

April 8, 2019 MINUTES

Public Health and Safety Committee

1. Called to Order at 7:09 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Members present – Trustee Scott Friedman, Jeremy Tunis, Jim Rogers, Cara Silverman. Staff Present – Police Chief Aaron Chapin; Excused – Tim Crisp; Bill Muehl; Public – Maha Mohamed; Lamees Elhassan (1110 Shorewood Blvd.).
3. Noted compliance with open meetings law.
4. Jim Rogers moved approval of prior meeting minutes. Scott Friedman seconded. All in favor, 4-0.
5. **Discussion and possible recommendation on Ordinance allowing residents to keep goats.** Karl Frantz explained that this is mainly a zoning issue. Use of property is restricted to uses under the zoning code (here, a single family residential along with accessory uses that are listed in the code). Were the village to consider allowing goats, it would need to amend the zoning code to allow this as an accessory use in the zoning district. Pools, playhouses, detached garages, driveway expansions are considered accessory to the home. And if we were to allow goats as an accessory use, we would also have to outline restrictions to that use (e.g., no roosters if keeping chicken).

Jeremy Tunis stated that, on its face, this does not seem to be an unreasonable request, and wondered if the village could require homeowner to carry extra insurance and whether any other Dane County locations allowed goats.

Jim Rogers asked what is current process were an animal to cause damage to another property, and have we amended the code re: restrictions on pets and liability?

Ms. Elhassan explained that a 5-foot fence is permitted with neighbors' permission, that her family has not owned small goats before, but that they are amenable to other things to accommodate goats (2nd fence for example).

Jim Rogers and Scott Friedman both explained that they need more education on this first, including how high a fence would need to be, noise/odors/etc so that we can understand and make a recommendation to the Plan Commission. All agreed the Committee should hear more next meeting.

Cara Silverman was excused at 7:53pm.

6. **Update on Police Department personnel.** Chief Chapin explained that Steven Boyd is doing well and projects to work alone in two weeks which allows Jamie to do her shift and cover vacancies.

Chief Chapin further commended Nick Bybee, the Community Service Officer (parking, window, phones, jack of all trades, bike rodeo at school) for doing a fantastic job.

7. **Update on Body Cameras.** Chief Chapin cancelled the L3 Order. The Village Board approved moving to different vendor. Delivery expected soon.
8. **Review and possible discussion of recent police activity reports.** None, but busy. Only two drug (marijuana) incidents. Traffic stops are up (122).
9. **Possible topics for next meeting.** Aditional discussion and possible recommendation on Ordinance allowing residents to keep goats; marijuana use and reducing staff time policing along with penalties.
10. Set next meeting date – May 6th.
11. Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.