



**Public Safety Committee
January 27, 2015
MINUTES**

Present: Aldermen Adams and Pukaite; Police Chief Graff, Fire Chief Bialk, City Administrator Jones, Executive Assistant Kowalchuk, press and interested public

Absent: Alderman Leszczynski

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1) Approve meeting minutes of November 18, 2014 and December 9, 2014

Moved by Alderman Adams seconded by Alderman Pukaite to approve the meeting minutes of November 18, and December 9, 2014. The motion passed by voice acclamation.

2) Farmdale Road Speed Reduction Request

Alderman Pukaite introduced the Farmdale Road speed reduction request stating that while the Committee had discussed this item at their November 2014 meeting wherein they supported staff's recommendation of leaving the speed limit as is based on reviewed reports and traffic analysis; it was brought back tonight so as to provide residents the opportunity to share their concerns directly. Alderman Pukaite additionally stated that based on phone calls she received today on this item, resident support went both ways.

Four residents attending the meeting voiced the following concerns; reducing the speed was not a consensus among them:

- Farmdale is the only north/south road with a speed of 45 mph; the others are 40 mph or lower.
- Wauwatosa Road drivers detour over to Farmdale Road because of its faster speed resulting in additional traffic in the mornings and evenings.
- Increased speed at which drivers accelerate from the corner.
- Driver attention/handling of the rise of the road heading north contributes to accidents. When drivers going southbound roll through the intersection, there is a potential blind spot caused by a phone pole, eastbound traffic may be in a blind spot caused by the crest in the road.

Alderman Pukaite advised attendees that while this committee's previous action supports the staff recommendation of leaving Farmdale Road's speed limit as is, they will discuss the concerns expressed with the City's Engineering and DPW Departments to see if anything further can be done to improve driver safety in this area.

3) Amendment to Social Host Ordinance

Chief Graff explained that the penalty language within the recently approved Social Host Ordinance needed correcting in order to allow officers to issue citations for the originally intended forfeiture amount of \$2,500. He additionally confirmed that the refined language is specific to this ordinance only.

Moved by Alderman Adams seconded by Alderman Pukaite to recommend approval of the amendment to the Social Host Ordinance. The motion passed by voice acclamation.

4) Annual Report of the Fire Department

Chief Bialk verbalized highlights within the Fire Department Report and provided further clarification to questions raised. Alderman Adams expressed concern about the closed down cisterns and the potential liability if their manhole covers were to be stolen. The Chief confirmed for Alderman Pukaite that their vehicle computers will be able to pull up building floor plans as soon as the Department finds the resources to enter the data within them.

5) Adjourn

Moved by Alderman Adams seconded by Alderman Pukaite to adjourn at 7:11 pm. The motion passed by voice acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Kowalchuk

Executive Assistant

Committee approved 02/26/15