

VILLAGE OF WALWORTH

GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, November 4, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

Walworth Memorial Library, 525 Kenosha St., Walworth WI

MINUTES

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Reiersen at 5:30 p.m.

Roll call: Present were Trustees Ken Ellerth, Lawrence Gums and Kristi Reiersen. Also present were Trustee Bob Ball, President Louise Czaja, Police Chief Ryan Milligan and Fire/Rescue Chief Dave Austin.

Comments from the public: none

Approval of Minutes from the September 3, 2024 and October 7, 2024 regular General Services meetings. *A Reiersen/ Ellerth motion to approve the October 7, 2024 regular General Services minutes. Motion carried.*

Discussion, Consideration and Recommendation on the following:

Municipal Code Enforcement Officer. No action was taken at this time. It will be discussed at a future meeting.

Speed limit on Kenosha Street/County B. No new information about this process has been gathered. Trustee Reiersen will contact Walworth County officials to start the information gathering.

Open Arms request for mobile unit placement. No recommendation was made at this time. It will be discussed next spring.

Crossing area on Devils Lane (behind Daniels Foods). No action was taken at this time.

Fire & Rescue Department Monthly Report

There were twenty-seven (27) rescue calls (YTD 336) and thirteen (13) fire calls (YTD 103) for the month of October 2024.

- Chief Austin reported that there was positive feedback about the upcoming referendum at the three public meetings held at the Fire/Rescue Building. Members of the department distributed many flyers to inform and publicize the referendum.

- Chief Austin discussed the need for new living quarters for the 24-hour on staff personnel. The current cost of remodeling a portion of the Fire/Rescue Building for this purpose is \$20,000. Chief Austin will provide more information and quotes at the next meeting.
- There is no new development concerning the contract for fire/rescue services with the Town of Walworth.
- Chief Austin is reviewing service contracts and subscriptions used by his department in order to eliminate those that are unused or unneeded. He is also revising training figures (i.e. EMT class, etc.) and time frame.

Emergency Government Monthly Report

Work is on-going. Trustee Gums is preparing a packet of information to present at a future meeting.

Police Department Monthly Report

The Walworth Police Department responded to, and/or addressed 706 calls for service during the month of September 2024. The Department responded to, and/or addressed 694 calls for service during the month of October 2024.

Chief Milligan reported on the following items:

- Police Department vehicles are in good shape.
- The Department is working with Big Foot Union High School on obtaining a gun safe for the SRO officer's office.
- The Chief expressed concern the calls and investigations require more time by the officers which results in less patrol time.

Court update

The Municipal Court turned over \$7,846.59 in forfeitures to the Village Treasurer for the month of September 2024. The Court turned over \$14,095.80 in forfeitures to the Village Treasurer for the month of October 2024.

Schedule next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 2 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment: *A Ellerth/Gums Motion to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Reierson
General Services Chair
Village of Walworth Trustee