

Village of Mount Horeb

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, July 23, 2018

The Public Safety Committee of the Village of Mount Horeb will have a meeting on the above date at 6:00 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 October 30, 2017 Public Safety Committee Public Works Committee joint meeting minutes.
3. Public Comments.
4. Consider Downtown Parking.
5. Consider handicapped parking stall request at Mount Horeb Pharmacy on Grove or Main St.
6. Consider one way traffic on Garfield St., West to East, from 8th St. to Hanneman Blvd.
7. Consider the intersection of 8th and Springdale St.
8. Consider traffic concern on E. Garfield St.
9. Consider Parking Citation Fees.
10. Consider annual review of registered agents of alcohol serving establishments
11. Consider sexting ordinance 9.125
12. Consider 2019 Police Department Budget Requests
13. Adjourn.

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E. Garfield St. Traffic concern;

I had contacted the Mount Horeb Police department approximately 2 months ago regarding a number of drivers on E Garfield Ave that were speeding and failing to yield at a stop sign. Chief Veloff personally responded and I afterward saw officers stop a number of vehicles in the following days. Thank you very much.

But I wanted to follow up regarding the issues on Garfield since my exchange with your department 2 months ago. Speeding and distracted driving continues to be an issue on the street, and last night my wife's vehicle was struck during the night in a hit and run incident (she was parked beside our house on Garfield near 6th St). The side of her vehicle is scraped up and her side mirror was destroyed. No contact was made by the driver who did this either. I have attached a few pictures of the damage.

I know that there is probably nothing that can be done about this accident, but I wanted to bring it to the attention of the department again of the actions of certain motorists on Garfield. I know that at least 2 of my neighbors have also had damage done to their vehicles while parked on Garfield, and I have had my trash cans hit and knocked over a few times.

It seems that Garfield Ave has become an alternative thoroughfare for local drivers avoiding Main Street, yet with parking on both sides of the street, only one stop sign between 2nd and 8th street (which is often ignored), and the amount of pedestrian traffic on Garfield, I believe that this is becoming a safety issue. During the school year, dozens and dozens of kids walk down Garfield to go to school, a number of neighborhood children play along that street, and I also see many cyclists and joggers along the street.

I would like to see a long term solution to this issues, which I believe is only going to get worse if unaddressed, and would hope to see the Village leadership and Police Departments be involved. I was very impressed with the response of Chief Veloff and the department the last time this issue was brought to your attention, so I'm hoping that we can continue to work together to prevent additional and possibly worse accidents and incidents from occurring.

Thank you for your time,

Regards,

Curtis Hall
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Mt Horeb, WI

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

July 23, 2018

The Public Safety Committee of the Village of Mt. Horeb met on the above date at 6:00 p.m. in the board room of the Municipal Building, 138 E. Main Street, Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin. Chair Mike Goltz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Brenda Monroe.

PUBLIC SAFETY MINUTES:

Due to there not being a quorum present, Mike Goltz advised that there would be no approval of the October 30, 2017 meeting minutes that had included both Public Safety and Public Works committees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

CONSIDER DOWNTOWN PARKING:

According to Village Engineer Rob Wright, a parking study was completed by his firm and if the Village were to follow Wisconsin State Statutes, all of the parking spaces adjacent to stop signs and crosswalks in the downtown area would need to be eliminated. This would result in losing up to four parking spaces per intersection due to proximity issues. This was presented to former Village Administrator Larry Bierke and it was decided at that time to not reduce downtown parking stalls. A map of this study can be provided to the committee if requested. This information has also been shared with current Village Administrator Nic Owen.

Rob Wright advised that the upcoming Front Street road construction project this summer will result in standard traffic lanes, curb, gutter and sidewalk which will eliminate all on-street parking in the 200 block of Front Street. This will eliminate all parking in front of the Police Department and parking to the south of The Grump Troll. In order to add parking downtown, Rob suggests adding parking lots.

