



Safety & Service Committee
Tuesday, September 1, 2020 - 5:00 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Benjamin Lee called the Safety and Service Committee meeting for September 1, 2020 to order at 5:03 pm

Members Present - Chairman Benjamin Lee, Marvin Block, Doug Lehner
Absent - None

Staff present - Jim Lenner, Bailey Klimchak, Jack Liggett, Chief Haroon, Jim Blair, Teresa Monroe.

Public present - Theresa Brubaker, Mark Lang, Holli Hoyles, Josh Harrison, Amy Zimmermen, Dustin Gerken

2. Action on Minutes

a. August 4, 2020

ACTION: Marvin Block moved to Approve; Doug Lehner seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: Benjamin Lee, Marvin Block, Doug Lehner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

3. North Main Street; Speed/Extra Speed Signs - (Chief update)

Chief Haroon provided maps with recommendation on speed limits and sign placement for North Main Street.

Public comment:

Theresa Brubaker said her main concern is safety on North Main Street with speed relative to the elementary school. Noise from vehicle acceleration has also been a concern. Thanked the PD for working on the issues.

Mark Lang, 121 North Main; would like to see more traffic enforcement where the fifty five mile per hour zone that ends at Croton Road; called out Martin Trucking as a regular offender, offered his driveway for patrol car to use.

Mr. Block asked Chief Haroon if he would contact Martin Trucking to ask their drivers to slow down. Chief said it would be a good idea to be proactive.

Further committee, staff and citizen discussion on speed limits and sign placement; Jack Liggett asked for direction from Council on sign placement, Mr. Lee recapped: "25 mph head sign at 121 N. Main (Lang), 25 mph sign added North Main and Maple heading into town, going out of town add 25 mph sign where current 35 mph sign at Circle K, add 35 mph sign (north side of crosswalk) at Maple and North Main, another 35 mph sign north of the intersection at North Main and Edwards, and on Coshocton Street going out of town adding a 35 mph sign on the Utica side of Ford and Coshocton, and coming in to town, adding a 25 mph sign essentially across the street at the intersection of Ford and Coshocton." Chief to provide Jack actual addresses and speed desired on sign.

ACTION: Benjamin Lee moved to approve layout for speed limit signs as mentioned; Marvin Block seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: Benjamin Lee, Marvin Block, Doug Lehner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

4. Leafy Dell Traffic Control (Chief)

a. Chief of Police Review & Recommendation

Concerns for the safety of school children traveling to and from the Johnstown Elementary School in Leafy Dell have been a discussion since the school opened. A detailed report on the Leafy Dell traffic pattern relative to the elementary school was provided by Chief Haroon; said options were to leave the way it is and people will acclimate as time goes on, or change traffic direction on Parkdale Drive to one way going counter clock-wise. Noted there were no school markings in the area, said in a one thousand foot bubble around the school there should be signage to mark safety zones 20 mph. Committee members expressed opinions in agreement with Chief Haroon's recommendation. Chairman Lee said if there were no comments he would like to progress this to the School Board Liaison Committee for discussion with the schools on implementation. Chief Haroon said he did meet with both elementary Principals and brought it up with the Superintendent; they said they believed this would be a good idea and keep traffic from turning left off of Leafy Dell to intercede with the school busses exiting.

Legislation by way of Resolution to be introduced to support the change of direction at the next Council meeting on September 15th. Implementation after thirty days if passed. Discussion on signage and crosswalk striping and potential purchase of a thermoplastic machine to give the street department ability to apply street markings, pricing to be investigated.

Chairman Lee clarified a motion would be to change Parkdale to one way, counter-clock-wise per Chief's recommendation and to have a resolution in front of Council for consideration on the 15th and then separately moving forward on police and street departments school zone sign placement and crosswalk striping.

ACTION:	Doug Lehner moved to go forward; Marvin Block seconded and all were in favor.
AYES:	Benjamin Lee, Marvin Block, Doug Lehner
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Passed 3 - 0

5. Construction Project Updates

US 62 is open. Jack Liggett said a decision by council will be needed on alternate bids for Westview, also received bid for Croton Road water line; staff recommendation for both will be discussed in full council. Jim Lenner shared that between zero percent loans, grants and other inter-governmental agreements village staff has come in with twenty million dollars on various infrastructure projects in the last ten years.

6. P.D. Cruiser # 3
Topic to be carried over to Council meeting tonight.
7. Draft legislation - Large Vehicle Ordinance
2017 Ordinance never introduced, Mr. Blair said this legislation is needed; discussion pushed from tonight's agenda due to time and will be reviewed by Planning and Zoning.
 - a. Ordinance 49-2017 Draft
8. Sidewalk Replacement Program
In the interest of time; topic pushed to next time.
9. Other Business
Members of the public arrived with interest on the Leafy Dell traffic control topic; Chairman Lee noted that was discussed earlier in the agenda but provided a summary of discussion.

Public comments

1. Dustin Gerken - 30 N. Main (corner of 37 and 62) Thinks the 25 mph proposal northbound on SR 37 is a good idea, said P.D. is welcome to use his driveway to enforce speed; said he sees dangerous speeds daily and said enforcement is key.

Committee members and staff updated Dustin on further discussion already taken place.

2. Steve Dyer - Main Street; likes the 25 mph speed limit. Suggested pavement markings near cross walk at Edwards. Asked if officers would enforce loud exhaust also; staff answer was yes.

10. Adjourn

ACTION: Benjamin Lee moved to Adjourn; Doug Lehner seconded and all were in favor:

AYES: Benjamin Lee, Marvin Block, Doug Lehner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

Meeting ended at 6:31 p.m.