

VILLAGE OF EPHRAIM

FOUNDED 1853



Community Protection Committee Minutes Thursday July 6, 2017 4:30 P.M.

Present: Paul Roppuld- Chair, Bob Volpe, Dan Shannon, Keith Krist, Tad Dukehart
Staff: Justin MacDonald- Fire Chief, Susan Shallow- Deputy Clerk
Guests: Diane Taillon

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by chair Roppuld at 4:30 P.M.
2. Quorum: A quorum is present for this meeting
3. Changes to agenda: None
4. Previous minutes-Minutes from April 13, 2017:

Motion per Shannon to approve the April 13, 2017 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Volpe, motion carried.

5. **Visitors' comments:** None
6. **Fire Chief's report:** Chief MacDonald is here to present his report. The department has responded to 18 fire calls and 16 EMS calls to date. Fire Inspections have been completed for the first half of 2017. MacDonald is currently working on next year's budget.
7. **Working Session Chapter Nine (9) Revision:** Roppuld introduced this item with an explanation on the genesis of this project. Many hours have gone into this revision on the Village of Ephraim Chapter 9 Ordinance. Roppuld feels this is a good draft and few changes will be needed. Roppuld thanked Dan Shannon for his dedication and work to complete this first draft of the revised ordinance. The proposed document incorporates our current ordinance as well as both State and County codes by reference and language currently in use by other communities. Roppuld suggested the committee members review the document and if any changes are warranted to get their revisions to the Administrative office by noon tomorrow. The final document will then be distributed to the Board at the July Board meeting.

Dukehart feels more time is needed prior to presentation to the Board, would like to take another month to review the proposed Ordinance. Roppuld inquired where Dukehart sees a problem. Dukehart mentioned that he has not reviewed the document until now but the language concerning graffiti concerns him, and he would like more discussion on this topic. Historically, the Village allows graffiti on the Hardy Gallery siding, the language as proposed states it will no longer be allowed. A change to the proposed ordinance language will be made to reference an exception for the Hardy Gallery siding.

You can't cover every event possible. Shannon agrees that the Anderson Barn has historical significance and has been designated as a graffiti allowed area. Perhaps a sign stating that the only area in that is an exception is the siding of the building. This language will also be included in the ordinance.

Roppuld inquired if the other committee members wanted to review this today, no one responded to this question. Committee members choose to read the document at the meeting. Shallow had found ordinance language that addresses the issue of unkempt lawns and property for reference and possible use for the Committee. Both Dukehart and Bristol are concerned with how this would be monitored and that the Village does not choose to become the fashion police; these pages will be

struck from the ordinance draft.

Brief discussion regarding the air pollution section. Dukehart inquired who will determine enforcement practices and noted that there will be some situations that may not warrant enforcement. Roppuld stated that all complaints will be forwarded to the appropriate body who has the authority to determine if enforcement is necessary. Volpe reminded the committee that this document is intended to provide guidance for property owners and the committee acknowledges that there will be some people who are reasonable and will follow the ordinances and some people who will be unreasonable. It is for the unreasonable people that we have included enforcement and penalty language.

Dukehart also concerned about the noise limitations if we wait until 10:00 to determine a noise violation it will be 10:30 or 11:00 before the Sheriff arrives, Dukehart suggests making it 9:30 instead of 10:00 p.m. Volpe does not see a problem with 10:00 p.m. Diane Taillon stated that her contract states 9:00 p.m. By consensus the time suggested will remain 10:00 P.M.

Roppuld mentioned that in many communities a business is required to obtain a business license which can be suspended if the issuing entity deems necessary. Brief discussion on the issuing and revoking of business licenses. Currently Ephraim does not issue business licenses. The State and County stats note that if violations get to be so egregious that multiple written sheriff's reports are filed repeatedly that a license can be suspended or revoked.

Shannon and Volpe suggested we add loud amplified music and other sounds to the noise nuisance language- section 2 (b). It was noted by Shannon that other communities in the State are also struggling with the issue of dealing with noise issues.

Bristol suggested modification of item 9.03 d (18) and add clearly inoperable and visible. Shallow will accept changes until 12 noon on Friday July 7, 2017.

Property maintenance Bristol suggests removing the additional pages on property maintenance. It will be removed.

Motion per Roppuld to forward the amended document on to the Board for their consideration, seconded by Shannon, motion carried.

8. Visitors' comments: None
9. New business for next meeting: None
10. Adjournment

Motion per Volpe to adjourn this meeting of the Ephraim Community Protection Committee, seconded by Roppuld, motion carried.

Recorded by,
Susan Shallow- Deputy Clerk