

**VILLAGE OF WALWORTH**  
**GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
Village Hall, 227 N. Main St. Walworth, WI  
Monday, April 9, 2018 – 5:30 PM

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chairman Snyder at 5:30 pm.

Present: Trustee Snyder, Banks, Maynard. Also Present: Emergency Services Director Long, Chief Hammett, Clerk Treasurer Waswo, Derek Brown, and Kelly Kelley

**Comments from the Public** – None.

**Approve Minutes of March 21, 2018** – Maynard/Banks motion to approve. Unanimously carried.

**Discussion, Consideration and Recommendation on the following:**

**Fire & Rescue Department**

**Monthly Report** – Fire had 7 calls; 2 in the village, 3 in the township, and 2 mutual aid with 35 for the year. Rescue had 21 calls, with 12 in the village and 9 in the township. Paramedic Billing Services has turned over \$17,898.65 in rescue fees.

**Police Department**

**Monthly Report** – There was 561 calls.

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**Court Update** – A total of \$12,957.89 has been turned over to the Treasurer for the month with a yearly balance of \$33,879.42.

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**Alcohol Beverage and Operator's Licenses (if any)**

Elaine Larson applied for an operator's license and will be working at Main Street Country Store. Banks/Maynard motion to recommend approval to full board. Unanimously Carried.

**Emergency Services Building Update** – This stopped last fall when the PSC study came out. Now that it's over, the Committee should recommend bringing it back and moving forward.

**Review 2018 Emergency Services Budget for potential budget reductions**

Trustee Banks stated this was discussed at Finance. The recommendation was a 4% to 5% budget reduction. Instead of waiting till the last minute, Finance would like to get together with all department heads to get an early start and see what areas could be cut back. Once the audit is done we will get a better picture of where we

are at. Fire and Rescue is at bare bones already. The only place to be cut is the personnel and paid on call. A 5% cut would be \$12,000 out of the budget. That is 60 days of no paid on call from 6:00pm to 6:00am. We cannot guarantee equipment will leave the station. There may be a liability issue if the service is offered and then taken away. Long suggested we go out for referendum instead of having this argument every year. Long also stated there is a \$104,000 grant out from the Federal government for breathing apparatus. If the village gets that, we have to pay 10% or \$10,400. If we lose this grant because that money has been cut, it will be going in the 2019 budget.

The Police Departments budget is tighter than Fire and Rescue. Fuel expense is already over budget by 10% and they are predicting fuel rising to \$3.00 per gallon. The Police will have to reduce personnel.

### **Adjournment**

Banks/Maynard motion to adjourn at 5:41 pm. Unanimously carried.

/s/Sabrina Waswo, Clerk Treasurer