

VILLAGE OF WALWORTH GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, December 6, 2021, 4:30 p.m.
Village Hall, 227 N. Main St., Walworth WI

MINUTES

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Chair Reiersen.

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

Comments from the public: Bob Ball commented on the increase of construction traffic on Phillips Street. Chief Milligan stated that he will contact the Tracy Group about the matter.

Approval of Minutes from the November 1, 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 written call report for the month of November was available at this time. However, Chief Austin reported that it has been a busy time for the department.

Chief Austin reported on department personnel, in particular the hiring of a new Metro employee Jess Grabowski as a firefighter/EMR. He will be interviewing a candidate this week for another vacant position. Jason McDaniel is a new member of the department; he is enrolled in EMT class. Also, the Chief pointed out that the bill from Metro will be adjusted due to the fact there were no Metro employees working during that time in November.

Chief Austin also mentioned the challenges in getting reports out, but indicated that progress has been made in organizing the Fire/Rescue Department office and in filing of invoices due in part to the assistance of Maria from the Village Hall office.

Engine 5 has problems with computer-regulating pump pressure and was taken out of service. (The tanker, however, has a pump for use.) The officers will meet to decide what direction to go. Miscellaneous items: Election of officers will take place on Wednesday, December 8, 2021. Two members of the department will attend EMT class starting in January. An apparatus

committee will be created to review the needs of the department and to make recommendations about equipment purchases. The joint services program is working well.

- a. Fire & Rescue By-laws: nothing to report at this time.

Emergency Government Monthly Report: no report at this time.

Police Department Monthly Report

Chief Milligan provided a written report on last month's calls. The Walworth Police Department responded to, and/or addressed, 671 calls for service during the month of November 2021.

Chief Milligan provided an estimate of \$63,700 for the Walworth County Radio Project which included the purchase of portable multi-band radios, single-band mobiles and a police department base station. This project is still in the planning phase; therefore, this estimate may change. President Czaja spoke on Walworth County's planning and use of American Rescue Plan funds for this project. More information will be available in the future.

- a. Nalox Box installation: The Chief discussed the opportunity to have a box installed in Village Hall at no cost to the Village. The box which is equipped with overdose response tools including naloxone would be provided by WALCODAC (Walworth County Drug & Alcohol Coalition). A representative is available to present the project to the Village Board. *Mizialko/Reierson motion to recommend a presentation to the Village Board. Motion carried.*
- b. Sponsorship of Caleb Broege for part-time patrol: The Police Department will be sponsoring Caleb Broege at the police academy which starts in January 2022. The cost of the academy will be defrayed by the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Caleb will be compensated as a part-time officer during his academy training. Chief Milligan indicated that his budget for part-time officers will cover this expense.

Court update: Court forfeitures for the month of November 2021 were \$6,847.10.

Approve Operator License for Hallie Wozniowski-Siemers Cruise Inn. The applicant passed a background check. *Mizialko/Sallee motion to recommend approval to the Village Board. Motion carried.*

Village ordinance review and update: The consensus of the committee is to move forward with ordinance language for adoption. A deadline of March 2022 was set in order to prepare for the upcoming spring and summer season.

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

Closed Session

To consider a motion on whether or not to conduct a closed session in accordance with Wisconsin Statute 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 of police department evaluations.

A Sallee/Mizialko motion to go into closed session.

Roll call: Trustee Mizialko aye
 Trustee Reiersen aye
 Trustee Sallee aye

The committee went into closed session at 5:24 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 5:39 p.m.

Sallee/Mizialko motion to recommend to the Village Board the promotion of Lieutenant Alonzo to Captain Alonzo. Motion carried.

Schedule next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for January 24 at 5 p.m. Agenda items will include a closed session for the purpose of discussing police department evaluations.

Adjournment: *A Mizialko/Sallee motion to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Kristi Reiersen
General Services Chair
Village of Walworth Trustee