

**VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

(Final Minutes)

Protection Committee

Monday, March 17, 2025

The meeting of the Protection Committee was called to order at 4:30 pm on Monday, March 17, 2025, by Chairman Petersen.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Petersen, Dan O'Brien, Pat Kenny, Dave Prudden, Joe Corso, Mark Gerard 4:35

Committee Members Absent: Rob Rowe

Also Present: Police Chief Jeff Cates, Administrator Theresa Loomer, Stephanie Klug, Zach Budill, Jose Sierra, Hamilton Smith

Visitors Heard

None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the meeting held January 20, 2025, were distributed to the committee members via email.

Corso/Kenny 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes from January 20, 2025, as submitted, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

General Business

Discussion or Action on Closure of Lake Street on 6/26/25 for Gordy's 70th Anniversary Alumni Party

The committee recommended approval of the temporary expanded premise service area in addition to the closure of Lake Street on 6/26/25 for Gordy's 70th Anniversary Alumni Party.

Kenny/Corso 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the temporary expanded premise service area in addition to the closure of Lake Street on 6/26/25 for Gordy's 70th Anniversary Alumni Party, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Discussion or Action on Event Request from Lake Geneva Run Club for May 4, 2025

Hamilton Smith and Jose Sierra from the Lake Geneva Run Club let the committee know that they have been hosting runs for the last 7 months. The group meets on Sunday mornings at the Coffee Mill and there are usually 20-30 people week to week. They would like to host a Wings for Life World Run on May 4, 2025, starting at 6:00 am and being done by 8:00 am. Jose presented a map which showed the route, starting at Reid Park, going up into Country Club Estates and back to Reid Park. Cates asked if they do have a much larger group of runners than expected, to notify the police department so they can plan ahead.

Prudden/Kenny 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Event Request from Lake Geneva Run Club for May 4, 2025, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Fire/Rescue Department

Monthly and Annual Report

The monthly report was sent via email to the committee members.

Discussion or Action on Intergovernmental Agreement with Delavan Township

Budill stated that the purpose of the Agreement is to have Delavan Township Fire Department provide full fire and EMS coverage to a portion (primary service area) of Walworth Township. The agreement would be in effect May 1, 2025, and remain in effect until terminated by either of the parties. Fontana would provide Delavan Township with \$30,000.00 per full calendar year of service of the primary service area.

Kenny/O'Brien 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the tentative Intergovernmental Agreement presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Collective Bargaining Updates

Loomer stated that the Village Board approved this recently, but the contract dates to January 1, 2024. There was a 2.5% increase in wages for 2025 and a 3% increase for 2026. The major changes are, right now the staff receives 8 hours of sick leave per month and that went up to 12 hours, which is based on the 24-hour shift schedule. The vacation schedule was adjusted up in year 15 to be more comparable with our neighboring communities, and there was a Lieutenant position added.

Williams Bay Intergovernmental Agreement Update

Loomer stated that both communities have signed the Agreement. Williams Bay Village Board has signed it within the last two weeks and Fontana Village Board signed it at the March Village Board meeting. The Agreement is for a 10-year term.

Discussion or Action on Civilians on Fire Boat

Budill stated that recently the fire department has been asked if other individuals would be allowed on their fire boat for the sake of training. The committee thought it would be ok if it benefits the fire department and helped with training, based on what the Village's insurance company determines. A waiver would also be required to be signed.

Kenny/Prudden 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of allowing Civilians on the fire boat for training purposes only, pending the Village's insurance company's approval, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Police Department

Monthly Report

The monthly report was sent via email to the committee members.

Discussion or Action on Fraud/Scam Mailer

Cates stated that crime prevention is one of the main priorities at the police department. Each time the police department takes a report from someone that was victim to a scam with significant loss of finances, the department has always done a social media post making people aware of the current scam going around. The department continues to take reports from victims of these scams and when looking at the victims, the one thing in common is that they are not on social media, so the posts being made are not reaching the right individuals. Cates is looking to send out a postcard flyer to reach people that are not on social media. Cates figured that postage would be approximately \$1500.00 and printing of the flyer approximately \$1000.00.

Kenny/Prudden 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of a fraud/scam flyer to the residents of Fontana, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 21, 2025, at 4:30 pm.

Adjournment

Kenny/Petersen 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:59 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by Stephanie Klug, Administrative Assistant

Note: These minutes are subject to further editing. Once approved by the Protection Committee, the official minutes will be kept on file at the Village Hall.

APPROVED: 05-19-25