

## Public Property & Safety Committee

March 13, 2012

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Jim Brey, Alderman Scott McMeans,  
Alderman Chris Able, Alderwoman Jill Hennessey

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Police Chief Dick, Lt Paul Schermetzler, Alderman  
Dave Soeldner, Donna Krueger, Linda Heili, Milan  
Fischer, Cathey Cherney, Leanna Leonowicz, Jill  
Hickel, Jeanie Miller, Joanne Szydel, Bob Hablewitz,  
Woody Charles Shulander, Gary Laurin

Alderman Brey called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

### PUBLIC INPUT

Crossing Guards Leanna Leonowicz, Donna Krueger and Gary Laurin spoke expressing the main concern of the crossing guards responsibility is to protect the safety of the children and watch for child abductors. It was also suggested to keep all the crossing guards at the same pay and same hours.

Alderman McMeans made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 29, 2012 meeting of the Public Property and Safety Committee meeting. Alderman Able seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on adult crossing guards for the 2012 – 2013 school term. Police Chief Dick and Lt. Paul Schermetzler joined the table for discussion. There was a request to equalize the terminology of the budget in order for all to understand. The budget was discussed. The actual budget for last year was \$80,000.00. It was determined that the crossing guards were over budgeted last year. Discussions were; daily fees vs. hourly rate, rates during school months vs. rates for special events during non-school months, number of children crossing and different hourly scenarios.

Chairman Brey made a motion to pay all crossing guards per hour, based on 2 hours per day at their current rates. Alderman McMeans seconded the motion. Discussion. Alderman McMeans amended the motion to raise all wages to \$10.00 per hour. Alderman Brey seconded this motion. Discussion. Alderwoman Hennessey made a motion to amend the amended motion to pay the crossing guards

2.25 hours (2 hours and 15 minutes) instead of 2 hours. The motion was carried 3-1. Alderman Brey, Alderwoman Hennessey and Alderman McMeans–yea, Alderman Able-nae. The amendments were also passed 3-1. Alderman Brey, Alderwoman Hennessey and Alderman McMeans- yea, Alderman Able-nae.

Discussion and possible action on the request by Police Chief Dick to hire police officers. Police Chief Dick explained there were Police Officers and a Detective that had left the Department, clerical layoffs, and other personnel that will be retiring. After a short discussion, Alderman Able made a motion to allow Chief Dick to hire three officers over the course of 2012 and then refer this to the Personnel Committee. Alderman McMeans seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on communication (12 – 152) from James Blaha, Health Officer, relative to a variety of problems that affect the health and welfare of the community. Rick Schwarz, Building Inspector, briefly explained details and prioritization of garbage complaints and procedures. Brief discussion. Chairman Brey may ask Manitowoc County Health Department Officer Jim Blaha to a future meeting to discuss matters further. No motion(s).

There being no further business, Alderman McMeans made a motion to adjourn, Alderwoman Hennessey seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Schwarz  
Building Inspector