Despite the allowance of access to the ELC Church's parking lot and the future option of parking at the Food Emporium, it was agreed upon that these parking options may not be adequate, especially during the work week. Mike McNall suggested to delay any further discussion until the Duluth Trading and Front Street construction projects are completed and revisit the parking situation at that time.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

CONSIDER HANDICAPPED PARKING STALL REQUEST AT THE MT. HOREB PHARMACY (GROVE STREET OR MAIN STREET):

Per Chief Jeff Veloff, a request has been made by a citizen to add one handicapped accessible parking stall by the Mt. Horeb Pharmacy at the corner of Main and Grove Streets. He advises that there are currently two 15-minute parking stalls located on Grove Street for the purpose of pharmacy customer use. Pharmacy staff have been asked to contact the police department if the 15-minute stalls are being misused. The police department does not currently have a parking monitor position and parking citations are driven by citizen complaints.

Responding to Cathy Scott's question regarding who is responsible to do a handicap parking stall study, Rob Wright advised that State Code only addresses the number of handicap stalls required in business parking lots. He advised there are currently 241 parking stalls available in downtown Mt. Horeb and the total number of ADA parking spaces required in a surface parking lot could be applied to this total.

It was also considered that a handicapped stall would not have a time limit to park in that stall should someone park there legally and that the two 15-minute parking stalls were adequate for the pharmacy customers. It was further discussed that other establishments, such as The Driftless Historium and Finks Restaurant, have placed a construction cone or applicable parking signage in front of their establishments in order to make temporary parking accommodations.

Mike Goltz moved, Cathy Scott seconded, to not add a handicap parking stall at the corner of Main and Grove Streets at this time. Motion carried.

CONSIDER ONE-WAY TRAFFIC ON GARFIELD STREET, WEST TO EAST, FROM EIGHTH STREET TO HANNEMAN BOULEVARD:

Mike Goltz advised that there are concerns regarding the traffic congestion on Garfield Street and Eighth Street, particularly twice per day during the school year, and issues with parking on both sides of Garfield Street west of Eighth Street. In response to Cathy Scott's suggestion to not allow parking on Garfield Street, Rob Wright advised that from his experience, the residents of that street would not agree to one-

side parking or no-parking. He also noted that one-way traffic on E. Garfield Street, west to east, would transfer traffic to Hanneman Boulevard, Perimeter Road and potentially Lincoln Street.

Chief Veloff advised that the Village is restricted from adding any permanent signage, traffic lights or changes on Eighth Street (aka Highway 92 and 78), as it is a State Highway. The State allows the police department to have a temporary no-left-turn sign during crossing guard hours, however, and this has proven to reduce hazards and congestion. He further advised that traffic counts have been completed twice in the past decade. Both times, the State has determined that no changes are needed.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

CONSIDER THE INTERSECTION OF EIGHTH STREET AND SPRINGDALE STREET

Chief Veloff advised that Brenda Monroe had voiced concern over the stacking up of traffic at the Eighth and Springdale roundabout causing a traffic delay. He advised that Main Street/Springdale Street from 8th Street west to Highway 78 is considered a State Highway (State Highway 78) and the Village is restricted from adding any permanent signage, traffic lights or changes without DOT approval. DOT would be required to complete a traffic study before the State would allow any changes. It was mentioned that the roundabout at Kwik Trip works well and is an overall improvement from the former traffic light.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

CONSIDER CONCERN OF TRAFFIC ON E. GARFIELD STREET:

Based on a citizen complaint regarding safety issues on E. Garfield Street, Chief Veloff advised the committee that a query of accidents reported on E. Garfield Street between First Street and Eighth Street resulted in a total of six accidents from January 2014 to July 2018.

Citizen Curtis Hall, who lives at the corner of Sixth Street and E. Garfield Street, advised that he has observed excessive speeding on E. Garfield Street and a hit and run resulted in damage to his vehicle parked on E. Garfield Street two weeks ago. He stated that it is most dangerous during non-busy times and appears to be a thoroughfare for locals avoiding downtown traffic.

Chief Veloff advised that the police department could implement the speed trailer on E. Garfield Street now and again in September after school starts. He will share the data from both collections with Curtis Hall and with the Public Safety Committee. He also advised that more patrol will be done in the area. Rob Wright also recommended a speed study be done via the speed trailer.

