

**VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE**

Walworth County, WI

**Protection Committee**

Monday, January 18, 2016

(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Protection Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm on Monday, January 18, 2016 by Chairman Dave Prudden.

**Committee Members Present:** Chairman Prudden, Trustee Petersen, Bob Allen, Joe Corso, Jim Frost, Bob Moravecek

**Committee Member Absent:** Phil Costa

**Also Present:** Greg Blizard, Jim Frost, Clerk Theresa Loomer, Fire and Rescue Dept. Chief Wolfgang Nitsch, Police Chief Steve Olson, Scott Peterson

**Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held September 29, 2015**

Bob Moravecek/Joe Corso 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the minutes from September 29, 2015 as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Visitors Heard**

None

**General Business**

**Traffic/Pedestrian Light on Hwy. 67**

Jim Frost stated he has lived on West Main Street for a long time and over the years the traffic on Highway 67 has become much heavier and has been compounded by school traffic and gravel trucks. He stated visibility is an issue and proposed putting a traffic light at the intersection of Highway 67 and Third Avenue or Highway 67 and Fontana Boulevard. Prudden asked for clarification on which kind of light and Frost replied either a stop-and-go light or a blinking yellow pedestrian warning light. Petersen stated this issue has come up in the past and since the road in question is a state road, the state determines whether the need is there to install any kind of traffic light. The last time the issue arose, the state sent someone down to conduct a traffic count and number of accidents and determined there were not sufficient numbers to authorize the installation of a traffic light. Petersen also pointed out that when the traffic is the heaviest (in the summer months) there is no school and therefore no school traffic. Chief Steve Olson said the reports from past studies should be available and are likely in the Administrator's office at Village Hall. Since it is unknown exactly when the last study was conducted, Prudden asked Frost if he would be willing to make some calls to the state Department of Transportation to determine if there would be any cost to have another study completed and to gather general information. Frost agreed that he would contact the DOT and report back at the March meeting since he will not be in attendance at the February meeting.

**Fire/Rescue Department**

**Monthly Report**

The monthly report was distributed.

**Jaws for Life**

Nitsch said although the request for new Jaws equipment was struck from the 2016 Village Budget, the department still requires a new Jaws apparatus since the current one is more than 20-years-old. He said the material of cars has changed and so has the technology of the equipment. Three quotes were presented; the first from Reliant Fire Apparatus, Inc. in the amount of \$32,348, the second from Fire-Rescue Supply, LLC at the for the amount of \$20,840, and the third from 5 Alarm Fire and Safety Equipment, LLC in the amount of \$28,541. Nitsch recommended going

with Fire-Rescue Supply, LLC as the firm is the manufacturer of the current equipment and it is located in Wisconsin.

Joe Corso/Bob Moravacek 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval for a new Jaws in the amount of \$20,840 from Fire-Rescue Supply, LLC and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

#### **Monitoring Fire Alarms in Commercial and Multi-Tenant Buildings – Discussion Only**

Nitsch stated he received an inquiry from the owners of the Fontana Inn regarding why an alarm did not sound when bedding was burned from cigarette use in one of the rooms. Most of the rooms contain only household fire alarms and are not hard wired together so the only alarm that sounds is the one in the room, not the entire building. There are a few alarms that are monitored by the front desk personnel, but because the front desk is not staffed around the clock, there is not always someone present to monitor the alarms. Nitsch stated it might be a good idea to require future construction with transient rooms to have a monitored alarm system. There was discussion about which local establishments have monitored or wired alarm systems and also about creating a requirement for existing buildings to comply within a five-year timeframe. Petersen suggested meeting with Zoning Administrator/Building Inspector Ron Nyman for input on the suggested requirement. He also recommended contacting other municipalities for their zoning ordinances regarding alarm requirements.

#### **Disposition of Obsolete Fire Department Air Paks**

Nitsch stated by the time the Village Board approved selling the old air-paks to 5 Alarm Fire Safety and Equipment, LLC., and the company was contacted to make the transaction, they were no longer in need of the old air paks. Nitsch requested authorization to sell the air-paks by other means such as E-bay.

Trustee Petersen/Joe Corso 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval to sell the air-paks by any means possible, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

#### **Police Department**

##### **Monthly Report**

Chief Olson presented his monthly administrative report.

##### **Location of Drug Drop Off Box**

Olson stated he was contacted by Walworth County which offered the Village a free drug drop box. He stated the police department generally receives about six bottles of medication per week on average. The medication is stored until the Sheriff's Department retrieves it which happens once per quarter. Olson recommends that the new drug drop off box be placed at Village Hall which could be perceived as less intimidating than going to the police department to drop off drugs.

Bob Moravecek/Jim Frost 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of placing a drug drop off box at Village Hall, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

##### **Set Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date was scheduled for Monday, February 15, 2016 beginning at 4:00 pm.

##### **Adjournment**

Jim Frost/Joe Corso 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:49 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Theresa Loomer, Village Clerk

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: 4/18/16