

BROWN DEER TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MAY 7, 2015 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 5:32 PM.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Michael Hall, Village Manager; Michael Kass, Chief of Police; Matthew Maederer, Department of Public Works Supervisor; Nancy Hoppe, Executive Secretary to Chief of Police; Jill Kenda-Lubetski, Village Clerk; Erin Hirn, Assistant Village Manager

II. PERSONS DESIRING TO BE HEARD

Village Clerk, Jill Kenda-Lubetski, was in attendance on behalf of the Fourth of July Committee to distribute raffle ticket booklets to committee members to sell.

Others in attendance at the meeting would be granted an opportunity to speak when the committee addresses parking concerns on North 42nd Street.

III. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: January 8, 2015 Meeting

It was moved by Trustee Awe, and seconded by Mr. Wazniak to approve the January 8, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. REPORT OF STAFF/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chief Kass reported the department had eliminated the Desk Officer position and created a Police Aide position and that the department promoted a Desk Officer to Patrol Officer.

Matthew Maederer reported the DPW recently hired Robb Yenter as a Sanitary Sewer and Storm Water Technician. He further stated winter operations have been completed and that new trees are being planted in areas of the Village. When questioned about dead grassy areas in the Village, Mr. Maederer reported that areas would be hydro-seeded. Lastly he reported that construction will be starting approximately May 18th on West Bradley Road and that West Carolann and West Glenbrook would be resurfaced in the near future.

Village Manager Michael Hall introduced the new Assistant Manager, Erin Hirn.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review of Parking West Dean Road – North 55th Street to North 60th Street

Chief Kass reviewed the past parking issues on West Dean Road and opined that the no parking remain as is. Matthew Maederer reported that the DPW was in agreement from a maintenance standpoint.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Parking Concerns – 8500 Block North 42nd Street

Trustee Boschert provided a brief history on North 42nd Street. Mr. Maederer reported on information in the packet; he further stated that one of the options not in the packet were marked parking spots. Trustee Boschert inquired what the current ordinance stated and Mr. Maederer reported that at this time parking was allowed on both sides. Boschert inquired if driveway approaches could be widened to increase the flare of a driveway; Mr. Maederer explained the construction process involved.

Denise Winkler 8573 North 42nd Street. Ms. Winkler reported she was not able to get out of her driveway on numerous occasions; she supplied pictures of the incident she was speaking of. She further stated that at this time she was parking on the street when knowing she would be utilizing her vehicle throughout the day. She further stated that no parking problems were occurring prior to the updating of the roadways in the Original Village. Ms. Winkler further provided that she had problems with her driveway when pulling in or out and being able to stay on the pavement.

Mary Mode 8550 North 42nd Street. Ms. Mode stated at one time a Fed Ex truck could not make it through the neighborhood due to vehicles on one side and it literally turned around in her front yard. She does not believe it is just a parking issue – it is a width issue. Ms. Mode remarked that a water issue further hindered this problem. She opined that parking during holidays and/or family gatherings could be foreseen as troublesome. Ms. Mode stated that she believed the driveways are sub-par she drives over the curb or her grass almost on a daily basis.

Rodney Meyer 8556 North 42nd Street. Mr. Meyer stated that when the project was completed the Village reportedly had \$200,000 in excess and he opined that the extra monies were used to beautify the “entrances” to the Original Village. He believes the Village made a mistake and that the residents should not have to pay for the mistake.

Ms. Mode inquired if the curbs could be removed and Matthew Maederer advised that either a ditch or curb and gutter are required.

Paul Thornton 8540 North 42nd Street. Mr. Thornton stated that digging a trench was not a resolution. He further stated that a direct bore method be used rather than digging a ditch. He requested that no more trees be removed in the area.

John Van Beck 8543 North 42nd Street. Mr. Van Beck opined that restricting parking on one side of the street would be an improvement as he feels that ambulances and other service vehicles cannot get through. Mr. Van Beck reported a cul de sac would not be feasible due to the impact of yards.

Roger Gordon stated that he believed the Village “messed up” when renewing the area. He believed the village was at fault. Bob Wazniak opined that 22 feet is not a wide enough street to allow any parking at all as driving lanes are typically ten feet.

Trustee Boschert presented the three options available at this time. Don't do anything; restrict parking on one side; or to restrict parking on both sides. It was the consensus of the committee to restrict parking on one side of the street and it will be monitored. The west side will be restricted and markings will be added. This item will be reviewed by this committee in three months.

It was moved by Alicia Lemke, and seconded by Bob Wazniak to recommend to the Village Board that No Parking signage be installed on the west side of North 42nd Street from West Ruth Avenue southbound. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Traffic Concerns – North Carlotta Lane and West Glenbrook Road

Matthew Maederer reviewed the study of the area previously completed by the police department and the armadillo equipment that was placed in the area. He further stated that he has been approached by numerous residents requesting stop signs be installed there. Mr. Maederer opined that Stop signs be installed. Chief Kass stated that by replacing yield signs with stop signs the stop signs will eventually become yield signs and that currently the amount of traffic does not allow for a stop sign to be installed. It was suggested that a construction only stop sign be temporarily installed. Mr. Maederer was not in favor of any type of temporary signage. It was the consensus of the committee to not change the current Yield signage.

C. Quarterly Review of Police Activity

Chief Kass provided a quarterly overview of police activity and some of the changes that were made allowed the officers to better patrol the community. He further reported that it is the officer's discretion to respond to rescue calls and that the department does no longer provide auto lockout assistance. He highlighted the additional increase in overnight parking tickets issued was due to the recently changed Ordinance.

D. Informational Overview of Police Body Worn Cameras

Nancy Hoppe reported an error on the agenda the word Policy was typed when it should be Police.

Chief Kass stated he believed it would be the industry standard within five years for all officers to wear body worn cameras (BWC). He further stated that some grant issues were available but they presently are only paying for 50% of the camera itself; not all the equipment.

He further opined that BWCs will be forthcoming in the 2016 and 2017 budgets. Trustee Boschert inquired if a smaller amount could be purchased on the front end and it was stated that it could be done in thirds.

Discussion took place about storage issues on the current computer system. Trustee Boschert inquired what the risk factors were that would necessitate an officer wear a BWC. Chief Kass stated that the BWC will be coming in the future for wear at all times and that the department will be utilizing some test body worn cameras in the near future.

Trustee Awe inquired if any departments have had Cloud storage “hacked” and Chief Kass advised that the risk factor of hacking this type of system were very low. This issue will be on a future agenda after demonstrations are completed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Wazniak and seconded by Mrs. Lemke to adjourn at 7:05 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Michael Kass, Chief of Police