

**VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE**  
**WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN**  
**(Preliminary Minutes)**  
**Protection Committee**  
Monday, October 10, 2022

The meeting of the Protection Committee was called to order at 3:30 pm on Monday, October 10, 2022, by Chairman Petersen.

**Committee Members Present:** Chairman Petersen, Al Kaminski, Robert Moravecek, Joe Corso, Mark Gerard

**Committee Members Absent:** Jim Carroll

**Also Present:** Chief Jeff Cates, Chief Wolf Nitsch, Jon Kemmett, Scott Peterson (3:32), Theresa Loomer, Rick Manthy, Pat Kenny (3:35), Stephanie Klug

**Visitors Heard**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the meeting held on June 13, 2022, were distributed to the committee members via email.

Corso/Moravecek 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes from June 13, 2022, as submitted, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**General Business**

**Set Next meeting date, November 14, 2022**

The November meeting was rescheduled for Monday, November 14, 2022 at 3:30 pm.

**Proposed Letter to Village of Walworth to Disallow Fireworks Sales**

Private firework displays without a permit are not allowed under Village ordinance or State Statute. Every year the Village of Walworth and Heyer Hardware Store have permitted a firework sales tent around the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday. Chief Cates stated he wrote a letter several years ago and asked the Village of Walworth not to allow the sale of fireworks within their Village. No reply was ever received. Chairman Petersen asked Chief Cates to research the firework sale laws in Wisconsin and then draft a letter to send to the Village of Walworth President and Heyer Hardware and request both entities to not allow the sale of fireworks in the Village of Walworth.

**Hunting/Trapping of Nuisance Coyotes**

The police department has received complaints about sightings of coyotes at the Duck Pond dog walking area as well as other locations in the Village. Chief Cates stated this item was added to the agenda last minute after receiving a call last Friday from a homeowner on Mill Street whose dog was attacked and killed by a coyote. Chief Cates contacted the DNR who recommended the Village hire a nuisance trapper which could have an impact on the coyote population in the Village.

Trustee Petersen/Corso 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval to hire a nuisance trapper to help decrease the population of coyotes within the Village, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Fire/Rescue Department**

**Monthly Report**

The monthly report was emailed out by Stephanie Klug and there were no questions.

### **Update on Bunk Room Renovation**

Chief Nitsch stated that the committee has taken a tour of the bunk room. There are a few minor details that need to be finished yet, but the room is mostly complete.

### **Approval of Mill Street House Burn**

Chief Nitsch informed the committee that he and Firefighter Cody Heindl have been working with the property owner at 569 Mill Street. The property owner has been issued a raze or repair order and has agreed to allow the Fire Department to burn down the property and use it as a training exercise. Chief Nitsch reported the state paperwork, and the asbestos and abatement paperwork are complete. The Fire Department has notified the neighboring businesses and homeowners to let them know the date of the proposed house burn. Other fire departments that are assisting with the house burn are Walworth, Linn, Williams Bay, Darien, and Hebron. Moravecck/Gerard 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the proposed house burn at 569 Mill Street, on Saturday, November 5, 2022, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **Police Department**

#### **YTD Report**

The year-to-date report will be sent via email to the committee members.

### **Adjournment**

Corso/Kaminski 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 3:46 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: 12-12-2022