

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

Date and Time: Thursday, June 6, 2024 - 7:00 pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Bob Falk called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
2. **Roll call:** Committee members present were Mr. Falk, Bill Muehl, Jim Rogers and Robb Stankey. Shabnam Lotfi, Jeremy Tunis and Nadeem Afghan were absent/excused. Also present was Administrative Services Coordinator David Sykes.
3. **Note compliance with open meeting law:** Mr. Sykes confirmed that the meeting was properly posted.
4. **Approve meeting minutes from April 23, 2024:** Mr. Rogers moved and Mr. Muehl seconded a motion to approve the April 23, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
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. No one from the public attended the meeting.
6. **Review of VOSH speed data:** The Committee discussed the data provided by the police department and some of the historical data collected.
7. **Drive 20 Challenge:** Mr. Falk added the idea of a “Drive 20 Challenge” to the agenda for discussion.
Mr. Rogers expressed his opinion that the goal of any initiative should be more than just reducing speed. It should look at traffic volumes on specific streets, routing traffic away from routes with pedestrians and children.
Mr. Stankey mentioned a Minneapolis program called “20 Is Plenty” for neighborhoods that have a similar 20 mph speed limit to Shorewood Hills. The program offers free yard signs with the “20 Is Plenty” logo that acts as a constant reminder that the speed limit is 20 mph. Mr. Stankey agreed to contact the program coordinator(s) in Minneapolis about data related to the program and the Committee could continue its discussion at the next meeting.
8. **Fire, EMS and Police call review:** Mr. Rogers provided a summary of the quarterly EMS & Fire call data provided by Madison Fire Department. He also mentioned the police department’s monthly report from April, in which, Chief Pharo highlighted the addition training sessions/conferences attended by Lt. Weitzel and Det. Dostalek.
Mr. Stankey noted the DT4000 crash reports are being posted on the Shorewood Hills [Police Department website](#). The provide interesting information related to crashes that require a police department response.
9. **Discussion of police and staff recognition:** Mr. Falk would like the Committee to find ways to acknowledge the police officers for the work they are doing, possibly sharing a

version of the Chief's monthly report with the public. He asked the Committee to think about ways the Committee can support the police department's interactions with the community.

10. Recent MPD Award: Mr. Rogers highlighted Chief Pharo's monthly report that cited the recent recognition of Det. Dostalek and the Madison Fire Department Community Alternative Response Emergency Services (CARES) Team for their actions following a welfare check of a student that made suicidal statements. Contact with the student was made and services were offered. A cornerstone of the CARES initiative is to ensure that medical and behavioral healthcare is integrated at the onset of crisis intervention, increasing patient satisfaction while diverting people away from emergency rooms and jails. In this instance, the local police and CARES response worked as intended.

11. 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
- b. Finding, hiring, training and retaining police officers as ways to support the police
- c. Police and staff recognition
- d. 20 is Plenty program

12. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 7:00pm via Zoom

13. Adjourn: Mr. Muehl moved and Mr. Rogers seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sykes
Administrative Services Coordinator