

Village of Germantown Hills
Police Committee Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2020 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			
Mike Hinrichsen – Village President	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Dick Hartman	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Todd Rice (electronic)	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Stephanie Chaon	Absent	-	-	-			

Todd Rice attended by electronic means as per allowed by the Governor’s Executive Order and the modification of the Open Meetings Act. The village hall was open for the public but there was no public in attendance.

Also, Present:

- Jim O’Laughlin, Village Trustee
- Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works
- Captain Marc Wright, Woodford County Sheriff’s Department
- Matt Smith, Sheriff, Woodford County Sheriff’s Department
- Dennis Tipsword, Deputy Chief, Woodford County Sheriff’s Department

a. December 9, 2019-Police Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Dick Hartman to approve the December 9, 2019 police committee meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mike Hinrichsen. **Motion passed #1.**

2. Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on the Woodford County Patrol Contract FY 2020-2021

Deputy Chief Dennis Tipsword explained to the committee the history of what has happened and why we are needing to make some changes with the contract. He noted the Sheriff’s Office is having difficulty getting part time deputy’s and are needing to go to a full-time position. The past couple of years it has gone well with the two deputies’ being able to fill the contract hours but that is no longer possible. Marc Wright has been promoted to Captain and Jeff Boone is the only part time deputy that is left. The village contract is too big to do that many hours with part time deputy’s because the position would be considered full-time, which brings us to this point.

Marty Clinch indicated the board knew this was coming and understands the need to make the changes.

Captain Wright noted Deputy Boone will go to a full-time position in order to fulfill the contract hours. The Union agreed to allow Deputy Boone to do the position up to one year and then it will go out for a shift bid.

Deputy Chief Dennis Tipsword reviewed the numbers in the contract that has a three-year option. They are proposing a full-time officer for Germantown Hills. The hours were discussed. Dennis noted Marc can give the village a two-month schedule.

Captain Marc Wright indicated Germantown Hills gets a lot of coverage with the contract hours and the county coverage. In addition, several State, County and local officers live within the area. Currently Ann Sasso and Rich Brecklin communicate with Deputy Boone and Captain Wright when there are needs or issues within the community. Both Captain Wright and Deputy Boone are familiar with the community and the needs. Captain Wright noted the shifts could be flexible based on the issues, which they have done in the past when needed.

Mike Hinrichsen stated he felt the village needed to see a schedule.

Todd Rice stated he hasn't seen a schedule in 7 years and doesn't feel it is needed as the Sheriff's office is already communicating with the village when there are needs.

Dick Hartman stated he feels the village is getting great coverage and value from the Sheriff's Office.

Captain Wright stated they have some reporting issues with their system but hopefully that will be corrected soon so reports can be provided.

Mike Hinrichsen noted the village is fortunate to have a great relationship with the County and to have Jeff Boone for the transition. This is a great example of a County working with a municipality.

Sheriff Matt Smith noted their goal is to provide what the village needs.

Ann Sasso noted the Sheriff's Office has been great to work with and the village appreciates all of their assistance.

Marty Clinch stated the village appreciates the help from the county with the speeding and school safety issues.

A motion was made by Dick Hartman to recommend to the Village Board the Woodford County Patrol Contract for FY 20-21. The motion was seconded by Mike Hinrichsen. **Motion passed #2.**

3. **Update on village issues**

Ann Sasso noted a potential request for a drive-in type of movie setting may be brought to the board for consideration. It's very preliminary and not all of the details have been sorted out at this time. The committee discussed.

Rich Brecklin reported the radar signs and speed humps are back out.

4. **Adjournment**-A motion was made by Marty Clinch to adjourn the police committee meeting at 6:04 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dick Hartman. **Motion passed #3.**
Ann Sasso, Village Clerk