

## **Public Safety Minutes**

### **April 8, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Gari Lorenz. The members present were Greg Russell, Sarah Nelson, and Brad Steiner. In person attendees were Sheriff Dale McCullick, Joe Morovits, Coroner, Sonya Lenzendorf Public Health, Julie Cipra, 911 Coordinator, Shaw Lenzendorf EM Director, Marc Myhre EM Specialist, and Administrative Assistant Candice Erickson.

The meeting was verified as having been posted. Next meeting is May 6, 2025, at 8:30am for signing of bills and 9:00 am for start of meeting.

Motion by Russell second by Steiner to approve the minutes of the April meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**Coroner:** Addressed the coroner's conference, and that they are trying to get speakers lined up for the upcoming conference in June.

Motion by Steiner, second by Russell to approve the bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**911 Coordinator:** Applied for the 800-megahertz grant. The state wants more details from Baycom, before the grant is approved. There is still money left in the grant that was initiated by Tammy Baldwin.

The tower sites all have equipment that is needed. If a phone line issue arises between here and the tower sites, we are completely out of business. It is not cost effective to bury a line. Chad Abram, the city administrator agreed to have a new microwave dish put on top of the new Public Safety Complex, as it will benefit, the city, county, and fire departments. The cost is approximately \$150,000.

The communication center grants are on-going, along with another one coming out in May, for the new communication center.

Motion by Lorenz, second by Russell to approve the bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**Emergency Management:** Shawn Lenzendorf assumed the position of the Emergency Management Director on 3/31/25. He has been working on the point of contact lists. The fire, EMS, police and Sheriff departments and dispatch lists.

Shawn delivered left over bag valve masks, and fire blankets throughout the community.

Ordered a 6-gallon drug take back box with graphics. It will be mounted in Gays Mills Community Center. There will only be access to it, when they are open.

Haney Township: Keller asked about fire numbers. Julie Cipra said she has only been replacing the ones that are illegible. Reflectivity is better on the new ones. Continue to replace them on a need-be basis. They are pricey. Approximately \$24.00 + shipping for one new one. We have been talking with the highway department about getting some replaced.

Motion by Russell, second by Steiner to approve the bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**Public Health:** National Public Health Week is taking place. This is not individual but community wide. Including groups of people.

Locally there have been presentations at schools addressing vaping and mental health awareness.

May 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be post-vention training. Coming up with response plans. The goal is for there to be a better response after suicides.

Emergency Management wrote a grant that covers the cost of the post-vention training.

There is a resource fair on April 26, 2025 from 9am-12pm.

Public Health has been receiving many calls regarding sharps containers, and where to dispose of them. All healthcare facilities do take sharps containers, some may charge for them. Often times, they require you to be a patient of record, as well.

Another call that they have been getting is regarding bed bugs. If it is in rental, need to call the landlord. The only thing Public Health can do is advocate to control them.

**Sheriff:** 19 inmates currently in jail.

The Sheriff's Department hired Gunner Pitzer as their full-time traffic deputy. He was the only applicant for the position. Hired Alex Udelhoven for the full-time night jailer position.

There is a male from Florida that was previously a fitness trainer and has interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement.

Sheriff McCullick sent an email to the jailers to find out who would be interested in applying for the transition team. One of the positions will likely be filled with Nate Bremmer, and they will fill the other spot with another one at a later date.

No new news on the status of the COPS grant.

Motion by Russell second by Steiner to approve the bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Lorenz, second by Russell to adjourn. The motion was carried with no negative votes cast and the meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

Candice Erickson, Administrative Assistant