

VILLAGE OF WALWORTH

GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
Village Hall, 227 N. Main St., Walworth WI

MINUTES

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Reierson at 5:32 p.m.

Roll call: Present were Trustee Kristi Reierson and President Louise Czaja. Also present were Police Chief Ryan Milligan and Fire/Rescue Chief Dave Austin. Excused were Trustees Lawrence Gums and Tom Connelly.

Comments from the public: none

Approval of Minutes from the December 4, 2023 and January 2, 2024 regular General Services Committee meetings. This item was tabled.

Discussion, Consideration and Recommendation on the following:

Fire & Rescue Department Monthly Report

No call data was available for this meeting. It will be reported at the March, 2024 meeting.

Chief Austin reported on the following items:

- January was a busy month.
 - Chief Austin met with Olivia and Molly about coverage during the transition period and discussed upgrading service to paramedic service which is dependent on specific licensing. Molly will create a timeline for this.
 - There was a meeting with Andreas Billing Company. The department is exploring options and rates in order to mirror neighboring municipalities.
 - The Fire Department sponsored speaker on March 2 at Big Foot High School will focus on Searchable vs. Survivable.
 - Discussion of the steps and a timeline for a referendum are in the preliminary stages.
 - Chief Austin is researching the cost for three (3) paramedics on the payroll and the cost of daytime personnel.
 - Dylan Callas resigned. The position has been posted and interviews will be scheduled.
 - Novaris is out of compliance with their fire alarm system. The department is investigating and pursuing action with the State of Wisconsin.
- a. LIFE LINE Emergency Vehicles - ambulance quote Chief Austin presented a quote for \$400,743 to purchase an emergency vehicle (ambulance) from Jefferson Fire and Safety, Inc. This is the vehicle which is recommended by the Fire Department. Payment would

be due upon delivery which is currently expected in 2025 or 2026. *A Reierson/Czaja motion to refer the matter to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.*

Emergency Government Monthly Report

Chief Austin and Chief Milligan indicated that the meeting went well. The next meeting is scheduled for February 6 at 9 a.m.

Police Department Monthly Report

No call data was available for this meeting. It will be reported at the March, 2024 meeting. Chief Milligan reported on the following items:

- Equipment for the F150 is almost all here and will be installed when it arrives. There is no news on the 2024 vehicle.
 - Modules for each radar unit are needed. The cost for three (3) is \$395. Since it was unbudgeted the Chief, indicated that he would use funds in the maintenance budget for this item. In addition, the cost for a rear controller is \$1500.
 - The department has outgrown the current facility which doesn't meet the department's needs.
 - The current overweight truck forfeiture amount is \$500. Chief Milligan recommends an increase to \$1,500. *A Reierson/Czaja motion to refer the matter to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.*
 - Due to the need for more full-time officers, the question of a referendum was briefly discussed.
 - Officer Kummerow resigned from the department.
 - The department held its first annual Police Department gala.
- a. Front doors to Village Hall not secure: Chief Milligan expressed a concern that the front doors are not always tightly shut. This serves as a reminder to committee members to secure the doors upon leaving the building.

Court update

No data was available for this meeting. It will be reported at the March, 2024 meeting.

Hiring of Code Enforcement Officer

Based on previous discussion, the consensus of the committee is to pursue this matter. *A Reierson/Czaja motion to refer to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.*

Fire Inspection Fees - Schedule/Ordinance(s)

This matter is under consideration and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

False Alarm Fees - Ordinance(s)

Chief Milligan provided data from neighboring municipalities. *A Reierson/Czaja motion to refer to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.*

Hwy 14 Reconstruction project by the DOT /Traffic pattern proposals around the square

There was a brief discussion of the various options presented by the DOT. No recommendation was forwarded at this time.

Closed Session

To consider a motion on whether or not to conduct a closed session in accordance with WI Stats. 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility for review and discussion. Purpose relating to police department evaluations. *A Czaja/Reierson motion to conduct a closed session relating to police department evaluations. Roll call vote: Czaja-yes; Reierson-yes. Motion carried.*

The committee went into closed session at 6:59 p.m.

Open Session

Return to open session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) and take action on any items discussed in closed session.

The committee returned to open session at 7:18 p.m. No action was taken.

Schedule next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5 at 6 p.m.

Adjournment: *A Reierson/Czaja motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Reierson
General Services Chair
Village of Walworth Trustee