

# Safety Commission MEETING MINUTES



December 10, 2025 - 6:00 PM  
Conference Room A/B  
3805 S. Casper Drive

## MINUTES

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mary English called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

### 2. ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE

Present: DPW Director Pichler, Alderperson Kroupa, Commissioner Lataille, Staff Designee Rocklewitz, Commissioner English, City Engineer Simonson, NBSD Representative Newman, Board Member Oldham

Excused: Battalion Chief Justin Schulpius, Commissioner Charles Garrigues, Commissioner Marcus Grimm

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. November 12th, 2025 Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Motion to Approve

**VOTE:** Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa  
Second by: Board Member Oldham  
Motion Passed 8-0

### 4. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. **25-11:** A resident (via Alderwoman Kroupa) has requested the City of New Berlin create an ordinance to allow all-terrain vehicle (ATV) operation on City of New Berlin roadways.

This item was previously sent to the Common Council, which voted to send the item back to the Safety Commission to consider developing a ordinance to allow for the use of All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) and Utility-Terrain Vehicles (UTV) on public streets in the City of New Berlin.

Greg Alley (citizen) spoke and expressed his opposition to the creation of an ATV/UTV ordinance for the City of New Berlin. Alley had spoken at the November 2025 Safety

Commission meeting and reiterated his previous comments, which were about the dangers and noise created by ATVs/UTVs. Charles Butcher (citizen) also spoke about his position on the creation of an ATV/UTV ordinance for the City of New Berlin. Butcher advised he was in support of an ATV/UTV ordinance, citing the entertainment value of ATVs/UTVs, but also advised he agreed with Alley's points and would understand if the Safety Commission chose not to create an ATV/UTV ordinance.

Charlotte Kroupa asked if law enforcement could provide a perspective on the creation of an ATV/UTV ordinance. Dave Rocklewitz cited information from the September 2025 Safety Commission meeting, specifically the statistics about the number of ATV/UTV fatalities in the State of Wisconsin. Rocklewitz also advised that although creating an ATV/UTV ordinance would not make roadways safer in the City of New Berlin, the police department would impartially enforce whatever ordinances were created.

Kroupa asked if the engineering department could provide a perspective on the creation of an ATV/UTV ordinance. Tammy Simonson advised that allowing ATVs/UTVs on City roadways could have a detrimental impact on the roadways, especially the shoulders. Simonson also advised that allowing ATVs/UTVs would result in additional costs related to repairing roadways/shoulders and installing new signage throughout the City.

Kroupa briefly commented on the City of Muskego's ATV/UTV ordinance, while also noting that the City of Muskego and the City of New Berlin were geographically different. Ken Harenda echoed Kroupa comments, noting that New Berlin was more urbanized in some locations and rural in others.

Mary English asked if there was any additional thoughts or feedback on why or why not to create ordinance to allow ATV/UTV operation on City of New Berlin roadways. Mitchell Lataille expressed he was not in favor of creating an ATV/UTV ordinance, citing ATV/UTV manufacturers identifying that ATVs/UTVs were not designed for roadways and data provided by the city clerks' office about ATV/UTV fatalities and injuries. Lataille also added that an ATV/UTV ordinance might make sense for the City of Muskego, particularly because of its lakes and trails; however, that did not mean that a similar ordinance made sense for the City of New Berlin. Matt Newman also expressed that he was not in favor of creating an ATV/UTV ordinance because of safety reasons, the number of county highways in the City of New Berlin, and the overall design of the City. Kroupa added that the population of the City of New Berlin was significantly higher than other cities with ATV/UTV ordinances. Kroupa also added that she believed that ATVs/UTVs were primarily meant for off-road purposes and there were too many county highways in the City of New Berlin. Jim Oldham noted that ATVs were significantly different than UTVs, specifically in terms of regulations and safety features; therefore, he would not be entirely opposed to the creation of an UTV ordinance, and no ATV ordinance, in the City of New Berlin. English asked if the creation of an ATV/UTV ordinance outweighed the risk of not creating an ordinance. Lucas Pichler advised it was his belief that the Safety Commission was in place to make the roadways in the City of New Berlin safer. Pichler added that if asked if the creation of an ATV/UTV ordinance made the roadways in the City of New Berlin safer, he would say no. Rocklewitz asked if it was known what demand there was amongst residents for an ATV/UTV ordinance or if there were only a few requests for the ordinance. Rocklewitz added that based on citizen feedback and the Safety Commission's discussion, it appeared that there could be a lot of opposition to an ATV/UTV ordinance. Oldham again added that if you could create an ordinance for UTV operation only, he would support it; however, he had concerns about the dangers involved with ATV operation.

A motion was made to take no action on the request to create an ordinance to allow ATV/UTV operation on City of New Berlin roadways based on the recommendations of the streets department, engineering department, police department, and other Safety Commission discussion and feedback.

