

Public Safety Committee Minutes
Village of Somerset
Aug. 5, 2024

Members Present in person: Chris Dubak, Chris Moreno. Members Absent: Ryan Sicard. Chief Joel Trepczyk in person. Shane Demulling and Lenny Germain in person.

1. Public Safety Committee Meeting Called to Order at 5:00 pm.
2. Approval of the July 1, 2024 Minutes
Motion Moreno, 2nd Dubak- Carried.
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items: None
4. Unfinished Business: None
5. New Business:
 - a. Discussion: Concert Update/Noise Complaints- Sound Levels and Sound Checks
 - Committee discusses complaints. There are 25 events allowed, there are 5 scheduled concerts this year which are under the allowed decibel levels. Member Moreno suggests notifying residents of sound check dates via Facebook.
 - Community member Shane Demulling discusses music being heard all the way to Cedar Lake.
 - Concerns were raised over increased traffic in the township on concert days. Member Moreno suggests the township be notified the week prior to a concert regarding projected concert numbers.
 - b. Discussion/Possible Recommendation: Depot Street Parking
 - Curbs have been painted yellow but there are no signs or an ordinance in place to enforce parking.
 - Suggestion to adopt into ordinance 10-1-28(b) shall read:
“No person shall stop, park or allow any vehicle to stand at any time on the west side of Depot Street.
Motion Dubak to amend the ordinance as stated, 2nd Moreno under 10-1-28(b)(10). This will be brought before the next board meeting. – Carried
6. Municipal Court
 - a. 2024 Budget Report -reviewed
7. Police Department
 - a. 2024 Budget Report -reviewed
 - b. Police Chief Report
 1. July Incident Report- Chief reviews incidents.
 2. Department Activities-
 - There have been 2 concerts held so far with 2 OWI arrests at the last concert. No major backups for traffic.
 - Firearms training, Chief attended a Tactical Response Instructor School.

- SRO position is back to full time this year, there will be interviews this month for that position.
- The new squad has been completed and will be taken to a show as part of the purchase agreement.

8. Police and Court Bills- reviewed

9. Future Agenda Items- None

10. Adjourn

Motion Dubak, 2nd Moreno 5:34 PM.

Submitted by Gina Thurnbeck