MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
on October 5th, 2022
KCAB 2ND FLOOR COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE ROOM

Members Present: Zach Rodriguez, Brian Bashaw, Laura Belsky, Mark Nordigian, Erin Decker, John Franco, Jeff Wamboldt

Members Excused: None

Others Present: Cpt. Tony Gonzalez, Sgt. Christopher Hannah, Angela Khabbaz, Clara Tappa, Christopher Bridleman, YIG Alexa Didinsky, YIG Ben Rothove,

Meeting Called to Order: 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Rodriguez

Citizen Comments: 6:30: None

Supervisor Comments: 6:30 None

Chairman Comments: 6:30 None

Approval of the Minutes from September 7th, 2022: 6:30

Motion by: Nordigian  Seconded by: Wamboldt  Approved: unanimously

Resolution from the Civil Services Commission:
A Resolution to Approve Jeffery Swanson to Serve on the Civil Service Commission

Motion by: Bashaw  Seconded by: Wamboldt  Approved: unanimously to Table until October 20th

6:31: Due to Mr. Swanson not being present at the meeting, this item was tabled until the next committee Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee meeting on October 20, 2022. Supervisor Bashaw motioned to table the agenda item, seconded by Supervisor Wamboldt. Motion passes unanimously with no further discussion.

Resolution from the Kenosha Sheriff’s Department:
A Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Use of ARPA Funds Law Enforcement Agency Grant

Motion by: Decker  Seconded by: Belsky  Approved: unanimously with amendments

6:32: Angela Khabbaz, Fiscal Services Manager, of the Kenosha County Sheriff’s Department, presented. Supervisor Belsky asked why Operating Expenses were expensive when compared to Staff Development in the budget modification. Angela replied they had not nailed down what they are doing with the grant but had just found out recently about it on September 28th. Right now, they are putting it down as a placeholder until there is a plan and will be submitting another budget modification to move it to another expense line.

Supervisor Bashaw asked how they anticipate the allocation of funds and what they are going to be used for. Angela replied that they have soft plans so far, they found out about the grant a week prior and didn’t have time to sit down and talk about what they want to do. Angela said she thought their biggest focus right now is on officer wellness. They are working on way to get something in the way of mental health for the officers, which is one thing the grant allows. They are also looking at additional training. The training budget for next year was cut pretty heavily and they are looking to offset that with the grant funds, which also helps to fund the K9 unit. They do not have a K9 fund, so the grant will help bolster that. Supervisor Bashaw asked Angela to expound on officer wellness and what it entails. Angela replied they have not set a plan yet, but an idea they threw around is a mental health day where an officer would be required to see a counselor, that the department would be providing, for a set length of a session and then they would get the rest of the day off. As an example, an officer would take a mental health day, have an appointment with a counselor, and then would get the rest of the day off. Supervisor Bashaw stated that he was concerned the grant would become another “Christmas Fund” and didn’t want to see the monies utilized in that way. Supervisor Bashaw said he would like to understand how the resources are going to be utilized more clearly but is not objecting to bringing the monies into the department.

Supervisor Nordigian asked if we currently have a K9 fund. Angela replied they did not have an account that is for the K9’s. Whenever they need something they either pull from HIDTA (High Intensity Drug
Traffickling Areas) grant, which got slashed in 2023 and took away all K9 funding. They are hoping to use some of the grant funds to supplement that, and some of the training they will have costs for, but now there is an outlet in order to be able to afford them. Supervisor Nordigian verified that the funds would have to be spent by June 30, 2023. Angela agreed they did and added that K9 training is $1,150 a month.

Supervisor Nordigian asked how the monies were tracked and noticed that they have their own individual accounts. Angela replied that they are assigned a project number the same as other grants are. Every time a transaction goes through the ERP system, everything will have a code at the bottom of it so they can see they can see out of the transactions which ones have the code at the end. Angela added that they have to do reporting with the grant which is explained in the award letter. The expenditures and program progress have to be submitted to the State. Supervisor Nordigian asked if these grant funds would be wrapped up with other funds that have grants or if that was not allowed. Angela replied that it was allowed as long as they did not double dip. They cannot request reimbursement for K9 training from HIDTA and then request it again this grant. Supervisor Nordigian asked if there would be worry about using a different fund first, then getting to this fund and losing it or something similar. Angela replied that it is the game with grants, which one need to be spent first.