**MOTION:** Motion to Approve

**VOTE:** Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa  
Second by: Commissioner English  
Motion Passed 7-0 (Jim Oldham abstained)

Citizens providing comments:

Greg Alley, 20650 W. Mill Creek Trail  
Charles Butcher, 16240 W. Heatherly Drive

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 25-18:** Members of the Rogers Glen Homeowners Association have requested stop signs be added at the intersection of Mill Creek Trail and Two Ponds Court, due to concerns of increased traffic, speeding, and blind spots at the intersection.

Kevin Kluesner (citizen) spoke about the request, noting that Mill Creek Trail was a thoroughfare between Racine Avenue and Barton Road and the traffic volume appeared to have only increased over time. Kluesner spoke about specific concerns with the intersection of Mill Creek Trail and Two Ponds Court, noting that the intersection was unsafe, specifically because of its location on the top of a hill, as well as pedestrian traffic in the area. Kluesner also stated because of the hill and design at the intersection of Mill Creek Trail and Two Ponds, there had been near crashes at the intersection and/or arguments between drivers and pedestrians. Kluesner advised because of the concerns, the Rogers Glen Homeowners Association was requesting stop signs be added at the intersection of Mill Creek Trail and Two Ponds Court to increase safety for drivers and pedestrians. Ken Harenda spoke and added that he had also met with the Homeowners Association and listened to their concerns. Harenda advised that he was aware of past traffic studies, but the subdivision had most likely not been fully developed during the past studies. Charlotte Kroupa also noted that the OAW Indoor Sports Complex had also been added to the area within the past couple years, which might have resulted in an increase in traffic volume on Mill Creek Trail.

Charles Butcher (citizen) asked if there was a reason to not have stop signs installed at the intersection. Lucas Pichler advised that if stop signs were installed and they were not warranted, many drivers would completely disregard the stop signs or not fully stop, which could make the intersection more dangerous. Tammy Simonson also added that the engineering department relied on the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the City of New Berlin Stop/Yield Guidelines to determine if signs were warranted for intersections. Simonson advised a traffic study was last conducted in 2019, at which time stop signs and yield signs were determined to not be warranted. Simonson also advised that according to the data from the WisDOT maps, during the previous twelve-month period, there had been zero crashes at the intersections. Pichler further added that if the vision triangles at the intersection were clear, drivers traveling relatively appropriate speeds (25 MPH – 30 MPH) on Mill Creek Trail should be able to safely stop for vehicles coming from Two Ponds Court. Greg Alley (citizen) spoke and advised that he believed the hill created a vision obstruction that could prevent drivers, especially if they were speeding, from seeing other vehicles in time to safely stop for other vehicles or pedestrians. Simonson and Pichler responded with engineering guidelines, noting that slope of the hill would have been previously factored into the roadway/intersection design. Simonson also asked if the concern about the intersection was more related to the design and the need for stop signs or drivers speeding.

Kluesner asked if a police officer, potentially Dave Rocklewitz, go to the intersection and versus looking at a map. Rocklewitz responded that he was already familiar with the

intersection but would generally rely on engineering guidelines for deciding if stop signs were warranted anyway. Rocklewitz also advised that if speeding was the actual concern, he would rather address that instead of installing stop signs that were not warranted and creating additional problems.

Kroupa asked if there were other options available to address the concern. Simonson noted that Mill Creek Trail previously had speed humps installed, but they were removed due to complaints. Simonson also advised there had been past discussions about adding lane pavement markings to make the roadway appear narrower or pavement markings with the speed limit. Alley responded and advised he had concerns about pavement markings.

Harenda asked if Simonson or Pichler were aware of when Mill Creek Trail was scheduled for a redesign or resurfacing. Pichler advised the road was still relatively new and any redesign or resurfacing would likely be several years out. Harenda asked if there were options to install medians near the intersection of Mill Creek Trail and Two Ponds Court at some point. Simonson advised installing medians was an option; however, it would come at a cost.

Kroupa asked if conducting another traffic study would be worthwhile. Simonson advised the engineering department could conduct a traffic study; however, it would have to wait until Spring.

A motion was made to conduct a traffic study in the Spring.

**MOTION:** Motion to Approve

**VOTE:** Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa  
Second by: Commissioner Lataille  
Motion Passed 8-0

Citizens providing comments:

Kevin Kluesner, 5390 S. Old Orchard Court  
Charles Butcher, 16240 W. Heatherly Drive  
Greg Alley, 20650 W. Mill Creek Trail

## 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.

Item 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.

Item 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.

Item not discussed.

- D. 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.

Tabled for further discussion.

- E. **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.

Tabled for information gathering.

## 7. SET MEETING DATE

- A. Wednesday, January 14th, 2026

## 8. ADJOURN

**MOTION:** Motion to Adjourn at 7:36 PM

**VOTE:** Motion by: Alderperson Kroupa  
Second by: Commissioner English  
Motion Passed 8-0

**Respectfully Submitted,  
David Rocklewitz, Police Captain**