Mike McNall moved, Steve Holum seconded, for the Mt. Horeb Police Department to conduct speed trailer data collections on Garfield Street near Sixth Street at the end of July and in September and share the results. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PARKING CITATION FEES:

Chief Veloff advised that the parking citation fees have not changed in the Village for at least twenty years. He provided a list of what some local jurisdictions are charging. After reviewing Verona, Oregon and McFarland's citation rates, the committee agreed to the following rate request:

Charge \$15 for all parking violations, including winter parking. The fines graduate from \$15 to \$20 after five days. After 14 days of non-payment, the license plates are suspended. Handicap parking is \$50.

Steve Holum moved, Mike McNall seconded, requesting the Village Board to consider these changes to the local parking citation rates.

CONSIDER ANNUAL REVIEW OF REGISTERED AGENTS OF ALCOHOL SERVING ESTABLISHMENTS:

Chief Veloff advised that registered agents are currently not reviewed again after their initial application approval but alcohol servers are required to pass a background check to renew their license every one or two years. Chief suggested adding registered agents/owners to the existing ordinance requiring them to reapply for renewal annually for a license to serve alcohol.

It was agreed that it was a good idea to have registered agents/owners reapply for alcohol licensing on an annual or biannual basis. After further discussion regarding the chances of business loss if a registered agent were denied renewal, if a registered agent would lose the ability to own the establishment if they did not qualify to hold a servers license, and if this ordinance would apply to absentee owners, it was agreed that Village Clerk Alyssa Gross should look into the laws pertaining to this prior to requesting an ordinance from the Village Board.

No decisions were made regarding creating an ordinance to have a registered agent renewal a liquor license annually until more information is obtained from Alyssa Gross. No action was taken on this agenda item.

CONSIDER SEXTING ORDINANCE 9.125:

Chief Veloff advised that in conversations with Juvenile Officer Zander, the village has experienced an increase in juveniles sharing nude photos of themselves via cell phone which results in them unknowingly possessing child pornography which is a felony for both sender and receiver. It was requested to create a sexting ordinance in order to reduce child pornography and discourage the behavior as the photos can result in long term problems for the victims. The recommend ordinance is worded as follows:

PUBLIC PEACE AND OFFENSES Sec. 9.125

9.125: SEXTING PROHIBITED

- (1) FINDINGS. The Village Board of Mount Horeb has determined that the sharing of explicit images and related activities between minors represents a concern for the health, safety, welfare, peace and order to the citizens of the Village of Mount Horeb. The Village Board has further determined that prohibiting sharing of explicit images and related activities between minors will serve to deter such activities within the Village.
- (2) DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this Subsection:
 - (a) “Nudity” means the showing of the human male or female genitals, pubic area, or buttocks with less than a fully opaque covering; or the showing of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any portion thereof below the top of the nipple; or the depiction of covered male genitals in a noticeably erect state.
 - (b) “Harmful to Minors” means any reproduction, imitation, characterization, description, exhibition, presentation, or representation of whatever kind or form, depicting nudity, sexual conduct, or sexual excitement when it:
 - a. Predominantly appeals to an indecent, shameful, or morbid interest;
 - b. Is blatantly offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable material or conduct for minors;
 - c. Taken as a whole, is without serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.
 - (c) “Minor” means any person under the age of 18 years.
- (3) A minor commits the offense of sexting if he or she knowingly:
 - (a) Uses a computer, telephone, or any other device capable of electronic data transmission or distribution, to transmit or distribute to another minor any photograph or video of any person which depicts nudity, as defined in this subsection, and is harmful to minors as defined in this subsection.

(b) Possesses a photograph or video of any person that was transmitted or distributed by another minor which depicts nudity, as defined above, and is harmful to minors, as defined above. A minor does not violate this paragraph if all of the following apply:

- i. The minor did not solicit the photograph or video.
- ii. The minor took reasonable steps to report the photograph or video to a school or law enforcement official.
- iii. The minor did not transmit or distribute the photograph or video to a third party other than a law enforcement official.

(c) Uses a computer, telephone, or any other device capable of electronic data transmission or distribution, to transmit or distribute to another minor any text message, correspondence or message of a sexual nature when it:

- i. Predominantly appeals to an indecent, shameful, or morbid interest;
- ii. Is blatantly offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable material or conduct for minors;
- iii. Taken as a whole, is without serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.

(d) Solicits the transmission or distribution of any text, correspondence, message, photograph or video from another minor that would itself be prohibited under this Subsection.