Supervisor Wamboldt asked about the officer wellness program, or the mental health day, and if it was similar to what Kenosha Police Department (KPD) was doing. Angela replied that she did not know what KPD was doing. Supervisor Wamboldt said they are doing something similar and wondered if they would be using the same person. Angela replied that she did not know. Supervisor Wamboldt asked if the psychologist or counselor was being paid per deputy if the money was going to pay that person. Angela replied a portion of it would, they are still in the planning stages and hadn’t really gotten to nail anything down. Angela ran through some numbers on what it is going to cost because they didn’t want the county taking on the expense of having deputies getting a paid day off. The grant would be covering those costs for salary and for the counseling session, so for both.

Supervisor Wamboldt asked if they received donations to support the K9 Unit. Angela replied that after the officer-involved shooting with K9 Riggs, the department saw a good influx of donations. If there is not a tragic event, they do not see a lot coming in, but should be doing what KPD does and run fundraisers. Supervisor Wamboldt said they could save the county a lot of money if they could get donations and there are people out there that might have supported this had they looked into it. Angela said that when what happened with K9 Riggs, they threw around the idea of how they could raise money. Right now, in 2022 all of the funds for the K9’s is completely grant covered. In 2023 that money got cut, so now they are trying to figure out what they can pull from other grants to cover those. Supervisor Wamboldt said that if they had the donations then the money could be used for something else.

Supervisor Wamboldt asked what soft projects there were and what type of training it would be used for. Angela replied that the grant is specific in the types of trainings that it can be used for, Use of Force Policies was one of them. Angela read directly from the program

“The program will reimburse the costs of providing training to help reduce violence and improve community safety, including programs to train officers in any of the following subject areas: Crisis Intervention including training for interactions with individuals suffering from mental illness and addiction, Resiliency and Suicide Prevention, Use of Force Options and De-escalation Tactics, Implicit Bias, Active Bystander Training, The Emergency Detention Process, Homicide Investigation, and any recertification that is required by Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards.”

Chairman Rodriguez asked about the Tavern League donating the two most recent K9’s to the department and the funding for them. Angela said that came about when K9 Riggs got injured it was time for him to retire his 9-year career. The Tavern League generously stepped in to donate.

Supervisor Franco asked about the local tribal and law enforcement initiative. Angela replied it was the first she had heard of it, but the breakdown of what the program is was on the first couple pages of the packet. Supervisor Nordigian commented that there might be tribal police departments that received the grant funds too. Supervisor Franco asked what the connection was with tribal. Angela replied that to her understanding on Tribal Law, they have their own police departments on their reservations, and this would be money available to those tribal law enforcement teams.
Chairman Rodriguez wanted to add language to hear back from the Sheriff’s Department and motioned to add to the resolution “The Kenosha County Sheriff’s Department on a quarterly basis shall update the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee and the Finance and Administration Committee on monies spent towards the grant, until all funds are depleted or the end of the grant period.” The motion to amend was seconded by Supervisor Belsky. Motion passes unanimously.

Supervisor Bashaw stated that while reading through permitted use of the funds, one of them is recruitment incentives. With recruitment a significant issue in the county right now for jails and deployed officers, Supervisor Bashaw asked why that was not part of the strategy. Angela replied that they are still planning it, so it might be something they want to use the funds for. Angela asked Captain Gonzalez if there were issues with recruitment and retention. Cpt. Gonzalez replied that in the jail it was both issues. On the sworn side there are different opinions in the command staff. Cpt. Gonzalez stated that, in his opinion, there needs to be a shift more towards retention, and that’s why he thinks mental health helps with some of that retention. They have not sat down collectively to discuss it and get ideas out. Angela said that she reached out to the Department of Administration to see if that part of the spending guideline could be used for retention instead of just recruitment but has not heard back yet. Supervisor Bashaw said that it indicated that it could but if it creates an ongoing cost they are going to need to cover that after the funds are exhausted. On the recruitment side, a signing bonus of $2k for each new higher is an incentive to go out and gain new people. Angela replied that it also says that if they have years of service they get another $500 per year of service capped at 4 years. Supervisor Bashaw said it was a nice bonus to help apply resources toward a significant area of need.

Supervisor Bashaw asked about the K9 side and if it is toward the purchasing and training of a K9 Officer, which is a significant cost. Supervisor Bashaw restated that he had no issue bringing in the money but concerned that is was not fleshed out and would like to hear further on how it was going to be applied.

Supervisor Bashaw asked how long they would need to come up with a more secure plan. Angela asked if they wanted it delivered in the resolution process, with the break in November they had to hurry to get it through. Supervisor Bashaw replied he would like to understand it before it is allocated. Chairman Rodriguez clarified that earlier Angela stated there were three items for health and wellness, K9 funding, and training, and that they were going to come back when they had something more concrete. Angela replied they were when they had a chance to decide on how they want to allocate the funds. Chairman Rodriguez clarified that the resolution was to accept the money and give an idea on how the department wants to spend the money, and language was added they have to come back and update the committee. Angela replied that the resolution is for them to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), get it over to the Department of Administration, and since they are running late getting on this and be able to say the department wants the money, they just don’t know what they are going to do with it yet. Supervisor Bashaw asked to add an additional “further therefore the Sheriff’s Department shall present to Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee a plan for application of the funds within 30 days”. Chairman Rodriguez said that when the department decides on how to spend the money they will have to come back for a budget modification. Angela stated yes, they will need to be moved to the proper lines. Supervisor Bashaw stated that would work for him.

Supervisor Decker motioned to approve the resolution as amended, seconded by Supervisor Belsky. Motion passes unanimously with no further discussion.

A Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Christopher Bridleman to Serve as a Member of the Kenosha County Local Emergency Planning Committee (Group #5 – Industry)

Motion by: Wamboldt Seconded by: Belsky Approved: unanimously

6:31: Sgt Christopher Hannah, Director of Emergency Management, of the Kenosha County Sheriff’s Department, presented. No further questions from the committee. Supervisor Wamboldt motioned to approve, seconded by Supervisor Belsky. Motion passes unanimously with no further discussion.

Discussion and Review:

Of Kenosha Sherrif’s Department Assistance to Local Taverns

6:53: Captain of Operations Tony Gonzalez of the Kenosha County Sheriff’s Department presented. Chairman Rodriguez started with some background for the committee members. There was a county Tavern League meeting that the Sheriff and Cpt. Gonzalez attended, along with other Sheriff’s Department staff as well. The Sheriff told the League that his team is working with a local tavern to try and address some ongoing concerns. This caused other tavern representatives ask how they could sign up for the assistance and asked Chairman
Rodriguez how they could do that also. Chairman told him he did not know but would put it on the next agenda. A lot of the tavern representatives wanted to be present for the meeting, but the Tavern League Conference was the same week in Baraboo, WI. Chairman Rodriguez asked Cpt. Gonzalez to provide some background of what is going on, what supervision is doing, and how they’re partnering.

Cpt. Gonzalez said that in mid-September on the Village of Somers trustees reached out to the Sheriff’s Department asking to meet with them and the owners of Somers House at 1548 Sheridan Road. The department was informed that the tavern owners are trying to take a proactive approach at mitigating some of the issues at their establishment, primarily underage drinking. The Village of Somers expressed concerns with parking in the residential areas off of 17th Street across from the tavern. Cpt. Gonzalez said that in his opinion it sounded like ownership is putting forth an effort to address issues that are taking place there. There was a triple homicide that took place not that long ago. Looking at volume of calls for service, that tavern in comparison to the rest of the county, they drive quite a bit of calls for service at that location. The Sheriff, Cpt. Gonzalez, and Sgt. Zarletti were spearheading something different that ties in with taverns but had to do with streamlining different ordinances between villages so new deputies can figure out how to address some of the violations that happen throughout the county. Cpt. Gonzalez said that to be fair with all businesses, they included the owners of the tavern and just met with them. At the conclusion of the meeting, they determined that assistance is needed in to order to try and mitigate their issues. The ownership expressed that they are willing to pay the fees that would come from placing a squad or two at or near the establishment. It was explained to them that they do not have the manpower to sit there consistently, but they would put forth the effort. They would create overtime assignments and if they got filled, then they would get covered. If they did not, they would not be forcing anyone to work that overtime assignment. The ownership was understanding of that. The Sheriff’s Department was explicit in telling them they were not there to provide personal or private security. The squad would park in their parking lot, or preferably across the street from the establishment, to show presence and make their presence known in an effort to deter some of the behaviors having a negative impact at the establishment and in the whole community. The weekend of the 15th they decided they would implement only on Fridays and Saturdays from 9pm to 1am. The Village of Somers and ownership was pleased with that. Collectively, they decided doing it at the beginning of the school season would be of benefit to try and mitigate or deter some of the negative behaviors. A timeline was not established as to how long they would be at the tavern. They did they did say they would do it for several weeks to how things are going and then meet up again to over how things are going. Since the Tavern League meeting there have been four different deputies assigned, but they have not billed those yet. They are still working with the Village of Somers on how they want to bill and invoice for those services. There is approximately $760 for those four assignments that have been posted and filled, looking at approximately13-hours of service. There have been no additional calls for service in that area and no issues except a traffic stop was initiated. Between October 5, 2021 and October 5, 2022 there have been 45 calls for service, and since they started there have been none. The only calls of service are the squads going out and calling out that they are starting their assignment. Cpt. Gonzalez said that it has been positive so far. The ownership and the Village of Somers are pleased to see the effort, and Cpt. Gonzalez said he was sure the community members were pleased as well. It is the type of proactive community effort the department is trying to get established.

Chairman Rodriguez asked if the tavern was covering the full cost of having the deputy there, not just the hourly rate but the taxes as well. Cpt. Gonzalez said they were. Supervisor Belsky asked if it was Somers House of the Village of Somers. Cpt. Gonzalez replied that they were invoicing the Village of Somers and the tavern would pay the Village.

Supervisor Decker asked which Village of Somers trustee approached the department. Cpt. Gonzalez replied that it was Karl Ostby. Supervisor Decker asked if this was above and beyond the contract the county has with the Village of Somers. Cpt. Gonzalez replied that it was separate from that contract. Supervisor Decker asked if the expenditure and plan was approved by the Village of Somers. Cpt. Gonzalez replied that he assumed it was. Supervisor Wamboldt asked if it was in writing like a contract. Cpt. Gonzalez replied that there was not a contract to his knowledge. Supervisor Decker asked if the Village of Somers Board approved it, is it something that the County Board should approve also. Supervisor Nordigian replied that if the Village of Somers doesn’t have anything, they do not have anything. Supervisor Nordigian asked if this was a trial period and if it worked the Village Board would get together and the County Board would get together and put something together. Supervisor Nordigian asked what about other taverns wanting to do the same thing, they are going to have to get it down tight, so the County gets what they’re supposed to, and they get what they are
supposed to. Supervisor Nordigian said right now it sounds like volunteering unless they are going to do something permanent, he didn’t know if they could get both boards to approve it all.

Supervisor Belsky stated that she knew the department was trying to be proactive, but she could see where the Village of Somers Board is accountable for putting in a demerit or whatever it might be, but they need to do a little of their homework versus calling on the Sheriff’s Department to babysit an establishment. The Village of Somers should be putting rules in place that address the issues happening at Somers House making them accountable and ensure they have procedures in place. That the Village of Somers has their safety and own enforcement of Village policies. Supervisor Belsky added that it should be handed no differently than how the county handles Country Thunder, they have an agreement and ensure they are getting the money, especially since it is overtime. Supervisor Belsky said they need to look at if they want to this precedence because then the Sheriff’s Department can be security forces for other taverns. There needs to be a discussion with the Village of Somers Board and ask what steps they are putting in place as a Village to ensure the taverns are following established laws within the Village. Then they are not taking an already stressed Sheriff’s Department force and redistributing it.

Chairman Rodriguez said that when he was in the Tavern League meeting and the Sheriff made that statement, he was surprised and did not know anything about it. Now other taverns are curious on how they can do this and pay for the Sheriff’s Department instead of private security. Chairman Rodriguez said that the concern is that if it is not in a written agreement, even just with the Village of Somers, and they do not wish to pay, that is a concern and affects the department’s overtime budget. Cpt. Gonzalez replied that given the circumstances they figured they do not have this issue countywide, and seeing that the ownership is trying to be proactive, the department figured it was a unique circumstance with this individual tavern and the department is going to try and do their effort to help them out. Cpt. Gonzalez added that as a business owner it is important to stay in business and it is not just the tavern but listening to the Village discuss the parking issues and concerns they are asking for ideas and help to mitigate some of the issues. Chairman Rodriguez said that if a tavern calls for service that it is expected that the deputies go and address the call for service, same as it is in the City of Kenosha. If a city bar is having issues with parking, they take care of it. Chairman Rodriguez said he sees it happen downtown often where people are parking too close to hydrants, for example, and they write tickets. What is happening at Somers House is a little different, but if there is a parking issue then they should send a deputy to address parking until people start to catch a clue. What happens when the deputies leave, it is good for a little while and then it is back to where it started. Chairman Rodriguez said that is where it goes back to the Village of Somers to look at their liquor licenses, who they are handing them out to, and that is where the county authority stops, and it is a village issue. The County Board can go to the Village of Somers and let them know they are putting stress on the Sheriff’s Department and the Village has to do something to address the issues with the tavern.

Supervisor Bashaw asked how close a squad can sit to a tavern during night hours when people might be suspicious of drinking and driving. Cpt. Gonzalez replied they can be either directly across the street or on the property. Supervisor Bashaw asked if legally they could sit a squad across the street from a tavern and execute a patrol operation looking for drunk drivers. Cpt. Gonzalez replied no, they could not. Supervisor Bashaw asked if they can sit a patrol in the parking lot looking where they highly suspect people are involved in illegal activity. Cpt. Gonzalez replied that they could, but it is not what the deputies are looking to enforce unless they see something obvious that would have to act. Supervisor Bashaw asked if a deputy in that scenario, having been contracted for security services by the Village or the tavern. Then the officer sitting there sees someone stumbling out, get in their car, the deputy pulls them over for DUI, or if its an entrapment scenario. Cpt. Gonzalez replied he did not believe so, but they are not doing security for them, they have their own private security. They are not checking for IDs, none of that. If they need to clear for a call of service that’s what the additional squad would do, they would not sit there and not respond anywhere else. They did not agree that they would take some sort of security measure for the bar personally. If the deputy wants to conduct a tavern inspection and make sure the licenses are properly posted and they do not have underage drinkers, that is something they would do. Just the fact that the squad was there is a something that deterred a lot of issues. Supervisor Bashaw said that they need some legal opinion from council to expound and help make him more confident that the department is not putting the county in a situation where they would be in trouble. Supervisor Franco asked if it was armed security. Cpt. Gonzalez said he did not know. Chairman Rodriguez clarified that Cpt. Gonzalez originally said they couldn’t potentially sit across from the tavern at first and if that is what he meant to say because there is nothing stopping them. Chairman Rodriguez said that when Dukes had a lot of issues going on, he would see squads sitting close by, right on the bank corner, and
there is nothing illegal about that. Cpt. Gonzalez said that it was a public roadway. Supervisor Wamboldt added that they still need probable cause because they can’t see a guy stumble out of a bar and drive. That alone is not enough to pull someone over, they would have to do something else. Cpt. Gonzalez added that you can’t sit across from a bar and pull people over just for the sake of pulling them over.

Supervisor Wamboldt asked if the Sheriff’s Department is doing walkthroughs. Cpt. Gonzalez replied that to his knowledge they had one walkthrough. Supervisor Wamboldt asked if they were in the parking lot, which they can do if they have permission. Cpt. Gonzalez replied that was part of it and the ownership wanted them to do that, welcomed it, and invited them. Supervisor Wamboldt asked what the issues are exactly, what is the jurisdiction of the Village of Somers doing, and what is the tavern doing, to take precautions like it is done in the City of Kenosha. They would tell the tavern they have to come up with a plan of action or they are going lose their liquor license. Cpt. Gonzalez replied that they have ID scanners which are only effective to a certain extent. The biggest complaint is the underage people from Carthage College. The tavern doesn’t want to get cited for violations and they feel they are putting forth the effort and still having a hard time identifying. Supervisor Wamboldt asked if that was their priority over the violence. Cpt. Gonzalez stated it was a combination of both, with the crucial issue being the underage drinkers.

Supervisor Wamboldt noticed Angela wanted to bring up something about licensing or contracting earlier. Angela replied that she wanted to chime in about the contract piece. Supervisor Wamboldt asked if it was something similar to what they have with Amazon or Walmart and if that was a written agreement as well. Angela replied that those were because they were larger scale operations. Angela said she would equate it more to the assistance provided during the Wisconsin-thon Bike Race of the Jockey Undie Run. Those are through one of them reaching out to the Sergeants and asking for additional assistance. Supervisor Wamboldt asked if there was payment. Angela said that they send an estimate at the beginning before the event happens to let them know roughly how much it will cost if there a single deputy for four hours or if there are two deputies it is times two. Then the event either agrees to the rate or if they think it is too expensive they will let them know. Supervisor Wamboldt asked if this was a verbal agreement. Angela replied it was through email and once the event is done and the overtime cards are returned, they create an invoice and send it to the event organizers. Chairman Rodriguez said that those are one-time events or once every year, in this situation they don’t know when it is going to end yet. If a deputy wanted to full every single shift, then they would. Angela added that in her opinion, from writing all the contracts for the Villages, if they were to put in a contract with their signature, they would have the protection and guarantee that they could not get out of paying for the shifts, but it also puts the Sheriff’s Department in a position they have to supply a service. At least the current way if there are no volunteers there is no one going, but if they sign a contract saying they are providing that service, they are calling people to fill in overtime shifts because those services were promised. Chairman Rodriguez asked if the language could be in the contract to read “we are only providing these services if and when they are available.” Angela replied that it is not in any of the current contracts, so she did not know. Currently every contract is a guarantee of service. Supervisor Belsky said that it was not the Sheriff’s Department’s job to help a tavern keep their license because they are unable to implement a system to ensure they do not allow underage people in their bar, nor is it the County’s responsibility. It is the Village of Somers to enact a demerit system or review system. Supervisor Belsky said that to her it sounded like Somers House was trying to keep their license and asking for assistance because they cannot put a process in place, and it is a bad precedent to set. Supervisor Belsky added that if it was for the murders or violence going on but is primarily for the underage drinkers and that is the Village of Somers, not the County’s, responsibility to help a tavern keep their license.

Supervisor Franco asked why the tavern was having difficulty with underage and if they had fake IDs. Cpt. Gonzalez said they have fake IDs and they are pretty sophisticated. Cpt. Gonzalez had not seen the system they have in place, but they can scan the barcode and produce if it is legitimate which may not necessarily be the case and ties more into identity theft if that’s what is going on. Supervisor Wamboldt asked if that took it off the bar if they are doing everything they can with a system in place that is supposed to work and does everything possible, but a Carthage Student has an ID that beats the system, they can at least say they tried and wont get dinged for that. Supervisor Wamboldt stated they he didn’t believe they would if they prove they have a policy and following it, then the person violating the law would then be in trouble. Supervisor Nordigian asked if they have sophisticated equipment and can’t stop it, how is the Sheriff’s Department expected to stop it. Cpt. Gonzalez replied that their equipment is better, and the system is linked directly to the Department of Transportation. Supervisor Nordigian stated that unless they take the IDs and scan them, which the department said they are not going to do, they will not find them anymore than the ownership. To say that
it will stop underage drinking, unless a police car is sitting out as a deterrent, which they can find an old police car to sit there and charge the ownership. Supervisor Nordigian said he did not see how it will deter unless they physically call the IDs in, which is not the plan. Supervisor Nordigian stated that he is not again helping to solve their problems but didn’t know how the department is going to stop underage drinking without taking the next step. Supervisor Belsky added that than every bar would want that.

Chairman Rodriguez stated that he thought it could be done better. There is a concern with other taverns now that want to do the same thing, especially with taverns located in the City of Kenosha. Chairman Rodriguez said that when he spoke with Cpt. Gonzalez about it, his response was that if it was in the City of Kenosha that was between them and the taverns. City of Kenosha Police Department made it clear that they are not going to do that, but the taverns are still located within Kenosha County. Chairman Rodriguez stated that he thought it was going to lead to headaches for the department. Cpt. Gonzalez added that the triple homicide is most egregious, but they also have complaints for battery, fights, home invasions, and expands to other crimes. Chairman Rodriguez said that if someone breaks into the home or there is a fight, that is for the Sheriff’s Department to respond. Then it is up to the Village of Somers to tell the tavern they are not putting up with it anymore and what will happen. Chairman Rodriguez stated that he didn’t believe it was up to them to put a deputy, even if they are willing to sign up for a shift, after a triple homicide there, potentially in harm’s way to babysit a tavern. It would be different if there were not enough deputies on the road responding to calls.

**Any Other Business Allowed by Law:** 7:20 None

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:21: on motion by Supervisor Belsky; seconded by Supervisor Decker.

A recording of the meeting is available online at kenoshacounty.org

Respectfully Submitted,

Alyssa Werfelmann