

VILLAGE OF EPHRAIM

FOUNDED 1853



Community Protection Committee Minutes Wednesday June 13, 2017 4:30 P.M.

Present: Paul Roppuld- Chair, Dan Shannon, Bob Volpe, Tad Dukehart

Absent: Keith Krist

Staff: Justin MacDonald- Fire Chief

Guests: John Held, Van De Ven

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Chair Roppuld at 4:30 PM
2. Quorum: A quorum is present for this meeting
3. Changes to agenda: None
4. Previous minutes-Minutes from May 10, 2018:

Motion per Volpe to approve the May 10, 2018 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Shannon, all ayes and motion carried.

No motions or change to the minutes as they were presented.

5. **Visitors' comments:** None

6. **Fire Chief's report:** Chief MacDonald is here to present his report. 1 Ephraim call, 3 EMR calls in Ephraim and 1 Mid Door run. Training was conducted at the Airport and a review of the Knox box locations and procedures has taken place. Airport fueling operations, hanger locations and how to approach an aircraft were reviewed. Mid-Door training was conducted in Gibraltar and consisted of auto extraction training. 2 officers have completed Certified Firefighter 1 testing in Green Bay. Multiple firefighters participated in the mock accident at Gibraltar school. The rescue boat has been launched for the season. Weekly truck inspections have been completed. Fire inspections continue within the Village. MacDonald mentioned that a house burn training is coming up soon.

7. **Discussion and recommendations regarding Chapter 5 Burn Ordinance and other directly related issues:** MacDonald explained the current process. We are the only municipality that has this type of permit with a fee of \$10. MacDonald feels we need to re-work this ordinance and suggests we do away with the snow requirement for brush burn permits. MacDonald also talked about Chinese Lanterns, feels these are dangerous. Wherever the wind takes it is where it will go. Dukehart remembers 1 fire pit call that we have had and that is the only one, feels now it is time to allow portable fire pits. Volpe feels we need to have something that is common sense. Agrees that Chinese Lanterns should be regulated. Shannon thinks it makes sense to show caution, there are ways to manage open fires. Roppuld asks MacDonald to look this over any make changes he feels are necessary and present for next meeting.

8. **Discussion and recommendations regarding Revisit of St Hwy 42 speed limits based on public comment:** Roppuld introduced this item. Roppuld and Dukehart have received a number of phone calls regarding this change. The concern seems to be why we are creating an issue where there has not been one before. Dukehart thinks we should leave it as it is and it will be just fine. We should wait until Streetscape is done and see how that affects the traffic flow. Roppuld also has received calls. For the State highways department to turn over a portion of a state highway is rare and we will have full liability for that highway. Dukehart inquired if the Sheriff's department asked us first or did we contact them. A deputy speaks on behalf of the Sheriff, Roppuld does not know who called whom. Dukehart inquired

what the difference is in the liability for 25 miles per hour in the summer and 35 miles per hour in the winter. That's a good question but it is an academic question, replied Roppuld, does the Committee feel it is

safer to reduce the speed limit, not in the winter time replied Dukehart. Do we want to tackle this as a Committee, Shannon no, Volpe no, Dukehart absolutely not. Ok it's done. Held thinks the Committee should discuss the 25 mile per hour speed limit. Roppuld feels the Committee is done with this item. Dukehart calls for a vote.

Motion per Dukehart that we not have a 25 mph speed limit year round in the Village and changing the speed limit to 35 in the winter, as it currently occurs, seconded by Volpe, Dukehart aye, Volpe aye, Roppuld aye, Shannon nay and motion carried.

Brief additional discussion, no changes.

9. Nuisance property code/ordinance enforcement:

Roppuld introduced this item. Inquired if the Committee wanted to weigh in on this. Roppuld has received a letter from the EBC and another letter in complaint about the Paint Box Gallery property and Carol Gresko. One letter list of 22 conditions which are in violation of our nuisance ordinance. These are formal complaints. Either this committee can become involved or it will go directly to the Board. Volpe stated that when another house has similar problems the CPC was not involved. Dukehart thinks the Trustees should deal with this issue.

Shannon feels the surface response seems to be constant with what these complaints are about. Shannon noted that there is some overlap in Chapter 9 and Chapter 10 dealing with this subject. The grass is currently mowed. We need to be clear about exactly what we are dealing with in regard to the nuisance ordinance. We have to be very careful about what we are accusing about and what the complaint is about. We have in the ordinance a passage about vehicles that are not in working order or being parked for more than 48 hours on Village or State property.

Dukehart noted that the van is parked on private property and the tags are only 1 year in noncompliance all she needs to do is go to the M Sister Bay Mobil and update her sticker for another year. It is her van, it is not our responsibility to monitor vehicles on private property. The van is parked there because she has a neighbor dispute with another business Jo Joe's Pizza owner next door, it is up to them to work it out. Does not feel we have the right to become involved in this dispute. A complaint has come in and Brent or the Board should send a letter.

Volpe does not feel this Committee should become involved. Roppuld shared his thoughts on this item, in regard to the enforcement issue on the Nuisance Ordinance Chapter It is beyond the scope of authority of this Committee to deal with.

Motion per Volpe to refer this issue back to the Board of Trustees to deal with as they see fit, this is not part of our scope of authority, seconded by Dukehart, all ayes and motion carried.

Further discussion, they do have a gray area of this issue and that is the Chapter 9 and 10 Ordinance added Shannon. Roppuld will address this issue with the Board.

10. Visitors' comments: None

11. New business for next meeting: We will see what comes up

12. Adjournment:

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

Transcribed by,

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