

Public Safety Committee
Village of Somerset
Monday February 10, 2025

Members present: Chairperson Chris Dubak, Committee Member Chris Moreno and Ryan Sicard, Chief Joel Trepczyk by zoom.

Community members: Jon Reader and Cortney Briggs and EJ Lallier.

Trustee Kern and Village of Somerset President Mike Kappers by zoom, Andrea Otto Village Treasurer and Lt. John Farrell in person.

1. Public Safety Committee Meeting Called to Order by Chair Dubak: 5:00pm
2. January 13, 2025 Minutes
Motion Moreno, 2nd Dubak to approve January 13, 2025 minutes – carried.
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items:
EJ L’Allier- Somerset Amphitheater addresses the committee with concerns pertaining to the ICUP. (Interim Conditional Use Permit)
4. Unfinished Business
 - a. Discussion/Possible Recommendation: ICUP Review-Events
 - Times regarding rehearsal cannot be posted to the public.
Mr. L’Allier understanding of changing the wording in the ICUP was to make the billing easier, which was mutually agreed upon.
 - Suggestions as to starting the ICUP process earlier in the year with the Public Safety committee to allow for more time before approval by the full board.
Motion Sicard, 2nd Moreno to recommend approval of the ICUP for Live Nation and Somerstar Entertainment LLC to the full board with the change in #7g. – carried.
 - b. Discussion/Possible Recommendation: Establish a Smoke Shop Ordinance
 - Jon Reader and Courtney Briggs address changes and the creation of Ordinance 7-3-2. Questions as to the possibility of a smoke shop ordinance vs. cigar shop ordinance. There may potentially be a State Statute that would cover the cigar portion. Member Sicard will look at Hudson’s ordinance and how they differentiate between the two, Smoke Shop vs. Cigar Shop.
 - Chef Trepczyk believes it would be more of a licensing ordinance that would be determined at the onset of a business coming to town, treated like a liquor license.
Motion Sicard, 2nd Moreno to table for now to enable the committee to gather more information regarding 2 ordinances. – carried.
5. New Business
 - a. Discussion/Possible Recommendation: Agent Name Change- APG WI LLC, 419 Main Street.
Motion Moreno, 2nd Sicard to approve recommended name change. – carried.
6. Municipal Court

- a. 2025 Budget Report- reviewed
7. Police Department
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 - b. Police Chief Report
 - 1. January Incident Reports
150 calls for service
 - 2. Department Activities
 - Chief Trepczyk, SRO Kerber and Officer Weiske attended Active Threat Training in Superior, WI.
 - SRO Kerber, and LT. Farrell attended Sexual Assault/ Best Practice Training.
 - All officers attended a joint training between CPS and Law Enforcement.
 - Some officers participated in a mutual aid event for the City of Menomonie and Dunn County, covering shifts to allow their officers to attend an officer's funeral.
 - Transitioning to CIT, IT services.
8. Police and Court Bills
- Chair Dubak questions the entry of "Gray Key" – It is an agreement that the department has with St. Croix County Sheriff's Office. It is software that helps with phone extractions/downloads that is done locally. This information will be used for evidentiary purposes. Gray Key has shortened the time for receiving information from a cell phone extraction/download. In the past it has taken sometimes two years, the latest extraction took a week.
9. Future Agenda Items
- Smoke Shop Ordinance
10. Adjourn
- Motion Sicard to adjourn, 2nd Moreno 5:34pm – carried.

Submitted by Gina Thurnbeck