



**CITY OF NEW BERLIN
SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING**

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

6:00 PM

Public Safety Building Room #185

16300 W National Ave

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

22-2: Alderman Harenda has received concerns from residents of cut through traffic through the Karrington Woods and Conservancy subdivisions near College Avenue and Janesville Road. Alderman Harenda requested the Safety Commission review this issue and look for possible solutions.

22-1: Members of the North Oak Condo Association have reported a street parking problem on Forest Ridge Drive south of Lindenwood Drive and north of Beloit Road. Residents in the area are concerned with the potential safety hazard of vehicles parking on both sides of the street on Forest Ridge Drive. The residents reported that when the vehicles are parked on both sides, it blocks access for emergency vehicles and creates a dangerous driving situation. Members of the North Oak Condo Association have requested "No Parking" signs to be erected on one side of the street on Forest Ridge Drive in the area to mitigate this potential safety hazard.

TABLED ITEMS

21-9: To address recent citizen complaints, the New Berlin Police Department has increased enforcement on the "No Engine Braking" ordinance. To help mitigate this issue, the police department has requested "No Engine Braking" signs be placed at the borders of the city to warn drivers of the "No Engine Braking" ordinance. (Tabled for a map study and further discussion).

21-13: A resident contacted the Mayor's office and requested signage (yield and/or pedestrian) at the crosswalk on National Avenue at the Public Safety Building, 16300 W. National Avenue. County Supervisor Ted Wysocki recommended the Safety Commission address this issue with Waukesha County for consideration. (Tabled for further clarification)

SET MEETING DATE

Wednesday, March 9th, 2022

ADJOURN

PLEASE NOTE:

- ✓ It is possible that action will be taken on any of the items on the agenda and that the agenda may be discussed in any order. It is also possible that members of and possible a quorum of other governmental bodies of the municipality may be in attendance at the above-stated meeting to gather information; no action will be taken by any governmental body at the above-stated meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to above in this notice.
- ✓ Also, upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information or to request this service, contact City Clerk Georgia Stanford (262) 786-8610.

CITY OF NEW BERLIN
PROCEEDINGS OF THE SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved by the Safety Commission Meeting at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE INVOCATION PUBLIC NOTICE

ROLL CALL DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Present: Steve Thompson (NBPD), Lucas Pichler (Engineering), Mitchell Lataille, Lori Doyle (Alderpersion), Joe Rieder (Chairperson), Brady Reinke, and Ron Retherford.

Absent: Fred Witty, Steve Brooks (Streets), Steve Kon (NBFD) and Caleb Manske

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 10th 2021 Minutes

Brady Reinke made a motion to accept the November 10th, 2021 Minutes. The motion was seconded by Lucas Pichler.

Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

TABLED ITEMS

- 20-4: Alderman Harenda and Alderwoman Doyle requested a traffic enforcement plan to address overweight trucking on Calhoun Road south of National Avenue to Small Road. The residents have also made a complaint about vehicles speeding and failing to stop at the stop signs on Calhoun Road between National Avenue and Small Road. (Tabled until a traffic study can be completed with the new signage in place).
- 20-9: A resident has reported a recurring problem of trucks engine braking on Calhoun Road between Coffee Road and National Avenue. The resident requested additional signage and enforcement in this area to address the illegal engine braking. The same resident also requested the speed limit on Calhoun Road between National Avenue and Lincoln Avenue be lowered from 35mph to 30mph as there are schools and numerous residential driveways in this area. (Tabled until a traffic count on Calhoun road on the flat section near the swamp, south of Coffee Road can be completed)

Lucas Pichler made a motion to remove item 20-9 from the table to be discussed. Alderwoman Doyle seconded the motion.

