

VILLAGE OF WALWORTH GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, November 1, 2021, 4:30 p.m.
Village Hall, 227 N. Main St., Walworth WI

MINUTES

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

Roll call: Present were Trustees Dan Mizialko, Kristi Reiersen and Joan Sallee (via phone). Also present were President Louise Czaja, Trustee Bob Ball, Police Chief Ryan Milligan and Fire/Rescue Captain Dave Baxter.

Comments from the public: none

Approval of Minutes from the October 4, 2021 regular General Services meeting.
Mizialko/Reiersen motion to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion, Consideration and Recommendation on the following:

Fire & Rescue Department Monthly Report: No call report was available at this time. Captain Baxter stated that the department has been busy. He also indicated that Chief Austin will be interviewing candidates for vacant positions. Captain Baxter presented committee members with quote information for the new monitors. No further action was taken at this time.

- a. Fire & Rescue By-laws: This is a work in progress.

Emergency Government Monthly Report: no report at this time.

Police Department Monthly Report

Chief Milligan provided a report on last month's calls. The Walworth Police Department responded to, and/or addressed, 585 calls for service during the month of October 2021.

Chief Milligan discussed a request from Gary Ruskell on behalf of the United Church of Christ to close portions of Fremont Street for their annual turkey dinner which will be drive-thru only this year. The dinner is scheduled for Saturday, November 13, 2021 starting at 2 p.m.
A Mizialko/Reiersen motion to recommend to the Village Board permission for Chief Milligan to create a plan for closing portions of Fremont Street for the turkey dinner drive-thru. Motion carried.

Chief Milligan discussed his concern for staffing the Police Department. There have been resignations recently of part-time officers who are leaving for other full-time positions or who are unable to continue working for the department. He believes that the practice of relying on part-time officers to fill vacant work hours is not sustainable long-term. He indicated that the current roster of officers are working well together and morale in the department is good. Trustee Mizialko inquired about whether the wages offered by the Village were competitive. The Chief said he needs to research it further. Chief Milligan is also looking into sponsoring candidates to the Academy. This practice is funded by the State Department of Justice. The difficulty is finding candidates to sponsor. He will continue his efforts in the future.

- a. Rear seat replacement in squad 3 (2018 Chevrolet Tahoe): A quote of \$1,811.95 was presented by Chief Milligan. The Chief is not requesting additional funds; rather he is re-allocating existing funds in his budget. *A Mizialko/Sallee motion to recommend to the Village Board approval of this rear seat replacement at a cost of \$1,811.95. Motion carried.*
- b. Stop Sticks: Chief Milligan requests a purchase of two (2) additional stop sticks at a cost of \$987 to equip the remaining squad cars that currently do not have them. The Chief is not requesting additional funds; rather he is re-allocating existing funds in his budget. *A Mizialko/Sallee motion to recommend to the Village Board approval of this purchase at a cost of \$987. Motion carried.*
- c. Cleaning of Village Hall/PD/Court room windows: Chief Milligan pointed out that the windows in Village Hall which includes the Clerk/Treasurer's office, the Police Department and the CourtRoom/Village meeting room need to be cleaned. He is aware that the Public Works Department is understaffed at the moment and suggests hiring an outside company to complete the task. *A Reiersen/Sallee motion to refer the matter of hiring a company to clean Village Hall windows. Motion carried.*

Court update: Court forfeitures for the month of October 2021 were \$10,588.25.

Approval of operator licenses for Melina E. Kowalski-The 46 Tavern and Madelyb J. Cochran-Main Street country Store. The applicants passed background checks. *A Mizialko/Sallee motion to recommend approval to the Village Board. Motion carried.*

Contract for Fire Protection Services and Emergency Medical Services with the Town of Walworth update. No additional information was available at this time.

Village Ordinance review and update. No action was taken at this time.

- a. Beer gardens
- b. Al fresco dining
- c. Food trucks

Fire/Rescue Department & Police Department Facilities Discussion. No further discussion was held at this time.

Schedule next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 6 at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment: *A Mizialko/Sallee motion to adjourn at 5:19 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Reiersen
General Services Chair
Village of Walworth Trustee