It was further discussed that the bond amount for this violation by a juvenile could be set at \$92.50 or \$187.00 as determined by the village board if the ordinance is adopted.

Mike McNall moved, Cathy Scott seconded, requesting the Village Board to consider adding this ordinance.

CONSIDER 2019 PD BUDGET REQUESTS

Chief Velloff advised that he shared the 2018 Budget a year ago and found it beneficial to share with this committee. The 2019 Budget contains the following:

- Moving the police department to the new Public Safety Building end of 2018
- Increased annual cost of \$1,200 for copy machine due to move (no longer sharing cost with Recreation Department)
- Purchasing vests that stop rifle rounds; one per vehicle, six total, at approximately \$500 each
- One additional officer position requested as an SRO with 70%(school district)/30%(village) cost sharing between the village and the school district.
- One new detective position.

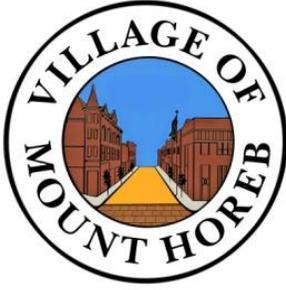
SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA:

The next Public Safety Committee Meeting is TBD.

ADJOURN:

Steve Holum moved, Mike McNall seconded, to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Rachelle M. Rohe, Mt. Horeb Police Department Administrative Assistant



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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MONDAY, November 19, 2018
(Updated 11-14-18)

The Public Safety Committee of the Village of Mount Horeb will have a meeting on the above date at 6:00 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 July 9, 2018 Public Safety Committee minutes.
3. Public Comments.
4. Consider traffic concern on E. Garfield St.
5. Consider traffic concerns on Front, Second, and Main Streets.
6. Consider annual review of registered agents of alcohol serving establishments
7. Consider sexting ordinance 9.125
8. Consider parking enforcement monitor
9. Consider handicap parking downtown
10. Consider vaping ordinance
11. Adjourn.

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

November 19, 2018

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 E Main Street, Mount Horeb, Wisconsin. Chair, Mike Goltz, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Brenda Monroe and Cathy Scott. Village Administrator, Nic Owen, was also present.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Steve Holum moved, Mike McNall seconded to approve the July 23, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSIDER TRAFFIC CONCERN ON E. GARFIELD STREET

Two studies using the speed trailer were conducted regarding the speed of vehicles on E. Garfield Street in the area of Sixth St. The first one was from July 26, 2018 through August 16, 2018 with one-week tracking vehicles traveling eastbound and one-week tracking vehicles traveling westbound. The second one was from October 23, 2018 through November 5, 2018 with one-week tracking vehicles traveling eastbound and one-week tracking vehicles traveling westbound.

The results of the speed trailer report indicated that in August- Eastbound only .28% of cars were traveling over 34mph. Westbound only .26% of cars were traveling over 34mph.

In October- Eastbound only .25% of cars were traveling over 34mph. Westbound only .24% of cars were traveling over 34mph.

This information was shared with the complainant via email.

No further action taken.

CONSIDER TRAFFIC CONCERNS ON FRONT, SECOND AND MAIN STREETS

Chief Veloff has been in contact with the Department of Transportation regarding a traffic count at the intersection of East Main Street and Second Street. He was informed that

they will send someone out to complete the traffic count, which consists of someone actually counting cars for a period of time. Per the Chief's request, the Village has been put on a waiting list with the Department of Transportation to have this done.

Regarding a left turn arrow at the traffic light at Main and Second for vehicles traveling east on Main Street and turning south on Second Street, the cost would be approximately \$6,500.00. Due to the fact that Main Street is a state highway, the state would have to complete the study and recommend or deny the change based on the results of the study.

There was some discussion as to whether or not Duluth Corporate Headquarters now being open has had an impact on the traffic in this area. The Chief indicated that the Duluth employees starting and ending times vary and there do not seem to be additional traffic concerns at this time. He indicated the police department would continue to monitor this and will wait for the traffic study results once they have been completed by DOT.

No further action taken regarding this issue.

CONSIDER ANNUAL REVIEW OF REGISTERED AGENTS OF ALCOHOL SERVING ESTABLISHMENTS

Chief Veloff explained that a registered agent is typically a manager and the person in charge at the establishment. Chief Veloff advised that a committee member suggested adding registered agents to the existing ordinance requiring them to reapply for renewal annually for a license to serve alcohol.