Motion passed 7-0

Lucas Pichler presented traffic study data of the area collected from 10/18/2021 through 10/22/2021. The data collected included a traffic count, historical crash data and a speed data analysis. According to the crash data, there has been seven recorded crashes at the intersection of Calhoun Road and Observatory Road in the last five years. According to the speed data analysis, the average speed was 46 mph and the 85th percentile speed was 50 mph. The data indicated a 14% enforceable violation number with an enforcement tolerance of 10 mph of the posted speed limit. Lucas Pichler advised this data did not suggest a lowering the speed limit is warranted base on the MUTCD guidance. New Berlin resident Anne Dubats of 3900 S. Calhoun Road was in

attendance and provided additional information reference this item. Dubats advised that vehicles traveling north on Calhoun Road from National Avenue continue to speed creating a dangerous situation for nearby residents. Resident Dubats cited the hill in the area to be the issue causing the speeding. Resident Dubats also advised that more deer are crossing Calhoun Road now creating a dangerous situation and requested the speed limit be lowered to 35 mph. New Berlin resident Don Serkowski of 4030 S. Calhoun Road was in attendance and also voiced his concerns reference the speeding vehicles. Resident Serkowski further advised the engine braking from trucks continues to be a problem despite the No Engine Braking signs in the area. Resident Serkowski also requested the speed limit be lowered to 35 mph in this area. The committee discussed placing Spin Alerts on the No Engine Braking signs and to have the aldermen contact the businesses in the area that have trucking to advise them of the resident concerns.

Alderwoman Doyle made a two-part motion reference this item:

- 1) A motion to install Spin Alerts on the No Engine Braking signs on Calhoun Road in this area and to have the responsible alderperson make notification to surrounding businesses about the engine braking issue.
- 2) A motion to remove the 40 mph speed limit sign at the northeast corner of Calhoun Road and National Avenue as it is too close to the school zone, to have the New Berlin Police Department continue enforcement of the area and to table the lower speed limit request for further research.

Joe Rieder seconded this motion.

Motion passed 7-0.

- 21-9: To address recent citizen complaints, the New Berlin Police Department has increased enforcement on the "No Engine Braking" ordinance. To help mitigate this issue, the police department has requested "No Engine Braking" signs be placed at the borders of the city to warn drivers of the "No Engine Braking" ordinance. (Tabled for a map study and further discussion).
- 21-13: A resident contacted the Mayor's office and requested signage (yield and/or pedestrian) at the crosswalk on National Avenue at the Public Safety Building, 16300 W. National Avenue. County Supervisor Ted Wysocki recommended the Safety Commission address this issue with Waukesha County for consideration. (Tabled for further clarification)
- 21-14: A resident has requested four way stop signage be placed at the intersection of Edgerton Avenue/Desoto Lane and Cherrytree Lane/Nicolet Drive. There currently are only stop signs on Cherrytree Lane/Nicolet Drive and no stop signs on Desoto Lane/Edgerton Avenue. The resident advised that vehicles traveling west on Edgerton Avenue into the neighborhood are not slowing down when turning onto Cherrytree Lane and Nicolet Drive creating a dangerous situation for both vehicle and pedestrian traffic. (Tabled until a traffic study can be completed)

Lucas Pichler made a motion to remove item number 21-14 from the table for discussion. Alderwoman Doyle seconded the motion.

Motion passed 7-0.

Lucas Pichler presented a pavement marking plan to address this issue. The plan called for painted lines leading into the intersection of Edgerton Avenue/ Desoto Lane and Cherrytree Lane/ Nicolet Drive. This plan was designed to slow traffic and mitigate vehicle lane departures. The marking plan would be completed in 2022 to coincide with the roadway resurfacing project set for this area. New Berlin resident, James Collins of 12630 W. Cherrytree Lane, was in attendance and provided additional information on this complaint. Resident Collins advised he supported Pichler's presented marking plan and thought it was a viable option for the area. Alderwoman Doyle made a motion to accept Lucas Pichler's recommended plan and to have the item removed from the agenda. Joe Rieder seconded the motion.

Motion passed 7-0.

SET MEETING DATE

- Wednesday, January 12th, 2022

ADJOURN

Alderwoman Doyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 PM. This motion was seconded by Lucas Pichler.

Motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Captain Thompson
Patrol Captain
New Berlin Police Department