

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

**Protection Committee**  
Monday, September 18, 2023

The meeting of the Protection Committee was called to order at 4:31 pm on Monday, September 18, 2023, by President Pat Kenny.

**Committee Members Present:** Mark Gerard, President Pat Kenny, Rob Rowe, Joe Corso

**Committee Members Absent:** Jim Carroll, Trustee Petersen, Al Kaminski

**Also Present:** Police Chief Jeff Cates, Fire Chief Wolf Nitsch, Administrator Theresa Loomer, Stephanie Klug, Liz Baumann, George Beukema

**Visitors Heard**

George Beukema addressed the committee regarding the intersection at N. Lakeshore Drive and Stearns Road, which was discussed during the August protection committee and September village board meetings. The committee informed Beukema that the village will be putting up a “Slow Dangerous Intersection” sign to try to get traffic to slow down. When N. Lakeshore Drive gets re-done in the upcoming years, the grading will be altered so there will be a better line of sight at the intersection.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the meeting held on August 21, 2023, were distributed to the committee members via email.

Gerard/Corso 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes from August 21, 2023, as submitted, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**General Business**

**Discussion or Action on Proposal for New Safety Building Study**

Theresa Loomer stated that she received two proposals, one from Public Administration Associates (PAA) and Five Bugles, and the other from PPA and Plunket Raysich Architectural Firm (PRA). Loomer stated that after contacting other communities that have recently used Five Bugles, there was some negative feedback. However, both Lake Geneva and Linn recently worked with PAA and had nothing but positive things to say. Since PAA’s original quote did not include GIS mapping and that is an important determinant in station location, she asked PAA to include GIS mapping in an updated proposal. The proposal presented to the committee from PAA provides a quote to review GIS, operations, equipment, and look at the area and project out 25 years to project the population and future needs of the community. PAA prepared two different options. Option No. 1 is just for Fontana which would be a cost of \$23,500.00. Option No. 2 would include Fontana and Williams Bay at a cost of \$35,400.00. The proposal has been sent to Williams Bay and will be on the agenda at their upcoming protection committee meeting. Loomer suggested that the village move forward with Option No. 1, which is just Fontana, and if Williams Bay would like to be a part of the study, they would pay for the difference in cost between Option No. 1 and Option No. 2.

Rowe/Corso 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of Option No. 1, which is the Fontana only public safety facility study for the cost of \$23,500.00, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

## **Fire/Rescue Department**

### **Monthly Report**

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

### **2024 Budget Overview**

Chief Nitsch discussed some of the items the fire department has for the 2024 budget. A couple of the bigger items are new Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), new cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) mannequins, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs) for the ambulance and Tahoe as well as new dive gear.

### **Discussion or Action on Williams Bay Ambulance Lease**

Chief Nitsch stated the Williams Bay ambulance is officially in service.

### **Discussion or Action on Abbey Springs Siren Replacement**

Chief Nitsch stated the siren located in Abbey Spring is over 20 years old and needs repairs. He received a quote for repairs which came in between \$10,000.00 and \$11,000.00. Since a new siren was installed two years ago on Indian Hills Road, close to County B, and can be heard throughout Abbey Springs, he is unsure if the village wants to spend the money to repair the 20-year-old siren in Abbey Springs. Nitsch will check with the company to see if the siren in Abbey Springs could be turned off for the next monthly test and see if the new siren on Indian Hills Road is heard throughout Abbey Springs. If the siren on Indian Hills is sufficient, the village would not replace the siren in Abbey Springs. Member Joe Corso who is a resident of Abbey Springs stated he did not see a problem with not maintaining the old siren in Abbey Springs. Corso/Gerard 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend a siren test be done with the siren in Abbey Springs turned off, and remove the repair cost from the 2024 budget, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

## **Police Department**

### **Monthly Report**

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

### **2024 Budget Overview**

Chief Cates stated for 2024 the police department budgeted for a new squad, and one additional full-time officer, which would bring the department to eight, including himself.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2023, at 4:30 pm.

### **Adjournment**

Corso/Rowe 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 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: 01-15-24