

SPEED CONTROL POLICY TASK FORCE
MARCH 20, 2019 MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Burns, City Administrator Stephanie Dawkins, Police Chief Eric Passarelli, Police Commander Brian Maduzia, Public Works Director Babica, Lorraine Ochsner, Timothy Moran, Randal Newkirk, Aimee Spring, Betty Collins, Timothy Keske, Mary Beth Guzzo, Joseph Heger, Samantha Malusky, Rory McCann, Paula Krapf

1. Call to Order and Welcoming Remarks

Mayor Burns called the meeting to order at 7pm. He shared materials and general information on the scope of work for the task force. The members and city staff provided brief introductions. Burns then thanked the members for accepting his appointment.

2. Overview of the Illinois Open Meetings Act

Burns stated that the task force would adhere to this act and abide by its rules and regulations as an appointed board of the City. Burns then also provided general information on those rules and regulations and the required online test if the task force is in existence past 90 days.

3. Introduction of City of Geneva Profession Staff Liaisons

(See Item No. 1)

4. Discussion on Goals of the Task Force

Admin. Dawkins and Chief Passarelli provided with handouts including the current policy, the Illinois Dept. of Transportation policies on establishing and posting speed limits on state highways, our current code language related to speed limits, and additional police department notes on Geneva traffic counts and how citizen complaints are handled.

On a question, Burns stated that the task force could do one of three things, recommend wholesale changes, amend current policy, or leave policy as is. The City Council would have final say on what would be amended as this task force is a recommending body.

By request, Chief Passarelli stated he would provide accident data to the task force prior to the next meeting. There was a general discussion on areas of concern by certain task force members.

Questions were taken by Passarelli and Babica on details of Bricher Road and surrounding areas in Fisher Farms, on how the City issues warnings and tickets on speed violations, and speed studies and how they are interpreted. Questions on potential costs of bumps and tables and

how efficient they are in our part of the country were heard. Dawkins stated that staff would be available to speak to those issues to give their expertise.

5. Election of Chair

Burns provided information on the role of the chair. Paula Krapf put forth her name to chair. Burns heard no objections and by voice vote, Krapf was elected chair.

6. New Business

Chair Krapf asked for a consensus as to future meeting dates. The dates of March 27, April 3, April 17, May 1 and May 15 were earmarked. Krapf urged members to reach out to residents in their wards for feedback.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

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