Per the Committee's request, Village Clerk, Alyssa Gross, looked into the laws pertaining to having a registered agent reapply for renewal. The Department of Revenue indicated we can require the agent to fill out an agent form every year at the time of renewal, so they can go through the background check each year. Alyssa indicated she will send the registered agent the renewal information annually.

No further action was taken on this agenda item.

CONSIDER SEXTING ORDINANCE 9.125

Chief Veloff explained that this ordinance is not just for the purpose of writing tickets for violations, but rather is meant to be a tool to obtain voluntary compliance and to issue citations only if appropriate.

Mike McNall moved, Steve Holum seconded, requesting the Village Board to consider adding this ordinance with the proposed changes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PARKING ENFORCEMENT MONITOR

There was an agreement made with Duluth and the Evangelical Lutheran Church that the Village would monitor the parking lots for their businesses. Chief Veloff explained that the

police department currently does not have the staff to monitor these areas on a regular basis. Village Administrator Nic Owen proposed that a parking enforcement monitor should be hired for approximately six hours per day Monday through Friday. Chief Veloff explained that this employee would use electronic citation equipment (i.e. Clancy Systems). The cost for such equipment would be approximately \$300.00 per month for the software and hardware. It would give the parking enforcement monitor access to the vehicle owner's information, but no access to their criminal records. The parking enforcement monitor would also have the ability to take photographs of the violations.

There was some discussion that complaints have also been received regarding parking in the downtown area where there are 2-hour and 4-hour parking limitations. Nic Owen indicated that the village has received complaints, but so far, they have been addressed. He stated that these complaints are received during the week, and he recommends mid-day enforcement – possibly 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Chief Veloff stated that the Duluth employees are supposed to have stickers for their vehicles and that the church is working on getting parking stickers for their employees as well. He explained that visitors will need passes/stickers as well. Mike Goltz stated that the signage needs to be clear. Chief Veloff stated that the signage is important, as well as the employees and visitors having the appropriate parking permits to avoid people coming into the police department requesting to have their citations voided.

The parking enforcement monitor would also enforce parking in the 2-hour, 4-hour, 15 minute and handicap parking areas.

Mike Goltz questioned if all private parking lots would also be monitored. Chief Veloff indicated that if a private parking lot has signage indicating it is private property and parking is by permit only, we can issue a citation. At this time, if the owner of private property calls to file a complaint about a vehicle parked in their lot, it is up to the owner of the property to have the vehicle towed. Once the police department begins enforcing parking in private lots with the appropriate signage, a parking ticket can be issued, (based on a complaint by the property owner). It will still be the property owner's responsibility to have the vehicle towed if desired.

Chief Veloff indicated that it would be a couple of months before the parking enforcement monitor would be hired once the recommendation is approved by the village board.

Mike McNall moved, Steve Holum seconded, requesting the Village Board to consider hiring a parking enforcement monitor to enforce parking in the downtown area. Motion carried.

CONSIDER HANDICAP PARKING DOWNTOWN

The Mount Horeb Pharmacy has requested one or two handicap parking stalls near their business. Nic Owen indicated that the Village Engineer, Rob Wright, commented that there are no requirements for the number of ADA spots for on street parking, but we could

apply the standards for off-street parking. Upon review of this information, it was determined that at this time five ADA stalls would be appropriate.

There are currently two spots by Evangelical Lutheran Church, and one on North Second Street by MHTC. There was previously one spot by the Historium, but that one is no longer there. Mike Goltz felt it would be appropriate to have a stall on South Second Street. Mount Horeb Dental has also requested one spot, but they will be moving to a new location.

There was some discussion that it may not be advantageous Mount Horeb Pharmacy to have handicap stalls near their business due to the fact that someone can park in a handicap stall all day without having to move their vehicle. It was mentioned that it may be more advantageous for them to have 15-minute parking stalls as an alternative. It should be noted that there currently is one 15-minute stall near the pharmacy. In the past, this 15-minute parking stall near the pharmacy has been enforced based on a call from the pharmacy indicating someone has been in the stall all day.

Nic Owen stated that if the Public Safety Committee provides direction, he will have the engineer work out the locations for these ADA stalls.

