

# Minutes

## NEW BERLIN SAFETY COMMISSION - MINUTES

July 14th, 1999 7:35 p.m.

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

**Present:** Jim Haggerty, Tom Struebing (for Randy Alf), Bill Dunn, Ted Wysocki, Deb Schenk, Steve Bartelt, Kory Hauser, Jim Polczynski, and Ken Czyzewski

**Also present:** 3M OPTICON System spokesperson, Mary Claire Lanser

**Excused/Absent:** Rick Kocchi and Don Ullman

**Communications:** Letter from Jennifer Johnson, the Mayor's Executive Assistant, to Dr. James Benfield, Superintendent of Schools, regarding appointments to the Safety Commission was read.

**Motion by Bill Dunn to approve the June minutes.** Seconded by Steve Bartelt and carried unanimously.

A presentation was made by Bill Dunn to past member and current back-up secretary, Tom Struebing. The book and labels were very appreciated.

Item 07 99 01 Installation of OPTICON at traffic light controlled intersections. This item was taken out of order to accommodate a guest who had information on this item. Bill Dunn presented the concept of a priority control system to the Commission. This system allows approaching emergency vehicles to control the signals at an intersection. Mary Claire Lanser, a spokesperson for 3M OPTICON System, presented brochures of their priority control system and a short video. Bill Dunn said that both the Police and Fire Chiefs are very favorable to some type of system like this. After a discussion, a **motion was made by Bill Dunn to recommend to the Council that they adopt a priority control system as soon as possible. Seconded by Steve Bartelt and carried unanimously.**

### Old Business:

11 97 03 Moorland Rd. at Grange Ave. (Revisited) Intersection Safety. Ald. Wysocki told the Commission that there may be TIF money available for this intersection. It was recommended that the City Engineer talk to City Treasurer Mike Holzinger about this. Jim Haggerty to take to Engineering. Hold on agenda.

02 98 01 Moorland Rd. and Coffee Rd. Turn arrows to be put up. No change from last time. **Motion by Ald. Wysocki to table this item. Seconded by Ken Czyzewski and carried unanimously.**

02 99 03 Fire Station # 1. Warning signs for fire trucks entering the highway. Discussion centered around the new Safety Building and Station #1. It was felt that because the intersections of Casper Dr./National Ave. and Civic Dr. (Al Stigler Pky.)/National Ave. are used by emergency vehicles and because of the necessity to provide safe pedestrian crossing to the park area, these two intersections should have automatic signals. During the discussion, **Ald. Wysocki made a motion to remove item 01 96 02 from the list of tabled items.** Seconded by Bill Dunn and carried unanimously. **Bill Dunn then made a motion to recommend to the County that the extended intersection of Casper Dr./National Ave. & Regal Manor Dr./National Ave. and the intersection of Civic Dr. (Al Stigler Pky.)/National Ave. be considered for automatic signals.** Seconded by Deb Schenk and carried unanimously. In light of this

action, **Bill Dunn made a motion to drop item 02 99 03 from the agenda.** Seconded by Jim Polczynski and carried unanimously.

04 99 03 Cleveland Ave., 171<sup>st</sup> St. to Calhoun Rd. Request for "No Parking" signs. Safety hazard because of visibility problem. Tom Struebing read a letter from Waukesha County's Director of Transportation, Richard Bolte. In it, Mr. Bolte said that he would be presenting the Waukesha County Board with a request for an Ordinance to "post" this area and if the Ordinance passed, the signs could be installed in August. Carry this item on the agenda.

06 99 01 124<sup>th</sup> and Graham. "New Berlin Hills Golf Course" sign may obstruct vision of traffic on 124<sup>th</sup> from Graham St. It was felt that the sign was not a problem but that surrounding bushes and trees were. The Commission recommended that the Highway Dept. try to trim them and request the pertinent property owners to do the same. This recommendation will be forwarded to Don Ullman.

06 99 02 I-43 off-ramp at Layton. Build up of traffic on the off-ramp. The Police Dept. checked this and found no problem. **Motion by Steve Bartelt to drop this item from the agenda. Seconded by Bill Dunn and carried unanimously.**

**Tabled Items:**

01 96 01 National Ave., General safety concern.

01 96 02 National Ave., 16300 Blk. Traffic Control Lights.

01 98 03 National Ave., Pick 'n Save Entrance. Howard Ave.

06 98 02 National Ave., Exit from K-Mart, "No Left Turn" sign.

The above items, with the exception of 01 96 02 which was removed via an earlier motion, have been referred to the City Center Study Committee.

Tom Struebing and Ald. Wysocki gave a brief update on the NBCCC.

09 97 02 Calhoun Rd. at Beloit Rd. Safety concerns and the need for a stop sign on Beloit Rd. Commissioners feel that this is not a safe intersection and should still be studied. Hold on the agenda for Commissioners to study.

**New Business:**

07 99 01 Installation of OPTICON at traffic light controlled intersections.

Discussed earlier.

07 99 02 Westbound I-43 Off-Ramp at Moorland Rd. Backup of traffic exiting I-43 on Friday and Saturday evening. This could most likely be traffic going to the "Ridge Cinema". After some discussion, the Police were asked to observe this and report back to the Commission.

07 99 03 Milwaukee Co. busses using the curb lane as a through lane. After some discussion, Jim Haggerty said that he would look at this. The Commission Secretary was directed to write Mr. Bolte, Waukesha County's Director of Transportation, to get the County's opinion on this issue.

07 99 04 Greenfield and Moorland. Eastbound traffic on Greenfield turning into the Walgreens.  
Commissioners to study this for the next meeting.

**Motion to adjourn by Bill Dunn** and seconded by Ken Czyzewski. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt. Thomas T. Struebing  
Acting Secretary