

# VILLAGE OF WALWORTH GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 2, 2021, 5:00 p.m.  
Village Hall, 227 N. Main St., Walworth WI

## MINUTES

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:14 p.m. by Chair Reierson

**Roll call:** Present were Trustees Dan Mizialko and Kristi Reierson. Present by phone was Trustee Joan Sallee. Also present were Police Chief Ryan Milligan, Fire/Rescue Chief Dave Austin, President Louise Czaja, Trustee Bob Ball and Ethan Connelly.

**Comments from the public:** none

**Approval of Minutes from the July 5 and August 2, 2021 regular General Services meetings.** *Mizialko/Reierson motion to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.*

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

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

Fire/Rescue Chief reported on items pertaining to the Fire/Rescue Department:

- Chief Austin reported on call data for the month of August 2021: 40 rescue calls (273 YTD); 5 fire calls (61 YTD).
- There was a community cook-out at Heyer Hardware where \$1,000 was raised. Chief Austin was pleased by the turn-out and will organize other community outreach events in the future.
- There was damage to one of the department's vehicles which was investigated by the Sheriff's Department. An estimate for repairs in the amount of \$9,933.68 was received. *Reierson/Mizialko motion to refer the matter to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.*
- Chief Austin received the resignation of Aspen Zillmer, currently a daytime employee. A job posting for the daytime slot will be published.
- There was a joint meeting with all the Joint Services stakeholders. The group indicated that things are moving along well and calls have been responded to efficiently. An increase to \$20 per hour for paramedic pay was requested.
- Chief Austin indicated that the contract with METRO for 324 was never signed. METRO requests a signed contract as soon as possible.
- The insurance rating is under review.

- a. Fire & Rescue By-laws: no update
- b. 2022 Budget requests - review and discussion:
  - i. Chief Austin indicated the need to update wireless devices. A move to FirstNet is being considered. A quote will be obtained for budgeting purposes.
  - ii. Equipment purchases are dependent on the contract with Walworth Township which is still under review.

**Emergency Government Monthly Report:** No meeting was held this month. A draft of the Walworth County Hazard Mitigation Plan has been reviewed. A copy will be placed in the Village Hall Clerk/Treasurer's office.

**Police Department Monthly Report:** Chief Milligan provided a report on last month's calls. The Walworth Police Department responded to, and/or addressed, 697 calls for service during the month of August 2021. Chief Milligan also reported that the new squad car is getting outfitted at this time. The department continues to search and apply for grants for equipment. Finally, Walworth Police Department officers sponsored a food drive at Daniels Foods on September 2. Three squad cars full of donations were received.

- a. Parking on Ridge Road: there have been comments concerning parking on this road which is narrow when cars park on both sides. Chief Milligan along with Trustees Mizialko and Reiersen will schedule a visit to the area to survey residents about this matter.
- b. Parking on S. 5th Ave. at Devils Lane Park: There was a question about the street signage. Research on previous committee minutes is needed to review previous decisions and determine if there was proper follow-through.
- c. No Parking area on Fox Lane: Signs have been removed. Public Works will paint the curb in an attempt to clarify parking regulations.
- d. Use of Force Policy on Village website [Act 48, sec. 3 sub. 2]: The Village website will be updated to include this information as well as other procedures and phone numbers.
- e. 2022 Budget requests - review and discussion: Chief Milligan indicated that two officers' vests are needed. He is also researching a 5-year contract for tasers which includes 6 tasers, cartridges, batteries, etc. and will obtain a quote for budgeting purposes.

**Court update:** Court forfeitures for the month of August 2021 were \$12,233.61

- a. 2022 Budget requests - review and discussion: no information was available at this time.
  - Chief Milligan indicated that Officer Torres will transition to court officer in October. (These plans are tentative at this time.)

**Approval of operator licenses for Jose S. Ruiz and Natalia Ortiz Currillo-Kelley's Market, Cody A. Weiland and Tawney K. Denn- Main Street Country Store, and Lisa Sanchez-Siemers Cruise Inn:** The applicants passed background checks. *A Mizialko/Sallee motion to recommend approval to the Village Board. Motion carried.*

**Contract for Fire Protection Services and Emergency Medical Services with the Town of Walworth update:** none

**Village Ordinance review and update:** No action was taken at this time. Potential ordinance language will be requested from the Village attorney.

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

**Fire/Rescue Department Police Department Facilities Discussion:** No further discussion was held. The committee is waiting for further information from Scherrer Construction.

**Schedule next meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 4 at 5:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:** *A Sallee/Mizialko motion to adjourn at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Reiersen  
General Services Chair  
Village of Walworth Trustee