

VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD HILLS
Public Health & Safety Committee Minutes - APPROVED

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 - 7:00pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Carol Barford called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. **Roll call:** Committee members present were Carol Barford, Jeremy Tunis, Bob Falk, Dietmar Bassuner and Bill Muehl. Jim Rogers was absent-excused and Nadeem Afghan was absent-excused. Also present were Village Administrator Sharon Eveland, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Chrissy Kahl and Michael van Landingham as a member of the public.
3. **Note compliance with open meeting law:** Kahl confirmed that the meeting was properly posted.
4. **Approve meeting minutes from January 23, 2024:** Bassuner moved, seconded by Muehl to approve the January 23, 2024 meeting minutes. Bassuner abstained. Motion carried.
5. **Public Comments-**This is an opportunity for community members to speak to the Committee. No discussion or action may take place at this time and speakers may be limited to three minutes. Michael van Landingham is attending regarding item #7 police pursuits. He supports the Police Chief's letter from the Village Board meeting.
6. **Discussion and possible action on anti-idling ordinance recommendations for the Board:** Barford gave some background information regarding this item. Barford talked to the Police Chief Pharo and Public Works Department Head Handschke regarding the impact of an anti-idling ordinance to their operations. Chief Pharo said this would be more of public education rather than issuing tickets. Handschke said they already do all they can to limit idling as a crew. Exceptions would be for emergency situations like snow emergencies or water main breaks. Discussion included: Contact and education from police rather than enforcement; not to include power equipment; a non-issue for small equipment; over time, philosophy is to work toward electric equipment; try to convey what the community stands for-environment; responsibility falls on owner of vehicle as written in City of Madison ordinance-should this be on the operator; this ordinance would be more of a statement of values rather than day-to-day enforcement; include power equipment (small engines); call all internal combustion engines to include vehicles to small engines.

Barford to ask the Village Board for guidance: Owner or operator of vehicle-who is cited and fee structure. Perhaps give a period of time that the police department would do warnings and education rather than citations (ie: for the first year).

Barford to review with the Village Board for feedback on where this is now and have Board authorization for legal review of the ordinance.

7. **Discussion of Shorewood Hills Police Department vehicular pursuit policy:** Barford gave an overview of this item. The committee is tasked with fact finding, best practices baseline, dictionary of what can trigger a pursuit. To take to the Board-a matrix that includes what is in COPS, SHPD, City of Madison, WisStats policies as a comparison. Laying out and defining what is a violent crime and when you may break off a pursuit. To be reviewed by Police Chief Pharo. Discussion included: pursuit policy; the trigger into high-speed pursuit; the committee's task is to find the difference between our policy and other policies (listed above); be sure all our policies are very similar to others/in agreement (continuity); our job to make this digestible for the Board-not to make decisions.

Barford will create a Google doc matrix. Committee members volunteered to each take a chapter and crimes to complete the matrix. To be done by next March 20th, ideally to add to the packet.

8. **Discussion of February SHPD report and statistics:** Muehl moved, seconded by Falk to table this item. Motion carried.
9. **Future Agenda Items** – This is an opportunity for committee members to request an item be added to a future agenda. No discussion may take place on any requested items at this time and committee members should not make lengthy statements on their request.
 - a. Continuous fire, EMS and police calls monthly

10. **Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, March 26, 2024

11. **Adjourn:** Bassuner moved, seconded by Tunis to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Chrissy Kahl
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer