

## NEW BERLIN SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday August 11th, 2010 **6:00 pm**

New Berlin Public Safety Building  
16300 W. National Ave.

**Call to Order:** Declaration of a quorum.

**Present:** Paul Repischak, Deena Liska, Ron Schildt, Fred Witty, Earl Strandt, and Chuck Trevorrow, and Brian Graziano. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

**Excused:** Paul Rozek, Dr. Paul Kreutzer, Brian Wendlick and Paul Milkovich

**Approval of Minutes:** Fred Witty made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 9th, 2010 meeting as read. The motion was seconded by Deena Liska. The motion passed with 6 in favor and Brian Graziano abstaining.

Paul Repischak (substituting as chairman) welcomed newly appointed citizen member Brian Graziano to the Safety Commission.

### Old Business:

01 09 06 Speeding Vehicles on Lincoln Avenue near 15165 W. Lincoln Ave. Feedback on first deployment of temporary speed humps.

Alderman Wysocki was present and reported on the feedback he received from citizens living in the area affected by the temporary speed humps. Alderman Wysocki advised the general consensus from the citizens was that they wanted them taken out. Even two citizens who were part of the initial campaign “*for*” installing speed humps changed their minds on them. Some of the complaints about the speed humps were related to the excessive noise when vehicles are going over them and the jolting your vehicle experiences when going over them (even at lower speeds).

A citizen (initially “*for*” the speed humps) was in attendance and spoke. She reported seeing no appreciable difference in the traffic situation. She said cars still speed up between them or after getting past them. She said some vehicles try to lesson the impact of going over them by going around them near the curb (missing them with their passenger side wheels). She said they are very noisy (especially delivery trucks and vehicles towing trailers). She also felt a significant number of drivers become startled and/or distracted when hitting them which she felt didn’t add to safety at all.

Safety Commission members discussed how this neighborhoods reaction to the speed humps shows the controversial nature of deploying them as a

traffic calming device. Our first deployment reinforces exactly why we recommended purchasing **temporary** speed humps to deploy on a trial basis before installing permanent speed humps.

Paul Repischak made a motion to remove the temporary speed humps from their existing locations on Lincoln Ave. and not recommend installing permanent speed humps in their place. The motion was seconded by Chuck Trevorrow and carried unanimously.

05 10 01      Establish protocol for placement/ deployment of the temporary speed humps.

Safety Commission members discussed how the protocol we established at the June 2010 meeting needed to be more flexible and afford the ability to act upon these requests in a more timely fashion. We discussed how these deployments could be streamlined by sending our recommendations directly to Council as opposed to BPW, then to Council. We talked about how the five steps listed were important things however perhaps *all* didn't need to be done in every situation or necessarily done in the particular order listed. We agreed that a more generalized guideline should be developed. We also talked about how our protocol was formulated without knowing the costs and difficulties of uninstalling and relocated the speed humps and what type of damage they may cause the roadway.

Paul Repischak said he would re-tool the protocol into general guidelines and have them available for discussion at the next meeting. At our next meeting Chuck Trevorrow will also be able to comment on the difficulties, costs, and any damages associated with uninstalling. Paul Repischak made a motion to hold this item on the agenda until our next meeting. The motion was seconded by Ron Schildt and carried unanimously.

01 08 09      Revisit proposed changes to the city of New Berlin Municipal Code pertaining to vicious dogs *152-10(1) – (4)*.

At the June 2010 meeting Alderman Liska made a motion to request Council form an Ad Hoc committee to make further modifications to the dog ordinance. She reported that the Ad Hoc committee was formed and that she was serving as Aldermanic liaison on it. She asked if the Safety Commission wished to review the final proposal the Ad Hoc committee produces prior to them sending it to council. The Safety Commission advised they would like to see the proposal and would be willing to offer their feedback on it.

Paul Repischak made a motion to remove this item from the agenda and create a new agenda item when the Ad Hoc Committee finishes their work

and asks us for our feedback. Chuck Trevorrow seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

05 10 02      Parking problem in the 1400 block of S. 169<sup>th</sup> Street.

Ron Schildt advised that Donovan Jorgenson was not violating their “plan of operation” or any municipal codes by allowing employees to legally park on 169th St. He further advised that since the city began checking into this matter there have been very few employee vehicles observed parked on 169th St. The original complainant in this matter did not wish any type of parking restrictions posted in the area. The Donovan Jorgenson employees are not breaking any laws or creating any unsafe conditions. Chuck Trevorrow made a motion that the Safety Commission take no further action or make no further recommendations. His motion included removing this item from the agenda. Fred Witty seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

07 10 01      Speeding vehicles in the area of 14400 W. Dakota Street.

On 07-30-10 a citizen contacted Ron Schildt regarding a problem with speeding vehicles in the area of 14400 W. Dakota St. The citizen was requesting the temporary speed humps be deployed in the area.

Engineering did an abbreviated traffic study of the area in early August 2010. Their data showed approx. 300 vehicles driving through the area per day. The 85th percentile speed was 33 mph in the 25 mph zone. Ron Schildt told the citizen to be in attendance at this meeting with any neighbors sharing her concerns. No citizens were in attendance.

Paul Repischak advised that the Police Dept. generated a report for this complaint and that Day and Early Shift Patrols were conducting traffic enforcement assignments of the area.

Ron Schildt made a motion to hold this item on the agenda until next meeting. We will see if the initial complainant or other citizens come forward with new information. We can also review the Police Department’s enforcement results. The motion was seconded by Fred Witty and carried unanimously.

01 10 02      Discuss the SPEED Sentry Radar Display units as a potential Safety Commission tool.

The SPEED Sentry representative was unable to attend this meeting and give a presentation on the unit we are interested in. Ron Schildt said he will be trying to set up a presentation at our September 8th, 2010 meeting.

The Safety Commission again discussed the lack of funding for the units.

Paul Repischak mentioned the following:

- These units were not included in the 2011 Police Department budget due to budget cuts.
- Lt. Repischak requested that 2011 Speedwave and Alcohol Enforcement Grant monies be used to purchase one of these units. The Grant funds available are limited to \$5000 and the Police Department may need to replace Portable Breath Test (PBT) devices or radar units with these funds.

Dr. Kreutzer previously mentioned the possibility of using school funds to purchase a unit (provided it used to enhance school zone safety).

Alderman Wysocki also spoke on this item and reiterated his support for it. He suggested attempting to obtain funds via a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding request.

Deena Liska suggested we ask for a demo unit to use for a month in one of our problem areas that we've been collecting data on (for comparison purposes) and to simply make sure its what we want. She also advised that we should start solidifying our exact funding needs so that we can put together a CIP request. She made a motion to hold this item on the agenda. Paul Repischak seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Tabled Items:**

05 10 03      Unsafe traffic situation at the intersections of Wilbur Drive & Sunnyslope Road and Glencove Parkway & Sunnyslope Road.

At the June 2010 meeting Dr. Kreutzer made a motion to table this item until October 2010 when he will report back on the results of their efforts to resolve. We had no further discussion on this matter.

**Set next meeting date:** Wednesday Sept. 8th, 2010 at 6:00 PM.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Chuck Trevorrow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. The motion was seconded by Ron Schildt and carried unanimously.

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Lt. Paul Repischak

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