Steve Holum moved, Mike McNall seconded, requesting the Village Board to consider having a total of five ADA stalls in the downtown area with the village engineer working out the location for these stalls. Motion carried.

CONSIDER VAPING ORDINANCE

Nic Owen stated that this vaping issue has been brought up because people are fighting vaping tickets in other communities. The village attorney recommended changing the current ordinance to reflect changes in smoking, vaping, and e-cigarettes.

Steve Holum moved, Mike McNall seconded, requesting the Village Board to consider adopting this ordinance with the proposed changes. Motion carried.

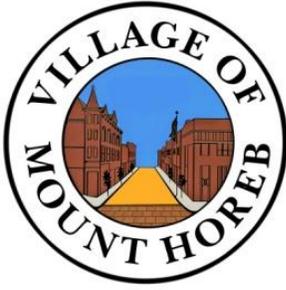
SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA

The next Public Safety Committee Meeting is TBD.

ADJOURN

Mike McNall moved, Steve Holum seconded, to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. Motion carried.

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



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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MONDAY, December 10, 2018

The Public Safety Committee of the Village of Mount Horeb will have a meeting on the above date at 6:00 pm in the Board Room of the Municipal Building, 138 E Main Street, Mount Horeb, WI. Agenda as follows:

1. Call to order- Roll call.
2. Consider November 19, 2018 Public Safety Committee minutes.
3. Public Comments.
4. Consider parking downtown.
5. Adjourn.

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

December 10, 2018

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Mike McNall moved, Steve Holum seconded to approve the November 19, 2018 meeting minutes. Brenda Monroe and Cathy Scott abstained. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Several people from the community attended the meeting with four of them coming forward to speak. Stephen Sopeak, Christine Tanzer, Davina Penne, and Lynn McFee commented on the parking issues within the downtown area of the Village of Mount Horeb. There was much discussion regarding this matter, as well as additional issues involving the downtown area to include crosswalks, stop signs, angle parking, lack of visibility, and speeders. It was pointed out that there has been an issue with downtown parking before Duluth Trading built their corporate headquarters here. Many felt this has been an on-going problem, but Duluth has had an impact on the situation as well. It was pointed out that since Duluth has built their headquarters, this parking issue has impacted the residents near the downtown area.

It was suggested that a study be conducted with businesses, employees, organizations, and residents of the Village regarding the parking issue as well as traffic flow. It was also suggested that we have better signs to point out the parking lots that are currently available.

CONSIDER PARKING DOWNTOWN

Mike Goltz stated the Village is currently investigating many properties to alleviate some of the parking issues downtown. He explained that to make any changes on Main Street, it would have to be approved by DOT because it is a state highway. He indicated Chief Veloff is working on getting a study done regarding a left turn arrow for vehicles traveling westbound on Main Street at the intersection of E Main and S Second. Mike Goltz also made suggestions of possible areas for angle parking. He also indicated he would like to see more parking areas available north of Main Street and farther east.

Cathy Scott indicated she feels that we need better signage for the parking that is currently available. Brenda Monroe agreed that is a valid point and inquired as to what budget the signage would come from. Nic Owens indicated it would be part of the Street Department's budget. Cathy Scott also inquired as to whether or not there would be a special color associated with the signage to make it more visible. Nic stated that is possible.

Brenda Monroe pointed out that this is a difficult problem to solve. Mike McNall stated it can't be solved. Nic Owen stated there are little things we can do, such as the better signage and work on making the crosswalks more visible. Nic stated the Village will do what they can to help solve the parking issues. Brenda Monroe asked if we can look into adding crosswalk lights and Nic stated that is something the Village could look at.

There was some discussion regarding charging for parking. Cathy Scott felt that would take away some of the appeal of the Village. Mike Goltz stated our town needs to be a destination to survive.

Brenda Monroe inquired as to what the Village would do for signage and when the Village would do it. Nic stated that he could have information regarding signage and a plan for the signage for the February meeting.

Mike Goltz thanked everyone for coming and stated the committee is works hard to solve the problems, but the committee can't alleviate everything.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA

The next Public Safety Committee Meeting is TBD.

ADJOURN

Brenda Monroe moved, Steve Holum seconded, to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried.

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