

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

**Protection Committee
Monday, April 20, 2026**

The meeting of the Protection Committee was called to order at 4:30pm on Monday, April 20, 2026, by Chairman Petersen.

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

Committee Members Absent: Rob Rowe, Mark Gerard

Also Present: Police Chief Jeff Cates, Deputy Fire Chief Jon Kemmet, Stephanie Klug, Theresa Loomer, Chamber Interns Emme Nyman & Humberto Nova

Visitors Heard

None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the meeting held February 16, 2026, were distributed to the committee members via email.

Prudden/O'Brien 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes from February 16, 2025, as submitted, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

General Business

None

Fire/Rescue Department

Monthly Report

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

Discussion or Action on Williams Bay Fire RFP

Kemmett stated that the Village of Williams Bay contacted the village requesting a proposal for providing fire service to Williams Bay. This request was taken to the village board and the board approved moving forward with the request. Chief Manthy is working on the proposal for fire service to Williams Bay and will have three different options. Two of the options work with Williams Bay to provide fire service and one with Fontana providing full fire service to Williams Bay. The completed proposal will be presented to Williams Bay by the end of this week.

Discussion or Action on Presentation of PFAS Class Action Lawsuit

Kemmett stated that Chief Manthy was contacted by an attorney, asking if the village would like to participate in a possible class action suit against the manufacturers of PFAS and of turnout gear containing PFAS. Many municipalities have replaced or will need to replace turnout gear in the near future, which would have a substantial cost. With this suit, the manufacturers of the turnout gear containing PFAS could be held accountable and would need to reimburse the village for the cost of new turnout gear. There would be no cost to the village for participating in the suit.

Prudden/Corso 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of putting the village's name on the possible class action suit against the manufacturer of PFAS and of turnout gear containing PFAS, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Updates on Hiring

Kemmett stated that the hiring process was successful. Three positions are being filled, one being an internal promotion.

Police Department

Monthly Report

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

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2026, at 4:30 pm.

Adjournment

Prudden/Kenny 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:38 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: 6-15-26