

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

**Protection Committee
Monday, April 17, 2023**

The meeting of the Protection Committee was called to order at 4:30 pm on Monday, April 17, 2023, by Chairman Petersen.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Trustee Petersen, Al Kaminski, Joe Corso, Mark Gerard, Jim Carroll (4:33 pm)

Also Present: Police Chief Jeff Cates, Fire Chief Wolf Nitsch, Assistant Fire Chief Jon Kemmett, Administrator Theresa Loomer, Deputy EMS Chief Rick Manthy, Stephanie Klug, Mike Puttrich

Visitors Heard

None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the meeting held on December 12, 2022, were distributed to the committee members via email.

Corso/Kaminski 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes from December 12, 2022, as submitted, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

General Business

Discussion or Action on Proposed Crosswalk at Highway 67 & Main Street-Tabled 12/12/22

Mr. Puttrich, President of the Cliffs Association, stated that the residents of the Cliffs would like to have a crosswalk installed at the entrance to the Cliffs on Hwy 67. There is a flashing light crosswalk at Hwy 67 and Porter Court. If another one was installed at Hwy 67 and Main Street they would be right next to each other. The speed limit is 35 mph on Hwy 67 between St. Benedict's Church and the top of the hill going north but it seems like traffic is going much faster making it a challenge for someone with a small child or dog to cross. Puttrich suggested reducing the speed limit to 25 mph from 35 mph as an option. Chief Cates stated that the County Highway Safety Committee would need to be contacted regarding any change to the speed limit on Highway 67. Cates also stated that the cost of installation for the flashing crosswalk at Hwy 67 and Porter Court was about \$8000.00 when installed in 2018. Puttrich stated that at this time the Cliffs Association does not have money to put towards a flashing light crosswalk being installed at a different location. Chief Cates was asked to check and see what crosswalk signs are posted currently and bring that information to the next meeting before a decision is made whether to add another crosswalk.

Fire/Rescue Department

Monthly Report

The monthly report was not discussed.

Discussion or Action for Second Floor of Safety Building

Chief Manthy stated that since utilizing a substantial portion of the existing meeting room as a bunk room, the space left in the room is not large enough to be used for meetings or training. They would like to finish a part of the upstairs storage area to use as a meeting/training room. To complete the work, they would utilize Fire Department personnel as well as DPW staff and estimate it would cost \$25,000.00. Administrator Loomer stated that a new building is still being discussed and the possibility of the Village of Williams Bay wanting to make a long-term commitment to build a joint building. Even with a decision soon, a new building would be at least

2-3 years out. It was asked if it was possible to utilize another space within the village or local entities allowing the Fire Department to use a space to hold Fire/EMS training.
Kaminski/Corso 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Fire Department staff visit with local entities, such as the Abbey Resort to see the possibility of utilizing, renting, or leasing a space to hold Fire/EMS trainings, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Update on ALS Support to Linn Township as Far East as Academy Road

Chief Manthy stated that the Village of Fontana has an agreement with the Town of Linn to provide paramedic level service west of Academy Road if requested.

Discussion or Action on First Amended IGA with Village of Williams Bay

Administrator Loomer stated that the draft of the first Amended Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) was presented back in December of 2022, by the Village of Williams Bay. Fontana had the village attorney review it and he requested items such as definitions be added, verify the billing agreement, and some language changes be made. Another change was the Village of Williams Bay going from contributing four personnel to contributing seven personnel and cost will continue to be divided in half between the Village of Williams Bay and the Village of Fontana. In Addendum A, some additions were the employer cost of employee benefits for vision insurance, life insurance and pension. Additional items include software for scheduling and doing patient care reporting and technology required for email licensing as well as resources for overnight accommodations at the Fontana Municipal building.

Kaminski/Corso 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the First Amended Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) with the Village of Williams Bay, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Discussion or Action on Sending Fire Department Personnel to Paramedic School

Chief Manthy stated that the goal was to hire all paramedics but with the hiring pool, they ended up hiring two Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) and one Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT). They are looking to send one AEMT to paramedic school with the understanding that the Fire Department would pay for the cost of tuition, which would be approximately \$10,000.00 and the AEMT would be responsible for their time at class.

Kaminski/Corso 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval to send one AEMT to paramedic school, pay the tuition which is around \$10,000.00 and the employee would be responsible for their time, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Discussion or Action on Docking Location of Fire Boat

Chief Nitsch stated that about two months ago the Fire Department received a donation of a boat lift for the fire boat. At the time, he thought it would be best to accept it and store it for the future in case they were unable to keep the fire boat in the Abbey Harbor. He then presented a photo that was taken in the Abbey Harbor which showed the water runoff, which would have been going into the fire boat if it were already in the water. This was the case four years ago when the fire boat did sink due to water runoff. With the water issue, utilizing the boat lift now would be the best option. Chief Nitsch was asked to contact the Abbey Harbor to see if they would allow the stationary boat lift to be installed along the wall where the police boat is located, and report back to the committee at the next meeting.

Police Department

YTD Report

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

Update on Village of Walworth Fireworks Stand

At the October 10, 2022, Protection Committee Meeting the committee asked that Chief Cates draft a letter to the President of the Village of Walworth and Heyer's True Value requesting both entities not allow the sale of Fireworks in the Village of Walworth. Chief Cates stated that he

received a letter in response from Diana James and Michael Cornellier which stated, the fireworks stand located at Heyer's True Value in the Village of Walworth only sells fireworks that are excluded from the definition of fireworks by both state (167.10) and Village of Walworth ordinance (2018-12). Chief Cates stated that he and the Village of Walworth Police Chief plan to do walk throughs at the fireworks stand to ensure that the only fireworks being sold are allowed to be used in both the Village of Walworth and the Village of Fontana.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 15, 2023, at 4:30 pm.

Adjournment

Corso/Kaminski 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 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: 05-15-2023