

**MINUTES OF TRAFFIC & SAFETY
COMMISSION**

JANUARY 07, 2020

**2ND FLOOR COMMITTEE OF WHOLE ROOM IN
VILLAGE HALL
20 S. ARDMORE AVE, VILLA PARK
ILLINOIS**

Chairman Pienkos called the meeting to order at 8:11 p.m.

PRESENT: Jack Cuthbertson, Karen Timmerman, Marie Geishecker, Grace Visser, Kevin Meeker, Ed McMurray, Chairman J. Pienkos

ABSENT: Pamela Hoehl, Carl Timmerman

EX-OFFICIO PRESENT: Sgt. Jim Cihak **EX-OFFICIO ABSENT:** Kevin Mantels

VILLAGE BOARD LIAISON PRESENT: Robert Wagner

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COMMISSION SECRETARY PRESENT: Amy Raffel

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Tracy Gabriel from 306 E Central Blvd Unit 1 attended the meeting to check on the status of item #868.

Kelly Stemple from 452 S Harvard Avenue attended the meeting to check on the status of item #872.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2019 MEETING

A motion was made by Commissioner McMurray to approve Traffic and Safety's minutes from the November 12, 2019 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Meeker. Acclamation vote was taken with all ayes.

4. OLD BUSINESS

867 TRAFFIC ON YALE FROM WILDFIRE TO ARMITAGE

Commissioner Geishecker commented that she has had no contact with anyone from Addison. Chairman Pienkos pended item #867.

#868 TRAFFIC ON CENTRAL BLVD FUEL & CRÈME PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE AND VEHICLE

Chairman Pienkos pointed out that the traffic counts came back from the Police Department. Chairman Pienkos said he does not see anything outrageous regarding the speed counts. Chairman Pienkos did say that he is surprised about one speed registering at 48 mph. Ex-Officio Cihak felt that might have been an emergency vehicle. Commissioner Cuthbertson compared both studies and commented on the drastic drop in volume. Commissioner McMurray pointed out that one study was completed during the Halloween trunk-or-treat. Chairman Pienkos pended item #868 until the traffic study is conducted during the summer by a consulting firm.

#869 STUDENT DROP OFF & PICK UP PROCEDURE FOR ALBRIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Chairman Pienkos pended item #869 due to no additional information presented at this time.

#870 TRAFFIC ON HARRISON FROM ARDMORE TO SUMMIT

Chairman Pienkos read the statistics from the traffic study to the Commission. Commissioner McMurray pointed out the traffic volume was higher in the evening. Commissioner Meeker also commented on the higher traffic volumes during the week versus the weekend. Ex-Officio Cihak stated the patrol officers observed the area. Ex-Officio Cihak explained the traffic on Harrison is relatively light. Commissioner Geishecker asked if any of the residents reached back out. Commission Secretary Raffel explained the residents saw the speed radar signs up but noticed it was displaying the speeds of the vehicles. Chairman Pienkos explained the vehicle speed is recorded simultaneously as the display turns on. Chairman Pienkos asked for a motion to close. Motion to close item #870 TRAFFIC ON HARRISON FROM ARDMORE TO SUMMIT was made by Commissioner Cuthbertson. Commissioner Geishecker second the motion. Acclamation vote was taken with all ayes. Item #870 is closed.

#871 TRAFFIC ON KENILWORTH FROM WISCONSIN TO SUMMIT

Chairman Pienkos asked everyone if they had time to review the traffic counts that were handed out at the beginning of the meeting. Chairman Pienkos stated he was surprised about the volume of traffic, but the speed counts were below the speed limit. Commissioner McMurray and Commissioner Cuthbertson also commented on the volume of traffic. Commissioner Meeker asked why this item was on the agenda. Chairman Pienkos explained that one of the families on the block requested the traffic counts. Chairman Pienkos asked for a motion to close item #871 due to traffic counts confirming drivers are obeying the speed limits. Commissioner McMurray made the motion to close item #871 TRAFFIC ON KENILWORTH FROM WISCONSIN TO SUMMIT. Commissioner Meeker seconded the motion. Acclamation vote was taken with all ayes. Item #871 is closed.

#872 4-WAY STOP AT YALE AND SCHOOL

Chairman Pienkos asked if any of the Commissioners had new information regarding item #872. Chairman Pienkos stated he was looking for a traffic study that was completed about 6 years ago regarding Yale and School. Chairman Pienkos believes the study came up with three viable

solutions, but the school or the PTA did not want to implement any of the suggestions. Chairman Pienkos asked the Commission to review past minutes and handouts and bring them to the next meeting. Item #872 is still pending.

5. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION AND EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Trustee Wagner reminded everyone on the Commission to complete the Open Acts Meetings training for this year. Trustee Wagner stated the training is available at http://foia.ilattorneygeneral.net/electronic_foia_training.aspx. Trustee Wagner informed the Commission that Traffic and Safety has a budget of \$1,000. He also explained the ordinance that created the Commission requires a vote to be taken regarding the Chairman position every 2 years. Trustee Wagner pointed out the bushes underneath the sign at the BP at St. Charles and Ardmore should be trimmed before they become a hazard. Trustee Wagner informed the Commission that the Bike, Pedestrian, and Transit Commission would be meeting on January 23, 2020, at 8 P.M.

Commissioner Geishecker – Wish Commissioner Hoehl a full and speedy recovery. Commissioner Geishecker sent out an email to the Commission the other day regarding a hit and run accident. This accident happened on January 3rd at the intersection of Elm and Cornell. Commissioner Geishecker would like traffic and safety to consider adding this item to the agenda. Commissioner Geishecker explained the problem resides with drivers exiting off St. Charles Rd and blowing the stop sign. Commissioner Geishecker is asking if an alternative traffic calming measure could be implemented if additional stop signs are not available. Commissioner Geishecker stated that for a residential street, this situation happens too often.

Commissioner Visser - None

Commissioner Meeker – None

Ex-Officio Sgt. Cihak – None.

Commissioner K. Timmerman – Happy New Year.

Commissioner Cuthbertson – Happy New Year.

Commissioner McMurray – Have an issue at Elm and Michigan. Most drivers do not realize that the intersection is a two-way stop. Is it possible to add a sign stating it is a two-way stop or cross-traffic that does not stop?

Commission Secretary Raffel – Happy New Year.

Chairman Pienkos – Thank you for coming out tonight and changing the meeting date.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner McMurray and seconded by Commissioner Meeker. Acclamation vote was taken with all ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019, at 8:00 P.M.** in the Committee of the Whole conference room of the Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Raffel