairman Werderman.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Werderman, Trustees Daniels, Ewert and Hughes were present. Also present were Captain Snow, Deputy Fire Chief Maury, Deputy Fire Chief Stark, FF/EMT Delain, Clerk Goeckner, and Commissioner Myers.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No discussion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: a motion was made by Ewert, seconded by Daniels, to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2014 Public Safety Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Snow reported that accident numbers had increased and speeding citations were down, both likely due to the inclement winter weather. He added that drug arrests were up and credited the K-9 officer with that increase. Snow also advised that the department had purchased the Trailblazer for the DARE vehicle and it was currently at General Fire for lighting install.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Maury advised that Fire Calls were up 3% and EMS calls up 23%. He added that drills and outside activities were being conducted as weather permitted. Werderman asked how the advertising for additional staff was going, Delain said the signs posted around the Village needed to be updated, and Stark added that 6 are in fire school at this time.

OVERTIME REPORTS FOR POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS: No discussion.

POLICY UPDATES: No discussion.

DISCUSSION OF BURNING REGULATIONS: Delain presented copies of the current ordinance and of the proposed ordinance regarding burning regulations, and answered questions from the committee regarding points of difference. There was a lengthy discussion about the changes, and concerns were expressed with the loss of detail from the current ordinance to the proposed ordinance. Delain explained that the style of the proposed ordinance was done at the village attorney's recommendation and minimization of detail was intentional due to NFPA 1 updating their information every 2 years. Further discussion followed regarding leaf burning, burning restrictions attached to zoning requirements, burning complaints from residents, changing items on the permit such as hours and duration of permit, and whether to carry this item over for further discussion. Ewert suggested that it be settled with this evening's discussion.

A motion was made by Daniels, seconded by Ewert, to direct the fire department to make the final revisions on the proposed burning ordinance which would include the following: keeping the hours as listed on the current burning ordinance which is 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., adopting the NFPA 1, and to include item 6 – Prohibited Burning section – from the current burning ordinance. Committee members stated they were in agreement with the proposed change in the duration of the permits to one month. Motion was amended by Daniels and seconded by Ewert to include section 5(a) & 5(c) Additional Regulations, from the current burning ordinance. Amended motion was amended by Ewert, seconded by Daniels, to allow for the increase of the fire size in section 5(c) to 5' in diameter and 5' in height from the formerly approved 2.5' height. Both amended motions carried unanimously, original motion carried 3-1 with Werderman, Ewert and Daniels voting aye, Hughes voting nay.

APPLICATION FOR DANCE LICENSE, KIWANIS CLUB OF GERMANTOWN, FIREMENS' PARK, JULY 4, 2014 FROM 1:30 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M.: a motion was made by Hughes, seconded by Daniels, to forward this dance application to the Village Board with a recommendation of approval. Motion carried unanimously.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12.16(3) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF GERMANTOWN AS IT RELATES TO THE LICENSING OF CATS WITHIN THE VILLAGE: a motion was made by Daniels, seconded by Hughes, to forward this ordinance amendment to the Village Board with a recommendation of approval to accept the changes as presented by the Clerk's Office. Motion carried unanimously.

CHAPLAIN POSITION – FIRE DEPARTMENT: Maury advised that the fire department does not have an official chaplain position – which is a volunteer position – and they would like to have this position created and made official along with a job description. He added that Chief Hoell would be working with the fire department and would use the police department chaplain job description as a guideline.

Werderman stated they should proceed with the job description and bring it to next month's meeting for review.

NEXT MEETING: Werderman advised next month's meeting would be held on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Recorded by,

Julie L. Barth
Secretary