

**VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE  
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
Protection Committee  
Monday, May 16, 2022**

The meeting of the Protection Committee was called to order at 3:30 pm on Monday, May 16, 2022, by Chairman Dave Prudden.

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

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

**Also Present:** Chief Nitsch, Chief Cates, Jon Kemmett, Scott Peterson, Dave Fonder, Stephanie Klug

**Visitors Heard**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the meeting held on March 21, 2022, were distributed to the committee members via email.

Corso/Moravecek 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes from March 21, 2022, as submitted, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**General Business**

Next meeting date set for June 20, 2022.

**Fire/Rescue Department**

**Monthly Report**

The monthly report was emailed out by Scott Peterson and there were no questions.

**Municipal Employment Update**

Chief Nitsch announced Village Board approved municipal employment for all the firefighters and paramedics at last week's meeting. Next week there will be a police and fire commission meeting to officially hire the EMS/Fire employees. Nitsch stated he is hoping to have a formal swearing in in July, where badges can be presented, and family can be invited in.

**Williams Bay IGA Update**

Chief Nitsch explained that the Inter-Governmental Agreement with Williams Bay was signed last week. The Village of Williams Bay has agreed to hire four additional personnel and pay for all the gear/equipment and uniforms that are associated with a new hire. They are going to referendum in the fall in hopes to add another three personnel which would be ready after the first of the year. This would add a total of seven firefighter/paramedics, matching the seven that Fontana has currently. This would allow there to be four per shift, at times five per shift.

**Police Department**

**YTD Report**

The year-to-date report was emailed to the committee and there were no questions.

**Discussion and Recommendation for purchase of individual lockers for officers**

Chief Cates stated that a donation was made to the police department, and the funds were to be specifically used for the police department. One item discussed was the purchase of individual lockers for the officers. Cates obtained a quote from Braford Systems for eight lockers. The midrange priced lockers would be \$8,985.00 and the high-end ones that include a bench and more storage were \$11,800.00.

Corso/Moravecek 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the purchase of individual lockers for the police department, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Staffing Update**

Chief Cates stated that we are currently hiring for the CSO and a full-time officer since Officer Brunning went to the Town of Linn. The board recently approved an amendment to the WPPA union contract and now officers will reach top pay after four years rather than seven year, in addition to a \$2 an hour increase. As of today, there have been no applicants for the officer position.

**Adjournment**

Kaminski/Gerard 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 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: 06-13-2022