

VILLAGE OF WALWORTH GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, December 5, 2022, 5:30 p.m.
Village Hall, 227 N. Main St., Walworth WI

MINUTES

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chair Reiersen.

Roll call: Present were Trustees Kristi Reiersen and Joan Sallee. Excused was Trustee Dan Mizialko. Also present were Police Chief Ryan Milligan, Fire/Rescue Chief Dave Austin, Trustee Bob Ball, President Louise Czaja, Walworth District Administrator Phill Klamm and Walworth School Board President Mary Heyer.

Comments from the public: none

Approval of Minutes from the October 5, 2022 regular General Services meeting.

A Sallee/Reiersen motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion, Consideration and Recommendation on the following:

Fire & Rescue Department Monthly Report

Chief Austin reported on the fire and rescue calls for the months of October and November, 2022: there were 11 fire calls in October and 7 in November; there were 32 rescue calls in October and 25 rescue calls in November.

- Chief Austin reported that tires of the ambulance were replaced at a cost of \$700.
- Elections for officers, trustees, etc. will take place on Dec. 6, 2022. The Chief will report the results at the January meeting.
- Three members of the department have finished EMT training.
- Chief Austin will form a committee to explore the purchase of a new ambulance. Due to the production process, a new vehicle could take up to two years to arrive. Once a new vehicle has arrived, he is considering keeping the current ambulance as a reserve vehicle so the department has a back-up vehicle if the main vehicle is taken out of service for maintenance, etc.
- a. Fire & Rescue By-laws: Nothing has been finalized at this time. Chief Austin is considering restructuring the department to a hiring or appointment format in order to update to keep up with current standards. This is one of his goals for 2023.

Emergency Government Monthly Report: no report at this time.

Police Department Monthly Report

The Walworth Police Department responded to, and/or addressed, 675 calls for service for the month of November, 2022. Chief Milligan expressed concern over the increase of mental health-related calls which have increased. His concern is whether or not the county human services are able to adequately assist with these types of calls.

- a. Winter Parking Ordinance update: no further action required at this time.
- b. Part-time officer candidate(s): Chief Milligan has two highly qualified candidates for positions within the department. Both candidates would complete academy classes and training in the department. Background checks are in the process of being completed.
- c. New body cameras: Chief Milligan indicated that the cameras have arrived and have been activated. Due to their sensitive nature, additional fine-tuning is taking place.

*The Walworth Police Department responded to, and/or addressed, 725 calls for service for the month of October, 2022.

Municipal Court update

Court forfeitures for the month of November 2022 were \$25,539.56.

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Walworth County Radio Project

Due to the need to update the Walworth County radio systems, Walworth County initiated a study of the current public safety radio communications systems. A timeline for this project was established, and a vendor was selected. While payment is not needed until the equipment has been delivered and installed in 2024, orders need to be placed by the deadline of December 15, 2022.

- a. ACTION: recommendation to the Village Board to order the radio equipment with Radicom for the police department by the deadline of December 15, 2022 in order to qualify for the discount.
A Reiersen/Sallee motion to recommend to the Village Board the order of radio equipment with Radicom for the police department by the deadline of December 15, 2022 at the discount price of \$92,645.63 for 5 mobile radios and 12 portable radios. Motion carried.
- b. ACTION: recommendation to the Village Board to order the radio equipment with Radicom for the fire/rescue department by the deadline of December 15, 2022 in order to qualify for the discount.
A Reiersen/Sallee motion to recommend to the Village Board the order of radio equipment with Radicom for the fire/rescue department by the deadline of December 15, 2022 at the discount price of \$207,861.24 for 8 mobile radios and 24 portable radios. Motion carried.

Application for Street Use Permit by Carlie Blackman, Semper Running Foundation

- a. ACTION: recommendation to the Village Board approval of street use permit for the half-marathon on Saturday, July 8, 2023

A Sallee/Reierson motion to recommend to the Village Board approval of the street use permit for the Semper Running Foundation half-marathon on Saturday, July 8 2023. Motion carried.

Consideration of an additional crosswalk with potentially a crossing guard on Fremont Street (in front of doors)

District Administrator Phill Klamm, representing Walworth Elementary School, spoke to the committee about this matter. His concern is for the safety of students being dropped off and picked up before and after school. Traffic is heavy on Fremont Street at those times, and his proposal of creating a crosswalk by the main entrance doors would create a safer way for students to cross the street. He does not anticipate needing a crossing guard at this time; school personnel would fulfill that duty. The committee agreed with the need to ensure safety for the students. It will refer this matter to the Public Works Committee to determine the feasibility and cost of creating a cut-out in the curb on the west side of the potential crosswalk area.

- a. ACTION: recommendation to the Village Board for additional crosswalk.

A Reierson/Sallee motion to recommend to the Village Board an additional crosswalk on Fremont Street by the Walworth Elementary School main doors. Motion carried.

Citizen concerns about speeding on Devils Lane and trucks going through the roadway.

The committee discussed this matter. Police Chief Milligan is aware of the situation and will assign additional patrols of the area to monitor traffic.

- a. ACTION: recommendation to the Village Board concerning speeding on Devils Lane and truck traffic on the roadway. *No action was taken at this time, but the committee will keep this matter under advisement.*

Schedule next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 3 at 5:30 p.m. Agenda items will include annual reviews of the police chief/departments and fire/rescue chief/departments.

Adjournment: *A Reierson/Sallee motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Reierson
General Services Chair
Village of Walworth Trustee

*This information is included in these minutes due to the fact that the November 7, 2022 meeting was canceled due to a lack of quorum.