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Police Committee Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2017 5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes Approval

Chairman Marty Clinch called the police meeting to order at 5:00 pm and roll call was taken.

Village President/Trustee	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5	6
Marty Clinch - Chair	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Jeff DeGroot – Village President	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Brian Wysocki	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Todd Rice	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Amy Pace	Present	Y	Y	Y			

Also Present:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works
 Jeff Boone, Woodford County Sheriff's Deputy
 Matt Smith, Woodford County Sheriff
 Dennis Tipsword, Woodford County Chief Deputy
 Jim O'Laughlin, Village Trustee
 Mike Hinrichsen, Woodford County Board Member
 Russ Cotton, Woodford County Board Member
 Jason Jording, Woodford County Board Member

a. May 26, 2016-Police Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve the May 26, 2016 police committee meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Amy Pace. **Motion passed #1.**

2. General discussion on current police services

Marty Clinch explained the reason for the meeting is to talk about the upcoming contract and current police services. Sheriff Smith had presented a draft agreement that still needs the Public Safety Committee and Woodford County Board approval. Matt noted the draft is based on concerns from the Public Safety Committee on liability cost.

3. Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on the Police Protection Services Contract with Woodford County

It was noted the present police contract is for 140 hours per month on top of our normal County coverage. Jeff DeGroot indicated without a contract the Village would still be calling Woodford County for assistance so they would still be providing police services for Germantown Hills as a part of the County coverage.

The committee discussed and commented on the current police services.

Marty Clinch explained with area speeding problems the Deputy's have been in the areas with concerns and the problems have been reduced. He noted they are great to work with.

Mike Hinrichsen stated the police contract has not come to the County board yet for consideration but he doesn't think there will be a problem with the new contract.

Jason Jording stated he has concerns with the contract about the liability issues and is surprised that Germantown Hills doesn't have their own police department. Jeff DeGroot stated we want to pay for our fair share of the County costs but we aren't the experts in having our own police department and there would be more costs to do so.

Sheriff Smith noted he has two part time officers to cover and concentrate on the Germantown Hills contract hours.

Marty Clinch stated Germantown Hills has a low crime rate but that's in part to having the Deputy's being local with a presence within the community.

Ann Sasso noted having a good working relationship with the Deputy's has been important. Their presence and communication with the Village on our needs has been better than ever. They are local which helps with knowing the people and the community.

Mike Hinrichsen stated there are three key things that are important to manage and they are quality, cost, and time. For our community it would be difficult to manage quality but having access to the Deputy's gives the Village a quick response. All in all this is good for the County and the Village and especially good that we can talk and keep communications open. The Village is expressing satisfaction for the service and the Village is willing to pay for it.

The committee asked if they need to attend the Public Safety Committee meeting and Jason Jording stated it would not be necessary.

The committee discussed and emphasized that the residents are happy with the police protection services. The Village is willing to pay for the services and the Village needs the continued presence of the deputy's.

The Village's radar signs are another tool that the deputy's use in areas within the Village needing more patrol. Ann noted in talking with Deputy Boone that even the speeding has curtailed with the presence of the deputy's within the community. Todd Rice stated he used to get complaints and now he doesn't.

A motion was made by Jeff DeGroot to recommend to the Village Board the Police Protection Services Contract with the increase pending any updates from the County. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #2.**

4. **Adjournment**-A motion was made by Amy Pace to adjourn the police committee meeting at 5:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jeff DeGroot. **Motion passed #3.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk