

**VILLAGE OF WALWORTH
GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024, 6:15 p.m.
Village Hall, 227 N. Main St., Walworth WI

MINUTES

Prepared by: Lawrence Gums

Date: September 18th, 2024

1. **Call to order:** Trustee Gums called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.
2. **Roll call:** Present were President Louise Czaja, Trustee Lawrence Gums, Trustee Ken Ellerth, Police Chief Ryan Milligan.
Absent were Chair Kristi Reirson, Fire / Rescue Chief Dave Austin
3. **Comments from the public:**
 - a. The start and end times of construction/contractor services
 - b. The number of properties that need maintenance and who is responsible within the village for issuing citations and contacting citizens regarding violations.
4. **Approval of Minutes from July 30, 2024, Regular General Services meeting.**
 - a. Ken Ellerth makes a motion to approve, Lawrence Gums seconds the motion, all in favor, motion is approved.

DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE FOLLOWING:

5. **Ordinance review of morning start and evening finish times for contractors in the Village.**
 - a. Police Chief Ryan Milligan states that he believes the hours to be 7 am to 10 pm. Further, he adds that certain contractors can operate outside of these hours, i.e. delivery vehicles, garbage trucks, and mail trucks.
6. **Absentee landlords' upkeep of property.**
 - a. A review of the number of properties that are known to need attention and discussion on who will be responsible for moving forward, identifying a need to review job descriptions for our building and zoning inspector.
7. **Municipal Code Enforcement Officer.**
 - a. Revisited the idea of hiring an outside entity to operate within the Village for code enforcement. Louise Czaja spoke about referring this to the finance to better understand what the Village can afford.
8. **Speed Limit on Kenosha Street/County B.**
 - a. Discussion was had on the current speed limit of 35mph and who is responsible for the speed limit. The committee voted on a tentative approval to bring the discussion before the county for final approval.
 - b. Lawrence Gums made a motion to approve the reduction of the posted speed limit from 35mph to 25mph, Ken Ellerth seconded the motion.
9. **Open Arms request for mobile unit placement.**
 - a. Potential locations discussed in the vicinity of the Wayside Motel, Emmanuel church the library, and the Family Dollar. Trustee Ken Ellerth volunteered to reach out to Open Arms to identify

needs and historical locations to determine where may suit them best.

10. Crossing area on Devils Lane (behind Daniels Foods.)

- a. Cjaza emails from a citizen who was “hit” while crossing the road in the vicinity of now Daniels Foods, and fears this may happen again to another child without a crosswalk.

11. Fire & Rescue Department Monthly Report

- a. Monthly call data was reviewed
- b. November Referendum was discussed
 - i. Additional signs
 - ii. Meeting schedules
 - iii. Social media posts
 - iv. month/weekly/daily cost projects TBD

12. Emergency Government Monthly Report

- a. No report was available at this time.

13. Police Department Monthly Report

- a. Monthly call data was reviewed
 - i. Increase in burglary
- b. The police truck needs to be refitted for the back window cage
- c. Squad 3 transmission will need attention due to age and deficiencies.
- d. Donation of \$6300 from Onvoy for forcible entry tools thanks to active shooter training provided by Village of Walworth Police Officers.
- e. Full-Time Officer Resignation of Sal Marquez.
 - i. The committee voted to recommend to the board preemptively approving the hiring process if an officer is found before the October board meeting. Ken Ellerth motioned, seconded by Lawrence Gums.

14. Court Update

- a. No report was available at this time

15. Schedule next meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for *Monday, October 7th, 2024 at 6:20 p.m.*

16. Adjournment: Gums / Ellerth motion to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Motion carried.