



Safety & Service Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 4, 2020 - 5:00 PM
AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Action on Minutes
 - a. September 1, 2020
 - b. September 9, 2020 Special meeting
3. Construction Project Updates
4. Village Sidewalks
5. Village Lighting
 - a. North Main Street
 - b. Unlit village areas
6. Leafy Dell Traffic: Continued discussion
 - a. Progress Updates: signs, crosswalks etc.
 - b. School Zone designation
 - c. Eagles Nest / Parkdale; 4-way stop suggestion
 - d. Leafy Dell / Parkdale; 3-way stop suggestion w/ Yield exiting campus
7. Other Business
8. Adjourn



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.

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.

8. Sidewalk Replacement Program

In the interest of time; topic pushed to next time.

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

6. P.D. Cruiser # 3

Topic to be carried over to Council meeting tonight.

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.



Safety & Service Committee
Wednesday, September 9, 2020 - 5:00 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Technical difficulty delayed start of the meeting and affected parts of the audio during the meeting.

Mayor Chip Dutcher called the Special Safety and Service Committee meeting for September 9, 2020 to order at 5:10 pm

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

Staff present - Mayor Chip Dutcher, Jim Lenner-, Village Manager, Jack Liggett - Assistant Village Manager, Abe Haroon-, Chief of Police, Teresa Monroe- Clerk of Council.

Public present - Joe Krouse, Brett Krejci, David Cool, Dale Dickson, Mary Queen Cool, Amy Lehner, Matthew Huggins, Stephen Parport, James Smothers, Nicholas Linn, Laura Gallegger, Katee Miller, Lorene Pesicek, Marcie Wilson, Janet Smith

2. Parkdale Drive; Proposed One-Way traffic

Chief Haroon reviewed the proposed one way traffic pattern previously presented to the Committee and noted laws and concerns on having school staff or other citizens direct traffic; it is illegal to have anyone but a uniformed officer direct traffic; it is ok however for citizens to help students across marked crosswalks.

Safety of the students has been a topic of conversation since the school went in; Committee heard comments from school staff on student drop off and pick up procedures; Superintendent Dale Dickson and Johnstown Elementary Principals Marcie Wilson and Janet Smith. Some concerns noted were that vehicles begin to line up around Parkdale up to two hours before pick up time; Mr. Dickson said the no left turn during set hours has helped but it still happens, and likely the biggest problem is getting off the campus because all must stop at the stop sign exiting on to Leafy Dell Road. Mr. Dickson thanked the committee for considering the issue, this is something they have worked on for several years and they would welcome any improvements to signals or crosswalks that could be offered by Safe Routes to Schools; Mr. Lenner said absolutely.

Public comments

1. Lora Gallager 101 Parkdale; Said she has never had a problem with the school traffic but offered suggestions: add signage on Parkdale that says school traffic keep right;

encourage people exiting the school to leave by way of Croton road; consider a remote drop off area; install crossing lights at the crosswalk.

Mr. Lee replied that there are self-actuated crossing lights on SR 37 at the High school and also at Edwards and North Main to ensure safe crossing. Park and walk could be a good idea, he knows some use library for this currently. The exit to Concord road by way of Eagles Nest is currently used for the school busses and part of the reason the no left turn was put in.

Mr. Block asked Chief for his thoughts on the stop sign at the school exit. Chief of Police recommendation is to assign a special duty officer to that location.

3. Matthew Huggins 132 Parkdale; said he has had no problems getting to or from his house. Problem exists when parents show up too early for pick up. Suggested making the intersection of Leafy Dell and Parkdale a three way stop instead of four and putting up signs that traffic from the elementary does not stop. Some discussion with Chief on speed within the subdivision.

Chief Haroon added it would not be his recommendation to have public road traffic yield to an exit of private property.

Mr. Lee said there are signs on the right side of Parkdale that say no parking, it may need enforcement by the Police Department to ensure crosswalks and side streets are clear.

4. Amy Lehner, elementary school staff member. Helps students cross the road after school; said parking on Parkdale is an issue, people park who don't want to wait in the pickup line, she said after school cars park on both side of the road, it is a problem when cars park on the side closest to the school, cars cannot see children trying to cross; if no parking is allowed then it should be enforced. Says a body needs to be in the crosswalk to help the kids cross safely.

