



**Public Safety Committee  
April 28, 2015  
MINUTES**

**Present:** Aldermen Hawkins, Leszczynski and Pukaite; Police Chief Graff, Fire Chief Bialk, Executive Assistant Kowalchuk, press and interested public

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**1) Approve meeting minutes of March 24, 2015**

Moved by Alderman Leszczynski, seconded by Alderman Pukaite to approve the meeting minutes of March 24, 2015. The motion passed by voice acclamation of Aldermen Leszczynski and Pukaite; with Alderman Hawkins stating he was not on the Public Safety Committee when the March meeting occurred.

**2) Fire Department Intern Program**

Chief Bialk explained the proposed Fire Department Intern Program came about as a result of discussions with City Administrator Jones about avenues to address continuing department staffing needs.

This Intern program is utilized and has been successful in other Fire Departments. It is a very efficient way in which to augment our paid-on-call staff and has the support of our Fire Department union members. Student interns will be paid a stipend for living expenses, be sponsored in some classes while they get some hands-on experience, and the City will benefit in that the students will be in the station around the clock. Discussions with MATC suggest high interest in this program. Chief Bialk stated the department's existing budget could cover this proposed program.

**3) Dog Control – Ordinance Review**

Chief Graff informed the Committee that the latest modifications to this ordinance, which are a result of previous committee discussion, further addresses domestic animals at large and includes a vicious animal definition and section. It was confirmed that all other areas of the existing ordinance remain the same.

Alderman Hawkins suggested in-ground fencing and corrective collar owner control may be something to consider with regards to this ordinance.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Leszczynski to recommend approval of the proposed revised language to this ordinance.

Ms. Leonard, wife of Jason Leonard who requested this ordinance review, thanked staff and committee members for their work improving this ordinance.

#### **4) Springdale Court Traffic Concerns**

Chief Graff stated he received a request from resident Jaime Hanson to reduce the speed limit on Springdale Court from 25 mph to 15 mph. Results of a speed study along with the limited number of homes and low volume of traffic on this road do not present an overwhelming need for such a reduction. It was suggested that residents living on this road could purchase and put out some of their own “slow down” signs.

Mr. Hanson, who was present, thanked the committee for the speed study, did not dispute the study findings, but further explained his reasons for bringing his reduction request forward. He mentioned the possibility of “children at play” signage stating that a curve in the road presents a blind spot and hazard as a result of driver drift/speed.

The Chairman suggested a collaborative neighbor approach with regards to resident signs. The Chief suggested potentially putting up an advisory sign at the curve, mentioning however, that these are not enforceable. Discussion included shrubbery at the curve could be an issue and could potentially be cut back in effort to improve visibility.

Alderman Hawkins who is on the City’s Public Works Committee, stated these Committee suggestions could be brought forward to the Public Works Committee.

Moved by Alderman Leszczynski, seconded by Alderman Hawkins to support staff’s recommendation of no change to the existing speed limit.

#### **5) 3-Way Stop – Steffen Drive/Buntrock Avenue**

This item will be brought forward at the next Public Safety Committee meeting as time constraints prevented the necessary data gathering to make a recommendation.

Committee members discussed the next meeting date noting it was the day after the Memorial Day weekend. It was also mentioned that election of a committee chairman and discussion of meeting dates and times will be items on the next agenda. Alderman Leszczynski mentioned the possibility of a conflict with the next meeting date, but shared that Mondays or Fridays are not as good as Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays for him.

#### **6) Adjourn**

Moved by Alderman Leszczynski, seconded by Alderman Hawkins to adjourn at 7:05 pm. The motion passed by voice acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Diane Kowalchuk*  
*Executive Assistant*  
Committee Approved 06/23/15