

Safety Commission MEETING MINUTES



October 8, 2025 - 6:00 PM
Conference Room A/B
3805 S. Casper Drive

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm, by Mary English.

2. ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE

Present: Chuck Garrigues, Mary English, Marcus Grimm, Mitchell Lataille, Matt Newman (SDNB), Lucas Pichler (DPW), Dave Rocklewitz (NBPD), Tammy Simonson (Engineering)

Not Present: Charlotte Kroupa (Alderwoman), Justin Schulpius (NBFD)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion to approve minutes

VOTE: Motion by: Staff Designee Rocklewitz
Second by: City Engineer Simonson
Motion Passed 8-0

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. **25-16:** A resident, via Alderman Harenda, has requested that additional enhancements or signage be added to the intersection of Beloit Road and Calhoun Road to increase the safety of the intersection.

Dave Rocklewitz presented a general overview of the complaint, as it had previously been forwarded to him via email. Tammy Simonson advised that the intersection of Beloit Road and Calhoun Road had been addressed by the Safety Commission on multiple occasions in the past. Simonson noted that most recently, additional stop signs were added at the intersection and red tape had been added to the posts to increase visibility.

Simonson noted that in the past year, there had been eight crashes at the intersection of

Beloit Road and Calhoun Road – five for failure to stop and three for failure to yield right of way. Simonson also noted that the time of the day of the crashes varied; therefore, there was no consistent pattern.

Mitchell Lataille asked if larger stop signs could be added to increase visibility. Simonson advised that she was not sure how large the current stop signs were but believed that larger stop signs could be an option. Simonson also added that Beloit Road was a county highway; therefore, the City of New Berlin only had control over the signs on Calhoun Road. Lucas Pichler further added that although installing larger stop signs could be an option, it might not solve the problem with the intersection. Simonson also advised that overhead stop signs could be added as an option; however, again added that the City of New Berlin would require Waukesha County's approval if overhead stop signs were added for all four directions. Chuck Garrigues asked if the traffic volume at the intersection would warrant a traffic signal. Simonson advised that a traffic signal would not be warranted at the intersection. Lataille asked if spinners could be added to the top of the current stop signs. Pichler advised that spinners had very little, if any, known impact on alerting drivers; therefore, he did not recommend adding spinners. Lataille asked what the cost would be for adding overhead signage at the intersection. Pichler advised that he did not have an exact cost but believed the cost for adding overhead signage would be relatively expensive. Mary English asked if there were any other options. Pichler advised that flashing stop signs could be another option. Simonson commented and advised that there was at least one nearby residence; therefore, a flashing stop sign could have an adverse impact on those residents. Matt Newman asked if there were "Stop Ahead" signs near the intersection. Simonson confirmed that "Stop Ahead" signs were already in place near the intersection. Lataille asked if rumble strips were an option. Simonson commented and again advised that nearby residents would probably be adversely impacted and upset by the installation of rumble strips. Lataille asked about the process for getting Waukesha County's approval for overhead stop signs. Pichler commented and advised that even without Waukesha County's approval, the City of New Berlin could consider the installation of overhead stop signs on Calhoun Road. Lataille asked if it would make sense for Calhoun Road to have overhead stop signs if Beloit Road did not. Simonson suggested that before making any decisions, it might be appropriate to get estimates for the costs of the various options. Simonson further suggested that it might be appropriate to reach out to Waukesha County to see if they had any additional suggestions or thoughts.

MOTION: Motion to get an estimate for the cost of installing overhead stop signs and the cost of installing flashing stop signs at the intersection of Beloit Road and Calhoun Road and to contact Waukesha County to see if they had any additional suggestions or thoughts

VOTE: Motion by: City Engineer Simonson
Second by: Commissioner Garrigues
Motion Passed 8-0

6. TABLED ITEMS

- A. 25-6:** A resident has requested a "School Bus Stop" sign be added at or near the intersection of Honey Lane and Elm Grove Road.

Not discussed

- B. 25-8:** A resident (via Alderman Stribl) has requested a yield sign be added at the intersection of Marin Way and Langlade Drive.

Not discussed

- C. **25-10:** A resident (via Alderman Horbinski) has requested a sign to monitor vehicles' speeds or stop signs in the area of Crawford Drive and Long Acre Drive.

Not discussed

- D. **25-13:** A resident (via Alderwoman Kroupa) has expressed concerns about trucks speeding in the 19900 block of National Avenue.

MOTION: Motion to remove from the table

VOTE: Motion by: Staff Designee Rocklewitz
Second by: City Engineer Simonson
Motion Passed 8-0

Dave Rocklewitz presented the data that had been collected from the Speed Sentry sign. According to the data, which had been collected between 09/01/25 – 10/02/25, 56,566 vehicles were analyzed. Of the vehicles analyzed, approximately 8.4 percent recorded speeds between 10 MPH – 19 MPH over the speed limit and approximately 0.09 percent recorded speeds of 20 MPH or more over the speed limit. The data also showed the 85th percentile speed ranged (depending on the time of day) from a low of approximately 5 MPH over the speed limit to a peak of approximately 10 MPH over the speed limit. Rocklewitz commented that based on the data, speeding did not appear to be a significant issue. Lucas Pichler also added that based on the data, specifically the 85th percentile speeds, the speed limit appeared to be appropriate and there did not appear to be a need to consider pursuing a speed limit change.

MOTION: Motion to take no action, based on the data

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner Lataille
Second by: NBSD Representative Newman
Motion Passed 8-0

- E. **25-14:** A resident, who is also a Cadette Girl Scout working on completing a Silver Award project, has requested the installation of a crosswalk and/or other enhancements near the intersection of Sunny Slope Road and Briarwood Lane as a means of improving the safety for Orchard Lane elementary students and their families, as well as other pedestrians.

Not discussed

7. **SET MEETING DATE**

- A. Wednesday, November 12, 2025

8. **ADJOURN**

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 6:31 PM

VOTE: Motion by: DPW Director Pichler
Second by: Commissioner Grimm
Motion Passed 8-0