

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MEETING HELD THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022, 5:30PM**

Present: Alderman Shawn Feirer, Alderwoman Debbie Fliss, Alderwoman Sarah Calderon, Citizen Members Richard Adamczewski, and Rick Grubanowitch.

Excused: Sandy Welvang, Christine Hancock.

Also present: City Engineer/Director of Public Works Melinda Dejewski and City Administrator Mark Johnsrud.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Alderman Feirer called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. Roll Call

Alderman Feirer called the roll. Those not present were excused.

3. Minutes

A motion was made by Board Member Adamczewski, seconded by Alderwoman Calderon to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Correspondence with Possible Action

A. None

5. Discussion Items with Possible Action

A. Stop Sign at E. Van Norman and S. Delaware

City Administrator Johnsrud stated that he requested for this item to be placed on the agenda due to an accident that occurred across the street from his residence. His son's girlfriend's car was parked and was hit by another car at night. His son's girlfriend's car was totaled and the driver was injured. He stated that people do not respect the neighborhood. He indicated that the intersection of S. Illinois and E. Van Norman has a 4-way stop. S. Delaware and E. Van Norman is a 2-way stop with S. Delaware stopping at E. Van Norman. He indicated that speeds reach 35mph. He provided data stating that it is 1260 feet between S. Delaware and S. Illinois and that while it takes 210 feet to reach 35 mph, it takes 170 feet to stop at 35mph. He continued that E. Van Norman is a cut-through street and Cudahy residents use it to avoid E. Layton Avenue. His request is to make E. Van Norman and S. Delaware a 4-way stop.

Alderwoman Fliss stated that her understanding is that vehicles speed up between stop signs. City Administrator Johnsrud stated that he has wanted a 4-way stop at that location for a while due to the 35mph speeds. He continued that the Police Department typically do not write tickets unless 10 to 15mph over the speed limit. He recounted that he witnessed a car with fully tinted windows race down the street during trick-or-treat.

Alderwoman Fliss stated that vehicles run the traffic signals at S. Kinnickinnic and E. Crawford often. She believes a stronger police presence and tickets, not warnings, would help drivers understand to not violate in St. Francis. She also stated that the accident that happened across from City Administrator Johnsrud's residence could have happened anywhere.

Board Member Grubanowitch asked why no stop signs on E. Armour. City Administrator Johnsrud stated that it is a separate issue and could be addressed individually.

Board Member Adamczewski stated that the street has "no trucking" signs posted but box trucks on route to FMP east of S. Nicholson Avenue consistently use E. Van Norman from S. Pennsylvania to get to FMP. City Administrator Johnsrud stated that drivers are more aggressive.

Alderman Feirer stated that he does not believe the studies about stop signs not controlling speeding.

Alderwoman Fliss asked what could be done if speeding continues to be an issue. Alderman Feirer suggested signage

stating that speeding violations will be enforced. Alderwoman Fliss stated more tickets for speeding were needed.

Board Member Grubanowitch asked City Engineer Dejewski her opinion on the stop sign request. City Engineer Dejewski stated that a 4-way stop at E. Delaware was not warranted per the Manual on Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). She reviewed the request and her recommendation would be to create 4-way stops at S. Illinois and E. Armour, S. Illinois and E. Allerton and a 3-way stop at S. Illinois and E. Bottsford. Her concern is that if an additional stop is created on E. Van Norman, traffic will use the other parallel streets. This happened when the 4-way stop was installed on E. Van Norman and S. Illinois Avenue. Alderwoman Fliss, Board Member Grubanowitch, and Alderman Feirer concurred that this would probably occur.

A motion was made by Board Member Grubanowitch, seconded by Board Member Adamczewski to recommend to the Common Council to install stop signs at the following intersections:

S. Delaware and E. Van Norman Avenue

E. Armour and S. Illinois Avenues

E. Allerton and S. Illinois Avenues

E. Bottsford and S. Illinois Avenues

Motion carried.

6. Update

None.

7. Engineer's Report

City Engineer Dejewski presented the report. A motion was made by Alderwoman Fliss, seconded by Alderwoman Calderon to receive and file the report. Motion carried.

6. Adjourn

A motion was made by Alderwoman Fliss, seconded by Board Member Grubanowitch, to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 6:02p.m.