Mr. Block continued discussion on changing the stop to yield exiting the school at certain times; Chief still opposed the idea saying complacency would become an issue; said people expect those exiting the school to come to a stop.

5. Name not stated, resident of Leafy Dell. Concerns listed were parents lining up too early and stopping in the middle of the road to drop or pick up their student to avoid waiting in line. Solutions suggested; consistent patrolling during those times, special duty officer to direct traffic needed, lower speed limits during school hours, speed bumps around Parkdale.

Mr. Lee and Chief addressed issues with speed bumps; they are a problem for snow plows, they could damage surface of roads the village has worked hard to fix, and they hinder emergency vehicle response times.

6. Nick Lynn 131 Parkdale; noticed cars parking during pick up and drop off times near

corners of the intersections, understands there are ordinances that make this illegal within a certain distance of the intersection however there is no paint or marking to indicate that.

7. Katie Miller 67 Parkdale; school tries to get the info out but enforcement of those who don't obey the rules would be a huge help.

Mr. Lenner said he has the forty seven emails from if anyone would like copies.

8. Janet Smith, Co-Principal at elementary school. Clarified that the school does not have an established crosswalk program but they do have adult staff that help students cross at the crosswalks; noted locations where staff are posted to supervise the crosswalks.

Mr. Block asked Ms. Smith her opinion on what it else it would take to straighten it up. She said when they see a problem, they work to fix it to the best of their ability, they do everything they know to do; beyond what they as educators and administrators know to do she does not have a suggestion because she does not have the background to do that.

Chairman Lee thanked the schools for all they are doing to the best of their ability as evident with respect to the traffic and crossings; from a village standpoint and setting up that area to be effective, efficient and safe, there is a certain level of accountability with respect to enforcement that needs to be discussed. Mr. Lee said with respect to the discussions tonight, there are further conversations to be had with the School District Liaison and Safety and Service committees, but first is a recommendation not to put a resolution together for the one way.

Mr. Lee made the recommendation by asking for a motion to not go forward with legislation for one way on Parkdale.

ACTION:	Mr. Block moved; Mr. Lehner seconded and all were in favor.
AYES:	Block, Lehner, Lee
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Motion carried 3 - 0

Mr. Lehner said biggest takeaway items he sees are exiting traffic off of campus to keep traffic moving; Parkdale/Eagles Nest adding a traffic control device; looking at no parking on the inner side of the street around Parkdale. Thanked the staff and two Principals at the elementary school for doing a fantastic job; reiterated that everyone on Council, in this village, the Police, everyone has the safety of all of our children in mind and will get this figured out; all of the comments are appreciated.

9. David Cool 108 Maple Leaf Drive; has observed the backup at Parkdale and Leafy

Dell, need to tighten up safety measures, there are crosswalks that do not exist, some on Stonehedge and the other half of Parkdale and Leafy Dell.

Mr. Block gave some background on the school parcel.

Mr. Lee his takeaways noted for further committee discussion were traffic exiting campus, potential three way with yield sign, 4 way at Parkdale/Eagles nest, no parking on Parkdale during school hours, enforcement levels and education, school zone designation signage and painting crosswalks (need addresses to know placement). Noted previous discussion on a thermoplastic machine purchase for marking pavement; this year would be paint, possible purchase of the machine for next year.

Mr. Lee said committee recommendation would be to get quotes on crosswalk painting throughout Leafy Dell as well as for school zone signage.

ACTION:	Mr. Block so moved; Mr. Lehner seconded and all were in favor.
AYES:	Block, Lehner, Lee
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Motion carried 3 - 0

Committee discussion on painting corner curbs yellow on Parkdale at every traffic control device (stop sign, crosswalk) thirty feet on each side. Mr. Lenner said staff could create two exhibits, a school zone sign exhibit showing location for Chief and one for Service so they know explicitly where to paint.

Topics to forward to School Board Liaison committee; the crossing guard aspect and the special duty Officer recommendation.

Mr. Lenner said a lot of the comments written to the village and received tonight were associated with solutions and rarely is that the case, he said thank you and does appreciate that.

3. Adjourn

ACTION:	Mr. Lehner moved to adjourn; Mr. Block seconded and all were in favor.
AYES:	3
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Motion carried 3 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm