

Village of Mount Horeb

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2015

The Public Safety Committee of the Village of Mount Horeb will meet on the above date at 5:00pm in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building, 138 E Main Street, Mount Horeb, WI. Agenda as follows:

1. Call to order- Roll call.
2. Consider September 29th meeting minutes.
3. Public Comments
4. Consider amending ordinance 9.17 "Use of tobacco products prohibited" to include "it shall be unlawful for a person under the age of 18 to use, purchase, or possess, cigarettes, e-cigarettes (regardless of nicotine content) or tobacco products."
5. Oak St. Speed Study results.
6. Consider removal of stop signs on Linda Road at Durtschi Drive. Cross traffic does not stop.
7. Chief of Police report
8. Set next meeting date and agenda
9. Adjourn

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

January 7, 2015

The Public Safety Committee of the Village of Mt. Horeb met on the above date at 5:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Municipal Building, 138 E. Main Street, Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin. Chair Mark Rooney called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. All members were present. Also present was Police Chief Jeff Velloff and Village Administrator Dave Ross.

MINUTES:

McNall moved, Grindle seconded, to approve the minutes from September 29, 2014. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

McNall moved, Holum seconded to move the agenda item related to stop signs on Linda Rd. to the next agenda item. Motion carried.

CONSIDER REMOVAL OF STOP SIGNS ON LINDA ROAD AT DURTSCHI DRIVE: Dean Tvedt explained the difficulty in getting up and down Linda Drive at Durtschi when roads are slippery. Ross described the area and current signage. Scott moved, McNall seconded, to remove both stop signs on Linda Drive at Durtschi and place signs under the two remaining Durtschi stop signs containing the wording "Cross traffic does not stop".

CONSIDER AMENDING ORDINANCE 9.17 "Use of tobacco products prohibited" to include "it shall be unlawful for a person under the age of 18 to use, purchase, or possess, cigarettes, e-cigarettes (regardless of nicotine content) or tobacco products." After some discussion, McNall moved, Holum seconded to amend the ordinance with the above language.

OAK ST. SPEED STUDY RESULTS

Chief Velloff provided the following information to the committee;

December 3, 2012 Public safety committee minutes- The average speed in the 400 block of Oak St. was 12.4mph and, at the highest traffic point, traffic on the street was approximately two vehicles every minute.

August 4, 2014 Public safety committee minutes- Over a one week period, 526 vehicles traveled West in the 400 block of Oak St. 509 vehicles were traveling between 1 and 21 miles per hour. 7 vehicles 22-23 mph. 5 vehicles 24-25 mph and 5 vehicles over 25 mph. The average speed was 14.3 mph. Traffic volume by hour was 0-19 vehicles per hour. With the majority of hours being in the low single digits.

From October 1st through October 7th, 2014 731 vehicles traveled Westbound in the 400 block of Oak St. On October 4th and 5th the count was high due to Main St. being shut down for the art fair. 95% of traffic was 20mph or less. Only 3 of 731 vehicles were over 25mph (.41% of all traffic) with the highest being 29mph. The average speed was 10.9mph.

From October 8th through October 14th, 2014 the traffic count was high due to capturing Eastbound traffic and speeds in the 300 and 400 blocks of Oak St. 1412 vehicles traveled Eastbound in the 300 and or 400 block of Oak St. Only 4 vehicles were over 25mph (.28% of all traffic) The average speed was 11.8 mph. 95% of traffic was 20mph or less.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

Chief Veloff advised the committee that the intersection of 8th St. and Garfield St. did not meet the minimum traffic requirements necessary for DOT to approve additional stop signs or stop lights.

200 Med disposal bags were purchased. Approximately 70 have been distributed to residents requesting them.

Eggum Rd. grow operations- The Feds declined to prosecute the case. The Dane County DA's office advised us recently that they will charge the two subjects in this case. Warrants have been issued.

Veloff also briefed the committee on recent events occurring in the village.

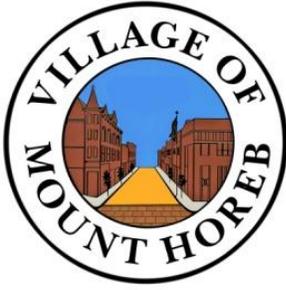
SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA:

The next Public Safety Committee meeting was set for February 2 at 5:30pm.

ADJOURN:

Scott moved, Holum seconded, to adjourn at 5:33pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff J. Veloff, Chief of Police



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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, February 2, 2015

The Public Safety Committee of the Village of Mount Horeb will meet on the above date at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building, 138 E Main Street, Mount Horeb, WI.

Agenda as follows:

1. Call to order- Roll call.
2. Consider January 7th meeting minutes.
3. Public Comments
4. Consider Stop Signs at Durtschi and Linda
5. Chief of Police report.
6. Set next meeting date and agenda.
7. Adjourn.

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

February 2, 2015

The Public Safety Committee of the Village of Mt. Horeb met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Municipal Building, 138 E. Main Street, Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin. Chair Mark Rooney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Steve Grindle. Also present were Police Chief Jeff Velloff, Assistant Village Administrator Kathy Hagen, and Village Engineer Rob Wright.

MINUTES:

McNall moved, Holum seconded, to approve the minutes from both the Public Safety and Joint Finance/Personnel Committee and Public Safety meetings on January 7, 2015. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

CONSIDER STOP SIGNS AT DURTSCHI AND LINDA:

Several residents expressed concerns of a two or four way stop at Durtschi and Linda. Joy Martinson, Dean Tvedt, and Eileen Dyreson preferred a two way stop on Durtschi only. Katie McKinney, Kellie McKinney, William Forbes, Dan Arntsen, Tara Ellestad, Vicki Forbes (who also read a letter from Jan Latham), and a voicemail from Diane Hirsch, all favored a four way stop. Rob Wright explained that due to the nature of that intersection, his opinion was that a four way stop was warranted.

Chair Rooney advised that he spoke with public works director Laurel Grindle and the public works staff will give the hill on Linda more attention for snow and ice removal.

Scott moved, McNall seconded, to create a four way stop at the intersection of Durtschi and Linda. Motion carried.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

Velloff briefed the committee on recent events occurring in the village and provided a monthly report of calls for service.

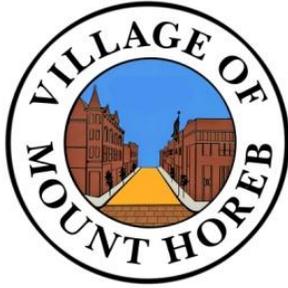
SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA:

The next public safety committee meeting was set for March 2, 2015 at 5:30pm.

ADJOURN:

McNall moved, Holum seconded, to adjourn at 6:35 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff J. Velloff, Chief of Police



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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015

The Public Safety Committee of the Village of Mount Horeb will meet on the above date at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building, 138 E Main Street, Mount Horeb, WI.

Agenda as follows:

1. Call to order- Roll call.
2. Consider February 2, 2015 meeting minutes.
3. Public Comments
4. Consider no parking on one side of Green St between Lake St. and Hickory Rd.
5. Discuss speed concerns on Lillehammer
6. Chief of Police report.
7. Set next meeting date and agenda.
8. Adjourn.

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
May 4, 2015

The Public Safety Committee of the Village of Mt. Horeb met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Municipal Building, 138 E. Main Street, Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin. Chair Mark Rooney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. All members were present. Also present was Police Chief Jeff Velloff.

MINUTES:

Holum moved, McNall seconded, to approve the minutes from February 2, 2015. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

CONSIDER NO PARKING ON ONE SIDE OF GREEN ST BETWEEN LAKE ST. AND HICKORY RD.:

After some discussion, McNall moved, Holum seconded, to table this item for now. Motion carried.

DISCUSS SPEED CONCERNS ON LILLEHAMMER:

Velloff mentioned that the speed trailer has been deployed once or twice on Lillehammer and there is an indication that speed is an issue at times. Officers have also conducted extra patrol in the area and have not observed speeding issues. Extra patrol will continue and the speed trailer will be deployed again for 2 weeks, one week in each direction, with the display off. A report generated by speed trailer data will be available for the next public safety meeting.

A question arose about a small "wedge" type lane divider on Lillehammer near the entrance to Symdon Motors parking lot. The concern was visibility and necessity of the item. Velloff was asked to contact the village engineer and public works director to discuss the item and possible necessity and painting the item yellow to make it more visible.

Scott moved, Grindle seconded, to table this item until the next meeting. Motion carried

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

Velloff also briefed the committee on recent events occurring in the village. Monthly report of calls for service.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA:

The next public safety committee meeting was set for TBD at 5:30pm.

ADJOURN:

Grindle moved, Holum seconded, to adjourn at approximately 6:35pm. Motion carried.

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MONDAY, August 3, 2015 (Amended 07-23-15)

The Public Safety Committee of the Village of Mount Horeb will meet on the above date at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building, 138 E Main Street, Mount Horeb, WI.

Agenda as follows:

1. Call to order- Roll call.
2. Consider May 4, 2015 meeting minutes.
3. Public Comments
4. Consider "no parking" on one side of Green St.
5. Consider request for "stop" sign to replace "yield" sign at Golf View and Perimeter.
6. Discuss a parking concern on Main St.
7. Discuss speed concerns on Lillehammer
8. Consider police department staffing/hiring process
9. Update on new police department/public safety building process
10. Chief of Police report.
11. Set next meeting date and agenda.
12. Adjourn.

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

August 3, 2015

The Public Safety Committee of the Village of Mt. Horeb met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Municipal Building, 138 E. Main Street, Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin. Chair Mark Rooney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Mike McNall. Also present were Police Chief Jeff Veloff, Village Administrator Nic Owen, and Village Engineer Rob Wright.

MINUTES:

Grindle moved, Holum seconded, to approve the minutes from May 4, 2015. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

(Items 4 and 5 were moved to the end of the agenda to allow the requesting residents time to arrive at the meeting as no one was present to speak about the items. Veloff advised the committee that he spoke with the concerned parties for both of these items on July 22, 2015 and advised them of the date and time of this public safety meeting.)

DISCUSS A PARKING CONCERN ON MAIN ST. :

Veloff advised the Committee that the senior center has a breakfast every Wednesday from 9a-1p at Finks Café on Main St. The handicap accessible van has problems parking close to the building. Permission was given by the Chief to post temporary "no parking, police order" signs in cones in the parking stall in front of Finks Café for the van to park only during meal times. The committee asked that Veloff speak with Finks and confirm that they were in favor of the temporary parking signage. (On 08-04-15 Veloff confirmed with Finks that they were in favor of the signage)

DISCUSS SPEED CONCERNS ON LILLEHAMMER:

The speed trailer reports were discussed and presented to the committee. The average speed on Lillehammer South from Commerce Dr. was 21mph. The average speed on Lillehammer North from Commerce Dr was 19mph. Veloff noted that extra speed patrols by police officers were also conducted in the area on numerous occasions with no violations. In addition, school zone speed signs should be erected in the area shortly by public works due to a new school in the area.

CONSIDER POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING/HIRING PROCESS:

Veloff advised the committee that an officer was injured in an off duty accident in early June. Due to the extent of his injuries, he will most likely not be able to return to the law enforcement profession. Another officer is retiring prior to the end of 2015. Veloff asked that the committee recommend to the village board that they authorize the police department to hire one full time officer as soon as possible in anticipation of filling one of these positions. This is necessary so field training can begin to minimize the overtime expense caused by these potential two losses to staffing.

Holum moved, Grindle seconded, to recommend to the village board that they approve the police department to hire a full time officer. Motion carried.

UPDATE ON NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROCESS:

Veloff and Owen provided the latest plans, and costs, for the proposed public safety building to the committee. The committee was unanimous in the opinion that the process should continue and will relay

this information to the village board. There was a recommendation that there should be an “open house” for the public at the police department at some point prior to referendum about the public safety building. Veloff agreed that would be a good idea and a date and time would be planned when he is advised to do so by the village.

At approximately 6:40pm. items 4 and 5 (below) were considered. No one was present to speak about concerns related to these items.

CONSIDER “NO PARKING” ON ONE SIDE OF GREEN ST.:

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR “STOP” SIGN TO REPLACE “YIELD” SIGN AT GOLF VIEW AND PERIMETER.:

Rooney moved, Holum seconded, to take no action on the two above items. Motion carried.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

Veloff also briefed the committee on recent events occurring in the village.

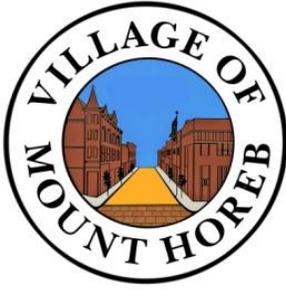
SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA:

The next public safety committee meeting was set for August 31 at 5:30pm.

ADJOURN:

Scott moved, Holum seconded, to adjourn at 6:50pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff J. Veloff, Chief of Police



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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MONDAY, November 30, 2015

The Public Safety Committee of the Village of Mount Horeb will meet on the above date at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building, 138 E Main Street, Mount Horeb, WI.

Agenda as follows:

1. Call to order- Roll call.
2. Consider August 3, 2015 meeting minutes.
3. Public Comments
4. Consider resident concern of speeding in 1800 block of Eggum Rd.
5. Consider 15 minute parking stall on the West side of Grove St., second stall South of Main St.
6. Consider crossing guard position at Garfield and 8th St.
7. Discuss lighting concerns along the driveway to the library.
8. Discuss speeding concern on Lake St.
9. Discuss speeding concern on 8th St.
10. Chief of Police report.
11. Set next meeting date and agenda.
12. Adjourn.

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

November 30, 2015

The Public Safety Committee of the Village of Mt. Horeb met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. in the board room of the Municipal Building, 138 E. Main Street, Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin. Chair Mark Rooney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. All members were present. Also present were Police Chief Jeff Veloff, Village Engineer Andy Luehmann, and Village Administrator Nic Owen.

MINUTES:

McNall moved, Scott seconded, to approve the minutes from August 3, 2015. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

CONSIDER RESIDENT CONCERN OF SPEEDING IN 1800 BLOCK OF EGGUM RD.:

Resident Chris Thelen contacted the police department to express concerns of speeding on Eggum Rd. Veloff advised that the speed trailer was deployed for over 10 days in the area of concern measuring vehicle speeds Southbound. The speed limit is 25 mph. 91% of vehicles were traveling between 1 and 31 mph. 6% of vehicles were between 32-33mph and 3% of vehicles were between 34-37 mph.

Chris Thelen was present and expressed concerns of continued speeding on Eggum Rd. Resident Shawn Beer of 1700 Eggum Rd. expressed concerns of traffic flow, traffic patterns, and speed in the area.

Holum moved, Scott seconded to obtain an estimate from Village Engineer Rob Wright's office to conduct a traffic study and consider options for traffic calming devices in the area. Motion carried. Engineer Andy Luehmann from Rob Wright's office was present at the meeting and stated he would follow up on the request.

CONSIDER 15 MINUTE PARKING STALL ON THE WEST SIDE OF GROVE ST., SECOND STALL SOUTH OF MAIN ST.:

Veloff advised that there have been complaints that employees of local business are parking in 2-4 hour parking stalls all day. They have also parked in the one current designated 15 min parking stall all day. Police will try to monitor the 15 min stall(s) as time allows but would have difficulty enforcing 2-4 hour stalls due to not having a parking monitor for the past several years.

McNall moved, Holum seconded to create the second 15 min parking stall. Motion carried.

CONSIDER CROSSING GUARD POSITION AT GARFIELD AND 8TH ST.:

Veloff advised that there are continuing issues staffing the crossing guard position at Garfield and 8th St. The school district routinely contacts the police department when a crossing guard is not available and the police department advises that they do not have the staff to provide a crossing guard. This topic has been discussed on numerous occasions at previous public safety and village board meetings. Previous options considered have included that the school district provide a person to conduct crossing guard functions at that intersection and the village employs the subject and pays for them out of the crossing guard budget. The school district currently has staff members acting as crossing guards at 3-4 other crossing areas on Garfield and Lincoln St.

After some discussion of previous public safety committee action related to this issue, Rooney requested that Administrator Owen draft a letter to the school board stating that they need to take over providing a staff member at that intersection 100% of the time. The selected staff member(s) would be hired and employed by the police department and paid by the village for this function. Failure to comply with this request could result in the village discontinuing to fund the crossing guard program all together or, alternatively, the village could opt pay the school district \$7,000 per year for a determined period of time to completely administer and run the crossing guard program with their staff for the intersection of Garfield and 8th St.

DISCUSS LIGHTING CONCERNS ALONG THE DRIVEWAY TO THE LIBRARY:

Resident Dave Boyden of the library board and library director Jessica Williams discussed lighting concerns with the library driveway and sidewalk. It is very dark in those areas at night. Grindle suggested that Electric Superintendent Dave Herfel should be contacted to determine what would be the best lighting solution. Rooney stated that the village engineer should also be involved in the discussion of appropriate lighting options and costs. Scott advised she would discuss this with Herfel. Luehmann advised he would forward the request to Rob Wright.

DISCUSS SPEEDING CONCERN ON LAKE ST.:

Resident expressed concern of speeding on Lake St. The speed trailer was deployed for 6 days. The speed limit is 25 mph. 98+% of vehicles were traveling between 1 and 34 mph. Just over 1% were at 35-39 mph. and less than .2% were over 40 mph.

Veloff provided this information to the committee as information only.

DISCUSS SPEEDING CONCERN ON 100 BLOCK S. 8TH ST.: A resident at 104 S. 8th St., contacted the police department regarding concerns of speeding on 8th St. The speed trailer was deployed for over 10 days in the area of concern. The speed limit is 30mph. 93% of vehicles were traveling between 1 and 31 mph. 6% of vehicles were traveling between 32-35 mph and less than .9% of vehicles were over 36mph. Veloff provided this information to the committee as information only.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

Veloff also briefed the committee on recent events occurring in the village.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA:

The next public safety committee meeting was set for TBD at 5:30pm.

ADJOURN:

Holum moved, McNall seconded, to adjourn at 6:45pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff J. Veloff, Chief of Police