

**PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 5, 2014**  
**Minutes**

**Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Members Present**

Paul Skrede, Police Chief Cory Johnson, Teresa Pendleton, Public Works Foreman John Menzel, Jeff Kask and City Administrator Dana Young

**Deer Management Program (Roy Quaintance)**

Roy Quaintance was present to discuss Deephaven's Deer Management Program. He stated that he lives in Amesbury and has always enjoyed seeing a number of deer in his neighborhood. He stated that he is concerned because he has not seen a deer for over two months and asked if the Deer Management Program is taking out too many deer. He stated that he understands that the City has to manage deer but is concerned that the program might be removing too many deer.

Paul Skrede noted that coyotes may be a factor and assured Mr. Quaintance that he has heard from at least three residents recently that there are an abundance of deer elsewhere in Deephaven. He wondered if the deer had just changed their route and didn't go through Amesbury as frequently as they had in the past.

Roy Quaintance stated that he hasn't even seen any deer trails recently.

Paul Skrede stated that he would be happy to talk to the MN Department of Natural Resources on this issue to see if they would be willing to do an evaluation of the deer population in Deephaven.

Police Chief Johnson noted that the Amesbury – Manor Road area has a ton of coyotes. He stated that he has seen a number of deer who have been taken down by coyotes, which love the wetland areas around Amesbury & Manor Road. He stated that he is certain that coyotes have had a major impact on the deer population throughout Deephaven but particularly in Mr. Quaintance's neighborhood.

Roy Quaintance asked about the possibility of initiating a coyote management program.

Paul Skrede noted that trapping coyotes is very expensive and dogs and other pets are susceptible to end up in the same traps that are used for coyotes.

Dana Young stated that perhaps the fact that the City only caught 11 deer in 2014 might be of interest to the MNDNR and promised to follow up with Mr. Quaintance should he learn anything about the deer population in Deephaven or from neighboring communities that institute a deer management program.

Roy Quaintance stated that he would like to see more deer in his neighborhood and thanked the Committee for their time.

### **Load Limit Restrictions**

Dana Young stated that staff has received numerous requests to delay load limits beyond the traditional March 1<sup>st</sup> starting date due to the continued cold weather and the substantial frost level still in the ground. He stated that staff has recommended postponing load limits until at least March 7<sup>th</sup>. He stated that load limit permits will be issued for a one week period from March 1-7, until noon of each day. He stated that after March 7<sup>th</sup>, staff would evaluate weather conditions and decide whether to offer load limit permit on a daily basis.

Jeff Kask noted that the forecast shows that temperatures will rise to around 40 degrees this weekend. It was noted that if this is indeed the case, load limits will go into effect on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Public Safety Committee was adjourned on a motion by Dana Young, seconded by Teresa Pendleton. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Vine Hill Bridge Pre-Construction Meeting Update**

Follow-up discussion was held on the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Preconstruction Meeting. Dana Young stated that he and Mayor Skrede had received an email from City Engineer Dave Martini on the progress of the two outstanding issues from the meeting – Xcel Energy's relocation of their utility line and the potential route plan of the contractor hauling the 105' beams.

Dana Young stated that Dave Martini will be meeting with Xcel Energy later this week and the contractor will review the proposed route prior to the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Snow Clearing / Intersection / Snow Storage Issues**

John Menzel and Jeff Kask provided an update on snow clearing efforts in intersections.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Dana Young, seconded by Jeff Kask. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety & Public Works Committee will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2014.