

# **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

August 26, 2019

The Public Safety Committee of the Village of Mount Horeb met on the above date at 6:00 p.m. in the board room of the Municipal Building, 138 East Main Street, Mount Horeb, Wisconsin. Brenda Monroe called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. All members were present except Steve Holum. Village Administrator, Nic Owen, was also present.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Mike McNall moved; Cathy Scott seconded to approve the July 22, 2019 meeting minutes. Brenda Monroe abstained. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

## **CONSIDER WAYFINDING SIGNAGE**

Nic Owen mentioned that the signs were revised based on feedback. Mike McNall moved; Jason Fendrick seconded to send the signage to the full board for approval. Motion carried.

## **CONSIDER TRAFFIC CONCERNS IN TRAIL VIEW HEIGHTS**

Chief Veloff commented that residents are concerned about increased traffic. He stated that he does not believe there will be an issue with increased traffic in this area. After some discussion, it was determined that no action would be taken.

## **CONSIDER HANDICAPPED PARKING SPOT ON S. THIRD ST. OR E MAIN ST.**

Denise Sinshack from Mount Horeb Dental requested one handicap stall on either East Main Street or South Third Street near their dental office. Mount Horeb Dental will be moving into a new location after the first of the year, but would like this handicap stall for patients until their move. She commented that handicapped patients struggle to get to them since parking is more congested in the area. Brenda Monroe inquired if this is something that can be done temporarily until the dental office moves. After some discussion, it was determined that the best place for this temporary handicap parking stall would be right in front of the dental office on Main Street. Cathy Scott moved to have the

parking stall in front of Mount Horeb Dental on Main Street designated as a handicap stall; Jason Fendrick seconded the motion. Motion carried with the understanding that this will be revisited after the dental office moves. Nic Owen will let Denise know when this will be done.

### **CONSIDER OAK STREET TRAFFIC CONCERNS**

Chief Veloff began this discussion by reading an email from a resident, Beth Wells, who currently lives in the 300 block of Oak Street. Ms. Wells was wanted the committee to be aware that she is not in favor of the 300 block of Oak Street becoming a one-way street.

Doug Wagen of 308 Oak Street spoke to the committee regarding the decision by the committee to make the 400 block of Oak Street and Thompson Street one way. He questioned if a traffic engineer was consulted or if the decision made by the committee was based on the residents that spoke at the meeting. Nic Owen stated that the Village Engineer was involved.

Doug had concerns about the decision because of the increased traffic that will be on N Fourth, N Third and N Second Streets. He especially had concerns regarding the intersection of N Fourth Street and Oak Street. Cathy Scott reiterated that an engineer is looking at that intersection again. Doug indicated that this one-way street will make it difficult to get to the neighborhoods on Oak Street, Park Street and Forest Street. He feels additional problems will be created by making the 400 block of Oak Street one way. He feels that the traffic in the 400 block of Oak Street is only a problem twice a day and when there are festivals. He mentioned that the 300 block of Oak Street has the same issues as the 400 block of Oak Street.

Several committee members mentioned that the decision to make the 400 block of Oak Street and Thompson Street one way is not necessarily a permanent decision. Mike McNall also commented that this was not necessary a permanent decision. Brenda Monroe suggested that if this is revisited in the future that residents from the 300 block and the 400 block of Oak Street be notified so everyone can be at the same meeting for the discussion.

Doug presented information from a traffic calming study and will be providing Nic Owen with a copy of the study. The study included some possible alternative solutions for slowing traffic. One of those mentioned was speed bumps/humps. Nic Owen indicated that those are not cost effective, but said he is willing to take a look at the traffic calming study. Nic said he would have the engineer also take a look at the information and this could be discussed again at the next meeting.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Oak Street concerns will be on the next agenda after Nic Owen and the Village Engineer have had an opportunity to review the study presented by Doug Wagen.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is TBD.

**ADJOURN**

Mike McNall moved; Jason Fendrick seconded, to adjourn at 6:39 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Kit Witte, Mt. Horeb Police Department Administrative Assistant.