

VILLAGE OF WALWORTH

GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Village Hall, 227 N. Main St., Walworth WI

MINUTES

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Reiersen at 6 p.m.

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

Comments from the public: none

Approval of Minutes from the December 4, 2023, January 2, 2024, January 23, 2024 and March 5, 2024 regular General Services meetings. *A Reiersen/Gums motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2023, January 2, 2024, January 23, 2024 and March 5, 2024 regular General Services meetings. Motion carried.*

Discussion, Consideration and Recommendation on the following:

Fire & Rescue Department Monthly Report

No call data was available at this time due to the early meeting date. Chief Austin reported on the following items:

- The light mast has been repaired on Engine 4 as well as other repairs that were discovered.
- One candidate has applied for the EMS position, but no decision has been made at this time. The department continues to advertise for part-time help.
- a. Termination of Contract with Paramedic Billing Services for Walworth Area Fire-Rescue Services. Chief Austin related challenges dealing with this service. *A Reiersen/Gums motion to recommend to the Village Board termination of the contract with Paramedic Billing Services and to contract with EMSM Billing. Motion carried.*
- b. EMS Billing: Chief Austin recommended entering into a contract with this company for Walworth Fire-Rescue Services. He stated that the department needs to update billing rates.
- c. Referendum: Chief Austin indicated that any upcoming referendum for Fire/Rescue services focus on staffing and compensation. He indicated that he would like to add four full-time positions (two paid by the Village and two paid by the Town) in order to provide complete coverage for the Village and Town. He also stated that he would like to increase the stipend for volunteers. The consensus of the committee was to continue exploring this option.
- d. Village/Town contract negotiations: A tentative meeting date of April 11 at 9:15 a.m. was scheduled to meet with representatives of the Town of Walworth to discuss fire/rescue service.

Emergency Government Monthly Report

Trustee Gums reported that work is progressing.

Police Department Monthly Report

No call data was available at this time due to the early meeting date. Chief Milligan reported on the following items:

- Calls for service are up. The department reports an increase in domestic calls and burglaries.
- The new equipment for the Ford F150 has arrived; the department is on the waiting list to have it installed.

Court update

No data was available at this time due to the early meeting date.

Agreement for Warning System Annual Inspection & Preventative Maintenance

Chief Austin explained that a service call from Emergency Communication Systems is \$145 per hour or \$900 for a service call and maintenance of both sirens. *A Gums/Reierson motion to recommend to the Village Board entering into a service and maintenance agreement with Emergency Communication Systems. Motion carried.*

Street Use Permit Application submitted by Agape House for 5k event on April 27, 2024 from 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

The Police Chief indicated that the police department has no problems with this event. *A Reierson/Gums motion to recommend to the Village Board approval of the street use permit application submitted by Agape House for a 5k event on April 27, 2024 from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Motion carried.*

American Legion Memorial Day parade application for May 27, 2024 from 9:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Police Chief Milligan expressed no concern with this event. *A Reierson/Gums motion to recommend to the Village Board approval of the American Legion Memorial Day parade application for May 27, 2024 from 9:45 am.-11:00 a.m. Motion carried.*

Ordinance language revision and clarification of fine(s) for overweight truck enforcement.

Discussion focused on the need to clarify our ordinance language. Chair Reierson will consult with Deputy Clerk Kellie Thelen about possible language. Village President Czaja will contact the Village attorney for information and an opinion.

Schedule next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment. *A Reierson/Gums motion to adjourn at 6:39 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Reierson
General Services Chair
Village of Walworth Trustee