

VILLAGE OF WALWORTH GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, April 5, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

Walworth Memorial Library, 525 Kenosha Street, Walworth WI

MINUTES

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Reiersen at 4:30 p. m.

Roll call: Present were Trustees Dan Mizialko and Kristi Reiersen. Also present were Police Chief Ryan Milligan, Fire/Rescue Chief Dave Austin, Trustee Louise Czaja and Jan Baker.

Comments from the public: none

Approval of Minutes from the March 1, 2021 regular General Services meeting.

Mizialko/Reiersen motion to approve minutes as presented. Unanimously carried.

Discussion, Consideration and Recommendation on the following:

Fire & Rescue Department Monthly Report

Chief Austin provided a report on last month's calls. There were thirty-three (33) calls for the month of March 2021.

Chief Austin has applied for federal government grants to replace breathing apparatus, monitors and defibrillators.

In addition, Chief Austin was invited to the Walworth Township Board meeting to discuss the joint contract. He informed them that the Village is satisfied with the current contract, and if they desire to make changes, the Township Board should contact the Village Board to discuss this matter. He noted that in the future Engine #5 will need to be replaced.

- a. Fire & Rescue By-laws: This work is on-going. Chief Austin hopes to complete it by April.
- b. Billing rates for EMS: Chief Austin will provide rates to the committee. He inquired about a resident vs. nonresident rate, but the committee felt one rate was sufficient at this time.

- c. Medic 324 update: This service has been in operation since February. The Chiefs meet regularly to deal with unforeseen issues and to ensure the collaboration is running smoothly. They still need to hire one (1) additional paramedic.
- d. 2% dues completion: This was completed in March. Chief Austin has a scheduled audit meeting prior to submitting the information.
- e. METRO contract: This item will be reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Emergency Government Monthly Report

The committee met earlier in the day to continue working on procedures and establishing a updated timeline. The next meeting will be held Monday, May 3 at 8 a.m. Lt. Jason Rowland, the new coordinator for Walworth County Emergency Government, will be invited to this meeting.

Police Department Monthly Report

Chief Milligan provided a report on last month's calls. The Walworth Police Department responded to and/or addressed 653 calls for service during the month of March 2021.

- a. Weight limit signage at intersection of N. Main St. and Madison St.: This matter was referred to the committee from Public Works. Chief Milligan and Public Works Director Tim Boss have discussed the signage, and changes to better highlight the route of Highway 14 will be made. This will help truck drivers to avoid N. Main St. on their way to the industrial park.
- b. Damage to Squad #1: As a result of an incident where an intoxicated driver drove into the squad car during a call, repairs to the vehicle are needed. Chief Milligan is waiting for a crash report from the Walworth County Sheriff's Department.
- c. Pedestrian garage door replacement quote: The door is currently not secure. Chief Milligan provided a quote of \$3,520 for a commercial grade steel door and frame with appropriate commercial grade hardware.
Mizialko/Reierson motion to recommend to the Finance Committee to replace the pedestrian garage door in the amount not to exceed \$3,520. Motion carried.
- d. Semper Running Marathon [July 10, 2021]: Charlie Blackman, the event organizer, has met with the area police department to coordinate security for this race. Chief Milligan is confident that the race planning is going well and has no concerns with this event at this time.
- e. Officer Heath Gascoigne joins the Walworth County Special Events Team (SET): This team provides crowd control at events. Chief Milligan indicated that this is a good networking tool for the police department. He also stated that the goal is not to affect coverage in the Village when officers participate with this team.
- f. Donation in the amount of \$2,396.56 for the purchase of Individual First Aid Kits (IFAK): These kits are intended for each Walworth PD officer to be used when he/she responds first to an emergency situation.
- g. Donation in the amount of \$6,236.00 for the purchase of 4 new Phillips Defibrillators (AED): This donation is intended to equip each squad vehicle with up-dated AEDs.

Court update: Court forfeitures for the month of March 2021 were \$27,492.81.

Beer garden ordinance: The committee discussed separating beer gardens from outdoor sports activities in the Village Ordinances. A document with preliminary wording was read. The committee decided to research past decisions and make a recommendation at the May meeting.

Al fresco dining ordinance: The committee reviewed a proposed revision to the Village Ordinances. The consensus was that this was a good idea to pursue further. The committee will continue to research it and make a recommendation at the May meeting.

Agape House 5K Run (April 24, 2021): The street use permit application was reviewed. Event organizer Jan Baker was present to answer questions.

Mizialko/Reierson motion to recommend the permit and waive the \$25 fee. Motion carried.

Memorial Day parade: no action taken

Approval of an operator's license for Lori Hall-The 46 Tavern: The applicant passed a background check.

Mizialko/Reierson motion to recommend approval to the Village Board. Motion carried.

Vandalism at Badger Park: Chief Milligan informed the committee that there was a complaint of kids climbing the pavillon and ripping of shingles. Since the kids were too young to be cited, the matter was referred to Human Services. An estimate of damage is forthcoming.

Flooding at Howard Street and North Main Street: There is currently no obvious solution for that area during flash flooding events. Chief Milligan stressed that it would be difficult for police officers to block off streets for a short-time incident and divert police department resources from the remainder of the Village. This situation will continue to be monitored.

Schedule next meeting: The next General Services meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 3 at 4:30 p.m. A Special General Services meeting for Emergency Government planning is scheduled for Monday, May 3 at 8 a.m.

Adjournment: *Mizialko/Reierson motion to adjourn at 5:52 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.*

/s/ Kristi Reiersen, General Services Chair, Village of Walworth Trustee