

# VILLAGE OF WALWORTH

## GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 5, 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 6:13 p.m.

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

**Comments from the public:** none

**Approval of Minutes from the December 4, 2023, January 2, 2024 and January 23, 2024 regular General Services meetings.** No action was taken at this time; the item was tabled.

#### **Discussion, Consideration and Recommendation on the following:**

##### **Fire & Rescue Department Monthly Report**

There were thirty-three (33) rescue calls [YTD 33] and nineteen (19) fire calls [YTD 19] for the month of January 2024. There were thirty-four (34) rescue calls [YTD 67] and nine (9) fire calls [YTD 28] for the month of February 2024.

Deputy Chief Kahl reported on the following items:

- There are no issues with the Advanced Life Support Intercept & Ambulance Billing Agreement with the Village of Fontana.
- Applications for full time personnel are open.
- The department will submit an application for a federal Fire Act grant. The deadline is March 8, 2024.
- Eighty-three firefighters from surrounding counties attended the department organized event featuring a speaker held at the high school.
- The new engine is working well. Engine 4 will go in for repair of the light tower. It will be out of service for a couple days.

##### **Police Department Monthly Report**

The Walworth Police Department responded to and/or addressed 736 calls for service during the month of January, 2024. The Walworth Police Department responded to, and/or addressed 676 calls for service during the month of February 2024.

Chief Milligan reported on the following items:

- The F150 truck is not yet equipped for service.
- Officer Pohlman completed ALICE Active Shooter Response training.
- Chief Milligan completed an instructor course.

- Sgt. Vogt completed a course on human trafficking.
- a. Department issued firearms: the equipment has arrived; qualification training will be held soon.
- b. Purchase of Life Vac equipment: the device to aid with choking has been purchased.
- c. Ordinance Changes: Clarification surrounding the ordinance change for overweight vehicles is needed. Chair Reiersen will contact the Village Officer about the matter.
- d. Axon Body Camera Contract [2025 Budget]: Chief Milligan indicated that the contract needs to be redone, but there may be a cost increase. He is contemplating a proposal for a 10-year rather than a 5-year contract. He will continue to research the matter.
- e. Full time officers in the 2025 year: Call volume continues at a high level; 44 more calls than a year ago were responded to during the past month. Chief Milligan is concerned about the department being understaffed to handle the volume of calls each month. He stated that investigations take officers off of patrol. More full-time help is needed.

**Court update:**

Court forfeitures for the month of January, 2024 were \$5,412.54. Cour forfeitures for the month of February 2024 were \$10,160.45.

**Emergency Government Monthly Report**

Trustee Gums reported on the meeting held February 13, 2024. Materials were reviewed for continuity. The next meeting will be held on March 12.

**Code Enforcement Officer hiring [2025 Budget]**

No action was taken at this time.

**Hwy 14 Reconstruction project by the DOT/Traffic pattern proposals round the square**

A meeting with Village officials and a representative of the DOT is scheduled for March 11 at 4 pm. A recommended option will be discussed.

**Schedule next meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 1, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:** *A Reiersen/Gums motion to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Reiersen  
General Services Chair  
Village of Walworth Trustee