

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

Date and Time: Thursday, July 11, 2024 - 7:00 pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Bob Falk called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. **Roll call:** Committee members present were Mr. Falk, Bill Muehl, Robb Stankey, and Jim Rogers. Shabnam Lotfi, Jeremy Tunis and Nadeem Afghan were 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 June 6, 2024:** Mr. Rogers moved and Mr. Muehl seconded a motion to approve the June 6, 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. **Update on VOSH speed data:** The Committee hasn't been provided with any new speed data since the last meeting. Mr. Falk will continue to work with Chief Pharo on additional speed data.
7. **Update on Drive 20 Challenge:** Mr. Falk reported that Minneapolis and the City of Madison have a "20 is Plenty" program. His call to City of Madison Engineering is yet to be returned. Mr. Stankey said he has contacts established at City of Madison Engineering and will ask to be introduced to the appropriate person managing the program.
8. **Police and staff recognition:** Mr. Falk had a discussion with Police Chief Pharo about the idea of including a "Get to know your police officer" article in the Village Bulletin. The idea was met with a lukewarm response. Chief Pharo indicated most of the officers are concerned about their privacy and in the current environment are also concerned about bad actors who may target police officers.
Mr. Stankey suggested some public outreach activities that could make the relationship between the police department and residents more interesting, like "ice cream with a cop" or "coffee with a cop" events.
9. **Finding, hiring, retaining Police staff:** Carol Barford, Chair of the Personnel Committee, has been talking to Lt. Weitzel who is concerned about the long-term status of the police department. Ms. Barford intends to propose an ad hoc committee of Personnel Committee members, Public Health & Safety Committee members and possibly citizen members to focus on this issue.

10. DOT Safet Streets for All (SS4A) Grant proposal status: Mr. Rogers brought the grant information to Mr. Falk's attention. It is a grant opportunity that is available as part of the federal infrastructure bill specifically for safer streets. Mr. Falk reviewed the 3-step process for the Committee to receive grant funds. The City of Madison has received a grant in the past and has a Municipal Planning Organization (MPO) established which is one of the requirements to apply for a grant. The Village could develop a plan that is complementary to the City of Madison's existing plan and join the MPO in the next round of applications. Other area municipalities have done something similar. One idea is to move the Locust Drive Bike Path off of the road. The grants require a 20% municipal match and there would be a fee from the MPO for administering the plan development.

11. Fire, EMS and Police call review: Mr. Rogers provided a summary of the quarterly EMS & Fire call data provided by Madison Fire Department (2024 Q2 April-June). He also highlighted Chief Pharo monthly report which included details on the essential services provided by the officers and a number of training activities accomplished by Sgt. Dodsworth, Det. Dostalek, Ofc. Bartels, Ofc. Maginot and Admin Asst Hartwig. The entire Department completed CPR and AED recertification.

12. 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. Drive 20 Challenge

13. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

14. Adjourn: Mr. Rogers moved and Mr. Stankey seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sykes
Administrative Services Coordinator