

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE

Walworth County, WI

Protection Committee

Monday, January 15, 2018

(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Protection Committee was called to order at 5:00 pm on Monday, January 15, 2018, by Chairman Dave Prudden.

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

Committee Members Absent: Bob Moravec

Also Present: Jon Kemmett, Fire and Rescue Dept. Chief Wolfgang Nitsch, Police Chief Jeff Cates, Terry Jones, Larry Knuth, Stephanie Klug

Approval of Minutes of Meeting October 16, 2017

Corso/Allen 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes from October 16, 2017, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Fire/Rescue Department

Monthly Report

Chief Nitsch presented his monthly report and year-end report. Nitsch also stated the new ambulance that is being ordered does not come with a cot. To purchase a cot, it would be an additional \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00. Since this item was not on the agenda, no formal motion could be made. Allen wanted it noted that if the Village Board does not approve the purchase of the cot, he would fund the purchasing of the cot.

3-Year contract with Paratech

A 1-year contract with Paratech has been approved by the Village Board, however, Trustee Prudden would like to send a 3-year contract to the Village Board for approval. Larry Knuth, from Paratech, stated that the 3-year contract projects what the rate would be over the next 3 years. With each the 1-year and 3-year contracts, the Village would have the 90-day out option. Corso/Frost 2nd made a MOTION to recommend for Village Board approval of a three-year contract with Paratech. The MOTION failed on a 3-3 vote with Trustee Petersen, Allen, and Carroll opposed.

Paratech contract clarification

Chief Nitsch stated he spoke to Larry Knuth from Paratech about having current staff that are certified paramedics work at the paramedic level while on duty. Knuth didn't believe that this fell within the current contract the Village of Fontana has with Paratech. The current Paratech contract states they are to supply the Village of Fontana with one basic EMT and one Advanced EMT for each shift. Knuth also stated that credentialing issues with doing this could be a problem and would have to be addressed. Trustee Prudden asked for Chief Nitsch to work with Knuth to gather more information about costs and any credentialing issues with this matter and then hold a special meeting to discuss this issue more.

Petersen/Allen 2nd made a MOTION to table the issue until more information is gathered and can be presented to the committee, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Police Department
Monthly Report

Chief Cates presented his monthly administrative report.

Crosswalk flashing light at Blvd & 67

Jim Frost presented the information he found about the BlinkerSign Flashing LED Enhanced Pedestrian Crossing Sign. He stated that the cost of purchasing these flashing signs with all the equipment now is approximately \$1,000.00 less compared to September 2016 when it was last discussed. Trustee Petersen stated he doesn't see a need for the flashing signs and perhaps some smaller, stop for pedestrian signs could be put up instead.

Frost/Corso 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of BlinkerSign Flashing LED Enhanced Pedestrian crossing signs at Blvd & 67, and the MOTION carried with a 5-1 vote with Trustee Petersen opposed.

Mill St & Third Ave winter parking amendment

Chief Cates stated that there is limited parking on private property at the Third Ave. apartments and the Mill St. condos. Cates would like to amend the current ordinance to allow parking on the street during the winter months when it is clear and no snow, with a clause that if there is a snow emergency, two inches or more of snow, they would have to remove the cars from the street. He recommends doing a trial run for 2018.

Petersen/Allen 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of a trial run for 2018 that allows parking on Mill St. and Third Ave during the winter months with a clause that if there is a snow emergency defined as two inches or more of snow, the cars will need to be removed from the street.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was scheduled for Monday, February 19, 2018, beginning at 5:00 pm

Adjournment

Allen/Frost 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 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: __04-16-2018_____