

# **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

October 21, 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. Cathy Scott called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Chair Monroe arrived at 6:08 p.m. All members were present. Village Administrator, Nic Owen, was also present.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Jason Fendrick moved; Mike McNall seconded to approve the August 26, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

## **CONSIDER RESIDENT CONCERNS OF BIKES AND ELECTRIC BIKES ON SIDEWALKS**

Jo Anne Shreeves, 104 South Eighth Street, spoke to the committee regarding her concerns about electric bicycles operating on public sidewalks. After some discussion, it was determined that at the present time there appears to be two juvenile males that are currently operating these electric bicycles. Chief Veloff will attempt to identify these two individuals and speak with them regarding their use of the electric bicycles. Ms. Shreeves commented that many bicyclists in her neighborhood use the sidewalk because it is safer to ride on the sidewalks vs. the roadway. Not all riders are considerate of pedestrians on the sidewalks.

Jason Fendrick questioned whether there has been any consideration to dedicate a bike lane on South Eighth Street. Chief Veloff noted that this is something that would require approval from the State of Wisconsin.

Ms. Shreeves feels an important place to start is with educating students on bicycle safety, etc. This would be something that could be implemented when the SRO is in place in the schools. Chief Veloff will follow-up on this by contacting the schools.

## **CONSIDER CROSSWALK MARKING AT LINCOLN AND PERIMETER**

Tim Milas, 204 Perimeter Road, expressed concerns that there is only one marked crosswalk at this intersection. He feels there should be two or three more. He also

mentioned there are only two sets of flags and they are not always available on each side of the street. After some discussion, it was decided to recommend adding a crosswalk east of Perimeter Road on Lincoln Street. Nic Owen mentioned that enforcement is the best way to change people's behaviors at these busy intersections. There has been more police presence in the area before and after school and this does seem to help.

Mike McNall moved; Steve Holum seconded to refer the recommendation of adding a crosswalk east of Perimeter Road on Lincoln Street to public works. Motion carried.

### **CONSIDER HANDICAPPED PARKING SPOT IN THE 200 BLOCK OF EAST MAIN STREET**

Donna Skogen, 9701 Blue Valley Road (business at 209 East Main Street) requested to have a handicapped parking stall added for the businesses in the 200 block of East Main Street. There are five apartments in the building at 209 East Main Street and the tenants park in the parking stalls in front of the building. The average age of Ms. Skogen's customers is 85 and many are handicapped. The closest handicap parking spots are at the Mount Horeb Telephone Company and the dental office. Cathy Scott questioned if there is room for more ADA parking stalls and Nic Owen responded yes. His concern was that adding more ADA stalls could result in receiving more complaints from citizens regarding the lack of parking downtown. Jo Anne Shreeves commented that it is difficult for handicapped/elderly people to visit the businesses in the downtown area because there are not ample handicap parking stalls.

After further discussion, it was recommended that the committee approve the request for adding a handicap parking stall in the 200 block of East Main Street and the committee should continue to evaluate ADA parking in the downtown area in upcoming meetings.

Cathy Scott moved; Mike McNall seconded to approve an ADA handicap parking stall to be located on the South side of the 200 block of E. Main St. in the first stall east of the alley. Motion carried.

### **CONSIDER TRAFFIC CONTRAL ATTENDANT ORDINANCE**

Chief Veloff noted that the Village has had the same person as the crossing guard for over five years and she had done an outstanding job directing traffic and crossing students. Chief Veloff received two complaints in a two-week time frame from a non-resident stating that the crossing guard cannot legally direct traffic at the intersection. In order for her to do so, she would need to be reclassified as a Traffic Control Attendant. Chief Veloff created a department policy for a Traffic Control Attendant that includes information indicating the Traffic Control Attendant will receive training and indicates the location of the intersection as well as the dates and times when the Traffic Control Attendant has that authority. An ordinance was presented to the committee creating the position of Traffic Control Attendant.

Brenda Monroe moved; Jason Fendrick seconded to recommend to the Village Board approval of the ordinance to add a Traffic Control Attendant. Motion carried.

### **CONSIDER STOP SIGN(S) AT MAPLE DRIVE AND WEST GONSTEAD ROAD**

Brenda Monroe commented that a resident on Gonstead Road expressed concern regarding this intersection. Chief Veloff presented the speed trailer results and indicated there has not been any history of accidents at this intersection.

After a short discussion, Mike McNall stated he felt that the intersection is appropriately controlled as is. Jason Fendrick agreed. It was determined that no action would be taken.

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

This is a carry over from the last meeting. Chief Veloff shared that the information provided has been previously discussed in meetings with the Village Engineer. Nic Owen spoke with the Village Engineer regarding the information presented by Doug Wagen at the August 16, 2019 Public Safety Committee meeting. It was determined that all of the items presented had been discussed in the past. Jason Fendrick commented that after the 300 block of Oak Street and Thompson Street become one-way, this may need to be revisited when a study of the downtown area is done in the future. No further action taken at this time.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

ADA parking stalls – specifically on Main Street.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is TBD.

### **ADJOURN**

Jason Fendrick moved; Steve Holum seconded, to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. Motion carried.

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