

VILLAGE OF EPHRAIM

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Community Protection Committee Minutes Thursday May 10th, 2017 4:30 P.M.

Present: Paul Roppuld, Bob Volpe, Dan Shannon

Absent: Tad Dukehart, Keith Krist

Staff Justin MacDonald – Fire Chief

Guests: John Held

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Chair Roppuld
2. Quorum: A quorum is present for this meeting.
3. Changes to agenda: None
4. Previous minutes-Minutes from October 19, 2017

Motion per Volpe to approve the October 19, 2017 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Shannon, all ayes and motion carried.

5. **Visitors' comments:** Held commented that he has received several e-mails concerning the speed sign on the south end of the Village, it has slowed some drivers down, feels the purpose of the sign has been achieved and noted that a few other communities in the area have also put in signs. It is a healthy reminder to slow down added Roppuld.

6. **Fire Chief's report:** Chief MacDonald reported that the department has responded to 13 Fire Calls which is down for this time of year, 12 EMS runs within the Village, 3 firefighters have completed the certified fire fighter 1 training. Driver operating class is the next step, as soon as a class comes around they will go through that. Volpe has helped them in training for the pump. NWTC does all of their training, 2 new firefighters, roster continues to grow. Annual hose testing June 2nd and ladder testing in the next 2 weeks in Sister Bay, a third party company does it. Rescue boat should be in the water next weekend. MacDonald thinks we will be called more that the DNR will not be around as much as in previous seasons. Smoke alarm installation program going well.

7. **Update regarding State placement of violent sex offenders:** Roppuld reported how this item came to be and that the State Legislature has determined that the offender now needs to go back to the County they came from at the time of incarceration. Kitchens sent an explanation of what it meant and it may now be a non-issue for this community.

8. **Discussion regarding 34 truck and transfer/sale to Ephraim Fire & Rescue Association:**

Roppuld feels that is exactly where this vehicle belongs, there is maintenance involved with this vehicle. Roppuld added that should the Association ever disband the title for that vehicle should revert back to the Village.

Volpe mentioned that the Association has funds to maintain the truck and it is in good shape.

Motion per Volpe that the title for the 34 Museum piece be transferred to the Ephraim Fire and Rescue Association with the caveat that should the Association ever disband that the title will come back to the Village, seconded by Shannon, all ayes and motion carried.

9. **Discussion and recommendation regarding a uniform speed limit in Ephraim:** Roppuld introduced this item. It has been before the Board in the past and several voters have approached him regarding a uniform speed limit in the Village. With respect to this sidewalk that is going to be placed on the east side of the road, while the walking space basically remains the same, once the State approves that being turned over and under the streetscape project be turned into a sidewalk they will absolutely require that the Village assume full liability for both maintenance and liability of any incidents that

occur on that sidewalk where now it all belongs to the State. They are not relinquishing title of that property but there will be a formal document. Which means is if a buggy gets hit while walking on that sidewalk the Village is financially liable for that in terms of a lawsuit. With that said, while we are raising our liability, we then all of a sudden raise the limit in a congested area. The Sheriff's Department would like to see us with a uniform speed limit as well as some of the residents. Roppuld then opened the item up for a motion and additional discussion. MacDonald then shared a letter from the Sheriff. Held noted a couple of signs in Gibraltar that are changed seasonally as well. Held thinks it makes sense to go to one speed.

Motion per Volpe to approve and recommend to the Board that the current speed limits of the summer session which is 25 in the downtown area and 35 on the south and north end of the Village become a uniform speed, year round in the Village, seconded by Shannon, all ayes and motion carried.

10. Discussion and recommendation regarding purchase of Wastewater truck for Fire

Department: MacDonald introduced this item, WW is purchasing a new truck, as will be looking to sell their F150, and MacDonald is looking for a command vehicle and is interested in the WW F150. They would like to make an offer prior to it being placed up for auction. MacDonald stated that it would need to be outfitted, and they have some of the needed equipment. It would be used by the command staff from the Village as well as other departments across Door County, nobody else has one. Roppuld comments that he has no problem going before the Board with this request.

Motion per Volpe to approve and recommend to the Board that the Fire Department be allowed to purchase the Wastewater F150, to use it as a Command vehicle in the form of an interagency transfer, seconded by Shannon, all ayes and motion carried.

10. Visitors' comments: Held stated that it was a good meeting.

11. New business for next meeting: A letter from the EBC concerning a red van parked on the north side for an extended period.

12. Adjournment

Motion per Shannon to adjourn this meeting of the Ephraim Community Protection Committee, seconded by Volpe, all ayes and motion carried.

Transcribed by,
Susan Shallow- Deputy Clerk