

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Fireworks Review Committee
Village Hall - Fire Dept. Conference Room

DATE: October 14, 2015



In Attendance

Chuck and Debbie Decker	Uncle Sam's Fireworks
Cathy Hughes	Village Trustee
Ed Jahnke	Howard Fire Chief
Burt McIntyre	Village President
Tim Van Gompel	Citizen Rep.

Absent - Excused

Jim Dagneau	Brown County Sherriff's Dept.
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- 1. Call to Order:** Called to order by Pres. B. Mc Intyre at 6:30PM
 - 2. Roll Call:** As Above
 - 3. Pledge of Allegiance:**
 - 4. Approval of Agenda:** Motion by C. Hughes, seconded by C. Decker -
Approved Unanimously
 - 5. Election of Chair and Co-Chair: Motion by:** E. Janke and seconded by C. Hughes to elect
B. Mc Intyre as Chairman - Approved Unanimously
Motion by: B. Mc Intyre and seconded by Cathy Hughes to elect T. Van Gompel
as V. Chair - Approved Unanimously
 - 6. General Discussion:**
 - a. Purpose of the committee**

To review the relationship of fireworks and noise complaints. It was agreed that the primary complaint was "noise."
 - b. Identify general/citizen complaint**

The impact of the noise issue was to cause stress on animals, veterans (with certain conditions), safety in general, debris, etc.
 - c. Review of village ordinances/documents**

Discussion of relevant Village Ordinance and State Statute.
 - d. Review legal vs illegal firework products**

Discussion of various consumer class fireworks both legal and illegal based on what is permitted by statute. The different classes of fireworks (B & C) were discussed.



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e. Other discussion relative to agenda topic

- Discussion regarding the Dispatch Center taking fireworks related incidents and the logging of non-dispatched complaints. There was a concern that the call center is not responsive these types of calls. The committee will try and obtain any logs of these complaints IF existing.
- Discussion regarding non-emergency fireworks complains
- Discussion as to the education process and social media

C. Decker shared perspective regarding permitting and gaining compliance through the permit process. It was Mr. Decker's opinion that the current requirements for applying for a permit were too stringent.

7. Set Next Meeting Date

October 28th at 6:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn by C. Hughes, seconded by T. Van Gompel

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45PM