

BROWN DEER TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 10, 2016 MEETING MINUTES
HELD AT THE BROWN DEER VILLAGE HALL
4800 WEST GREEN BROOK DRIVE
BROWN DEER, WISCONSIN

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Boschert at 5:34 PM.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Trustee Boschert, Trustee Awe, Roger Gordon, Mike Kass, Bob Wazniak, Neil Wood

Also Present: Michael Hall, Village Manger; Michael Kass, Chief of Police; Matthew Maederer, Director of Public Works/Village Engineer; Nancy Hoppe, Executive Secretary to Chief of Police

Not Present: Alicia Lemke

II. PERSONS DESIRING TO BE HEARD

Sharon Floryance 4134 W Cherrywood Lane. Ms. Floryance stated the three bus routes on North Green Bay Road have been discussed at previous meetings. She further stated that Jeff Sponcia with the Milwaukee County Transit System was in attendance as well and he has been working with her to take care of the issues the residents had. Trustee Boschert addressed Ms. Floryance's concerns and advised that it would be added to a future agenda.

There were no other persons desiring to be heard at this time; other residents were in attendance to speak during New Business, Item C.

III. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: September 8, 2016

It was moved by Mr. Gordon, and seconded by Mr. Wazniak to approve the September 8, 2016 meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. REPORT OF STAFF/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chief Kass advised the department's monthly report was recently sent out and placed on social media. He further reported that the department recently had an officer retirement in October and that another officer will be retiring at the end of the year. Chief Kass stated that the department is hiring three officers, one in December and two in January and that the two in January will be attending the Police Academy. Trustee Awe inquired about the motorcycle unit and Chief Kass stated that it was used minimally in early Fall and that it was now in storage until Spring when officers will be scheduled for training.

Matthew Maederer reported that the summer construction projects were completed and that operations were now shifting towards winter and forestry operations. Mr. Gordon asked about the No Parking signage on West Bradley Road and Mr. Maederer stated it should be completed by December 9th.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Oak Leaf Trail Crossing at North Teutonia Avenue/CTH D Signage and Advance Warning Discussion.

Matthew Maederer addressed the crossing area and reported that it did meet the safety standards and it is signed appropriately and that two signs did need to be replaced. He further advised he inquired if pavement markings could be added and the County advised that it would be looked at with the new budget year. Roger Gordon opined he would like to see better signage for the bicyclists and Mr. Maederer advised the area did not warrant it but he would ask the County to review that as well.

- B. Citizen Request – “Do Not Pass” Signage on West County Line Road West of Railroad Tracks to East of North Carlotta Lane.

Chief Kass advised a traffic study was done and he reported that the average speed of vehicles traveling on West County Line Road was 39 miles per hour. Carol Kwiecinski, 4562 West Ravine Lane. Mrs. Kwiecinski stated she lived in the area and opined that at times you did have to pass on the roadway due to semi-trucks parking for the area businesses in Mequon. Chief Kass stated that the roadway was striped in accordance with state law and the Brown Deer Police Department did not see any need for additional signage.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. North 60th Street and West Fairy Chasm Road Pedestrian Crossing Signage/Pavement Marking Discussion.

Mr. Maederer reported a citizen, Rene Nawrocki, 9202 North 60th Street, had made a request for traffic signage for pedestrian crossing at the northeast corner of North 60th Street and West Fairy Chasm Road. Mr. Maederer stated that there was no warrant at this time for signage as the volume of pedestrian traffic did not meet the set standards. He further reported that the current signage and markings are sufficient through state standards, so no action would be required of the Committee at this time.

- B. No U-Turn Sign Request at West Brown Deer Road/STH 100 (EB/WB) and North 60th Street Discussion.

Trustee Awe reported that he has noticed an increase of traffic at North 60th Street and West Brown Deer Road. He further opined that people making U-Turns at that intersection could be quite dangerous with the traffic flow from all the area businesses. Mr. Wazniak reported if it was a controlled intersection it was allowed. Much discussion of all the intersections West Brown Deer Road from North 51st Street west to the Village limits took place. Mr. Maederer stated he would contact the Department of Transportation and relay the Village’s concerns and would report back at a future meeting.

C. Brown Deer Ordinance, Chapter 6 – Animals Discussion.

Chief Kass presented an overview of the ordinance and he further provided direction on restricting certain breeds. Trustee Boschert inquired if all dogs are required to have a license in the Village and if so would the Village be able to “keep track” of what type of dogs are in the Village. Trustee Awe stated that the Village did currently have a vicious dog ordinance that has been followed. Mr. Wazniak opined that dogs of all breeds can be out of control and that the owner needs to have control over the animal. Mr. Wazniak further inquired if there is anything in the ordinance regarding the behavior of an animal.

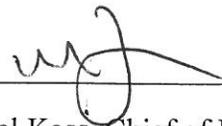
Christine Stanke, 9525 N 47th Street. Mrs. Stanke reported that she and her daughter were cornered in their backyard by a neighbor’s two Pit Bulls for a period of seven to ten minutes while the owner of the dog ignored their yells for help. She further reported that she has reported different situations six times to the police and now both dogs are no longer in the neighborhood. Mrs. Kwiecinski opined that some of the dogs in her neighborhood are vicious. She further stated that some dogs in the area are from the Deer Run Apartment Complex and come into their neighborhood with their owner’s to walk. Trustee Boschert advised that when it is warranted, residents need to contact the police for assistance and/or enforcement. Discussion of a “Leash Law” took place.

Dale Gass, 8573 N 54th Street. Mr. Gass stated that he was the President of the Brown Deer Neighborhood Watch and this topic was discussed at their last meeting. He further stated that he is a proponent of a Leash Law for the Village of Brown Deer. He asked if restrictions on Pit Bulls could be added to the Village Ordinance. He further provided some information for descriptions of certain breeds and that he would like restrictions be adopted. Mr. Gass supplied some information on other communities’ ordinances and restrictions.

This item will be placed on the next agenda for the Traffic and Public Safety Committee for possible changes and review by the Village Attorney.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Wazniak, and seconded by Mr. Gordon to adjourn at 6:42 PM. The motion carried unanimously.



Michael Kass, Chief of Police