

# Minutes

## NEW BERLIN SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

February 21, 2001 7:30 p.m.

**Meeting called to order:** Called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Polczynski

**Present:** Randy Alf, Bill Dunn, Jim Polczynski, Kory Hauser, Steve Bartelt, Ronald Schildt, Don Ullman, Deb Schenk, and Ken Czyzewski.

**Excused/Absent:** Ted Wysocki and Tony Goedheer

**Communications:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Bill Dunn to approve the January 10, 2001 minutes. Seconded by Deb Schenk and carried with Ken Czyzewski voting "present."

### Old Business:

01 00 12 Emmer Dr. & Stratton Dr. – Unsafe Intersection, Eastbound and Westbound (Council made motion on 11/28/00 to place a temporary "Yield" sign at this intersection; referred to Safety Commission to study.) The Common Council approved Resolution 01-04, authorizing stop signs for eastbound and westbound traffic on Stratton Dr. at Emmer Dr. **Motion** by Don Ullman to drop this item from the agenda as the stop signs are now up. Seconded by Jim Polczynski and carried unanimously.

01 01 01 Culver's Restaurant, 14855 W. National – Placement of a "Right Turn Only" sign at the east exit. Besides that fact that the proposed sign would be unenforceable, Commissioners did not feel that it would make the exit any safer. There aren't many accidents at this location. To have all vehicles turning east out of this lot may just cause more of a problem elsewhere in the area. **Motion** by Bill Dunn to deny the request and drop this item from the agenda. Seconded by Kory Hauser and carried unanimously.

### Tabled Items:

07 99 01 Installation of OPTICON at traffic light controlled intersections. (Tabled 5/10/00) The City of New Berlin was denied a grant for this project. The Fire and Police departments will reapply in an attempt to secure the grant. **Motion** by Jim Polczynski to drop this item from the agenda at this time. If the grant is approved in the future, the Commission will come back to this item. Seconded by Kory Hauser and carried unanimously.

03 00 06 Keep Kid Alive – Drive 25 (Revisited). (Tabled 10/11/00)

03 00 08 Forest Point Blvd. & Hunter Ln. – Request for stop signs. (Tabled 10/11/00) **Motion** by Bill Dunn to move this item to "Old Business" for further study due to the developments in the area. Seconded by Steve Bartelt and carried unanimously.

### New Business:

01 99 02 Moorland Rd. at Mayflower Dr. (Revisited) – Request that the traffic signals at Moorland and Mayflower be switched to flashing mode during on-peak hours. The County controls these signals. They have adjusted the timing so that eastbound and westbound traffic on Mayflower Dr. does not have to wait more than 21 seconds when there is no traffic going through the intersection on Moorland Rd. The Police

Dept. did a study to confirm this. The County Highway Dept. has advised us that they would not turn the signals to flashing red and yellow. They further advised that it is not a safe situation to allow and it is not their policy to do so. The Commission feels that the timing is sufficient and recommends no further action. **Motion** by Jim Polczynski to drop this item from the agenda. Seconded by Steve Bartelt and carried unanimously.

01 01 02 Cold Spring Rd., 124<sup>th</sup> St. to Sunny Slope Rd. – Request to lower speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph. Hold this item on the agenda for Commissioners to study.

02 01 02 Possible ordinance for school buses to use their flashing red lights on a divided highway. The reconstruction of Greenfield Ave. will prevent school buses from using their signals without an ordinance allowing them to do so. A local ordinance has been requested to allow school buses to use their flashing red lights on highways in the City where the roadway is divided and there are curbs and sidewalks. State law prohibits this unless adopted by City ordinance. The City of Brookfield has adopted an ordinance to allow their school buses to use their red flashing lights on these types of highways. Lt. Alf has been in contact with the bus company and the City of Brookfield and reported that they both support the consistency that New Berlin's passage of an ordinance, such as this, would bring to both of our communities. **Motion by Bill Dunn to recommend to Council that we also adopt an ordinance to be consistent with that of the City of Brookfield's, allowing school buses to use flashing red lights on divided highways and in areas where there are curbs and sidewalks. It is further recommended that the City take the necessary steps to make citizens aware that such an ordinance has been adopted. Seconded by Jim Polczynski and carried with Steve Bartelt voting "no."**

Motion by Jim Polczynski to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Seconded by Bill Dunn and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt. Randy L. Alf  
Secretary