



**Public Safety Committee
December 14, 2015
MINUTES**

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

Absent: Alderman Hawkins

Others Present: Steve Fivenson, resident

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Approve meeting minutes of October 29, and November 10, 2015

Moved by Alderman Leszczynski, seconded by Alderman Pukaite to approve the meeting minutes of October 29 and November 10, 2015. The motion passed by voice acclamation.

2. Freistadt Road Speed Review Request

Mr. Steve Fivenson explained he had come to share both his and his neighbor Russ Cedarholm's concerns regarding the speed limit on W. Freistadt Road. Both he and Mr. Cedarholm reside on Freistadt Road.

Mr. Fivenson read a statement prepared by Mr. Cedarholm summarizing concerns regarding the speed with the increased traffic, recorded by Mr. Cedarholm at 55-60mph, but at an average 42-48mph; as well as a history of previous speed modifications attempts made. The following suggestions were also a part of the statement: purchase/put up 2 radar speed display signs the likes of which Thiensville uses (Tapco Company, \$3,600 per unit), lower the speed limit to 30mph, have the Mequon PD run radar on a regular basis. Mr. Fivenson favored lowering the speed limit.

The committee chairman went over a traffic study of Freistadt Road which revealed the average speed is 38mph on this 35mph road, with three deer related crashes in the last three years.

Supporting staff's recommendation of no change, the committee took no action on this item.

3. Highland Road Speed Review Request

Chief Graff shared resident Timothy Salisbury's concern regarding speed on Highland Road between Cedarburg Road and Wauwatosa Road. A traffic study revealed the average speed at 45.7mph on this 45mph road, with 3 crashes in the last three years.

Supporting staff's recommendation of no change, the committee took no action on this item.

4. Resolution 3345: Approving Purchase of Fire Department Self Contained Breathing Apparatus

Chief Bialk summarized his request for 25 self-contained breathing apparatus, 50 air bottles and 60 individual face pieces including supply history, steps taken to keep the units in service as long as possible and funds availability within capital budgets.

Moved by Alderman Leszczynski, seconded by Alderman Pukaite to approve the \$154.423 purchase proposal. The motion passed by voice acclamation.

5. Discussion: How deer/car statistics are calculated

Chairman Pukaite explained that Alderman Hawkins' observation regarding the deer/car statistics reviewed resulting in the decision to not extend the deer culling program, raised a question from him about whether views would change given some people may not be reporting their car/deer encounters.

Chief Graff stated that people are reporting such encounters, usually at a ratio of 2:1 nonreportable to reportable each year. The State threshold for a reportable level accident is \$1000 damage.

6. Adjourn

Moved by Alderman Leszczynski, seconded by Alderman Pukaite to adjourn at 6:14 pm. The motion passed by voice acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Kowalchuk
Executive Assistant