

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
12/16/13 Meeting MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Chair Alderperson Eric Sitkiewitz, Vice Chair Alderperson Tyler Martell, Alderperson Dave Soeldner, Alderperson Scott McMeans

Staff Present: Deputy Police Chief Bridget Brennan, Acting Fire Chief Gregg Kadow, Deputy Fire Chief Todd Blaser, Director of Public Infrastructure Dan Koski, Assistant City Attorney Kathleen McDaniel

1. Meeting called to order at 5:00pm by E. Sitkiewitz.
2. Approval of previous minutes of 10/28/13 inadvertently skipped. Will add to next agenda.
3. No Public Input.
4. Discussed Alderman Tyler Martel's request to revisit communication from Julie Schreiter about safety around Meadow Lane School Zone. J. Schreiter reported that the trees were trimmed, the signs were put out, and there has been more police presence but it has not been effective. Deputy Chief Brennan reported the average speed is 23.65mph, the average crossing before school is four and the average crossing after school is six. Due to the limited number crossing at this intersection it does not warrant a crossing guard. Suggestions included educating the public and beacon lights (solar or direct connect) which would only be turned on before and after school. (PTA rep Mr. Schreiter needs cost)
5. Discussed communication (13-604) from Viking Insurance Company on behalf of insured Cecelia Peterson for reduction in hazardous fluid cleanup invoice. Insurance company offered 80% of the \$250.00 fee (\$200.00). G. Kadow stated that was an acceptable payment but T. Blaser cautioned that there is no policy set as is with EMT. **S. McMeans made a motion to accept 80%. Seconded by T. Martell. Motion amended to accept 80% to fully reconcile the claim. Motion carried 4-0**
6. Discussed (13-634) Lifequest's Billing Office request for adjustment to account 182-13-0835 for settlement in the amount of \$600. E. Sitkiewitz made a motion to approve the request. Seconded by D. Soeldner. Further discussion was had and E. Sitkiewitz rescinded his motion and this item was **Tabled**. Deputy Fire Chief T. Blaser will contact LifeQuest for further information regarding this issue.
7. Discussed Ordinance (13-645) to create Section 14.135 of the Municipal Code prohibiting individuals from failing to render aid. Assistant City Attorney K. McDaniel reported that kids are fighting, filming it and then putting it on YouTube. MTPD requested that an ordinance be drafted, K. McDaniel took language from Statute and revised. Penalties based off State Statute is \$177 Juveniles and \$202 adults. **S. McMeans made a motion to adopt ordinance. Seconded by D. Soeldner. Motion carried 4-0**
8. Discussed the Accident Cleanup fee in regards to the 2014 City of Manitowoc budget and hardship form for Accident Cleanup Fee. Interim Fire Chief G. Kadow reported that State Highway spills we can bill back. J. Sladky and D. Soeldner's issue is with the amounts (fined). D. Soeldner made a motion to keep the fee structure putting fines down to one quarter. Further discussion included that Hazmat can charge back for big spills. D. Soeldner amended the motion – the 75% discount does not apply to Hazmat events (oil dry +time+assistance). Motion amended again to bill at 25% of the current rate thru December 31, 2014 (current ordinance but change rates to 25%). No second.
9. Request from Alderman Soeldner to discuss truck rotation list for accidents was **Tabled**.
10. Request from Alderman Soeldner to discuss speed enforcement policies and procedures was **Tabled**.
11. Discussed request from Interim Fire Chief Kadow to fill anticipated vacancy of a Motor Pump Operator due to announced retirement by MPO Schuerell. G. Kadow reported that PFC approved starting the promotion process. **S. McMeans made a motion to approve the promotion. Seconded by E. Sitkiewitz. Motion carried 4-0.**
T. Martel requested a future discussion about Motor Pump Operators, on call or volunteer, thru attrition approve hiring
12. S. McMeans made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by D. Soeldner. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 5:50pm

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Staff Present: Police Chief Oscar Dick, Acting Fire Chief Gregg Kadow, Deputy Fire Chief Todd Blaser, Director of Public Infrastructure Dan Koski, Greg Minikel/Public Infrastructure, Captain Zimney/Police

1. Meeting called to order at 5:30 by E. Sitkiewitz
2. Motion to approve previous minutes from October 16th 2013 committee meeting made by T. Martell. Seconded by A. Schema. Motion carried unanimously.
3. No Public Input
4. Discussed communication from Julie Schreiter about safety around Meadow Lane School Zone due to speed of vehicles and drivers not slowing down. J. Schreiter stated that the signs that are there are currently obstructed and requested additional signs. Franklin Elementary Principal K. Wakeman reported that although the number of children crossing there is low he feels they're at significant risk and will not send his safety patrol students out there because it's not safe for them. Further discussion consisted of more aggressive signage, educating the public, ramping up fines in school zone, and cost of various types of signs. It was determined that a good trimming will be done around the existing signs and the Police Department will ensure the portable signs get put up in this area and included in the sign rotation.
5. Discussed communication from Sharon Strouf about safety in Reed Ave area in regards to vehicle speed, racing from stop lights and excessive truck traffic. G. Minikel reported that Reed Ave is not designated as a truck route however trucks do have the right to use the shortest route to their destination. Further discussion revealed a speed study was done, the timing of the lights at 8th and Reed was fixed to change when there is a vehicle, and the Police Dept will try to keep a presence in this area. Committee recommended placing on file.
6. Discussed communication from Kim Geiser regarding issues concerning downtown parking restrictions. It was determined that there is unlimited parking within a block or so of the address in question. Committee recommended placing on file.
7. Discussed communication from Steven McClelland regarding a Quiet Zone for train horns in the City of Manitowoc. D. Koski looked into this issue extensively and reported that it would cost approx. \$30,000 to put up barriers at every intersection which would be required to enact a quiet zone. This has also been discussed in the past and it's a cost issue. Committee recommended placing on file.
8. Discussed the Accident Cleanup fee of \$20,000 for the 2014 City of Manitowoc budget. Acting Fire Chief Kadow stated the fee itself seems to be working. Further discussion included the cleanup process, actual cost, and whether or not we should be charging for the service. S. McMeans made a motion to continue the fee structure thru 2014 as presented in 2013. Seconded by A. Schema. No others in favor. Opposed E. Sitkiewitz, D. Soeldner, T. Martell. Failed 3-2
9. Police Chief Dick distributed a mileage report, discussed the current squad fleet and took the committee to the garage to view and sit in the different squads. Chief Riesterer of Valders was also present with a Valders SUV squad for the committee to see.
10. Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn at 7:25pm