

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH
AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
OF JANUARY 26, 2016, 7:00 A.M.**

Members Present:

Sheila Hansen, Chairman
Berry Allen, Trustee

Others Present:

Chief Pam Church, LES
DC Gary Mayor, Fire & EMS
Dan Schoenberg, Benes and
Associates

Electronic Attendance: None.

#1 Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. A motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2016, meeting, after one correction was made by Trustee Allen. Chair Hansen seconded, and the motion was approved.

#2 Public Comment

Mr. Jim Larsen, 4521 Harvey, is concerned about the engineering report done by Benes and Associates. He feels it's not a fair representation of the concerns the neighborhood has. The report was done in December, and they feel that being by a park, there is very small usage in December by kids, and that it would be more realistic in the spring when the weather is warmer. Trustee Allen doesn't understand, and wants to know what the objective and rationale to stop signs are. He wants principal structure on how it's being evaluated. Chief Church said that a traffic study is done by a consultant to give expertise and knowledge. Other factors to be taken into consideration are crashes, speed, traffic volume, traffic enforcement, desire of residents, citizen input, etc. Trustee Allen wants to know if there is a science or formula to this. Mr. Schoenberg explained that the Village responds to petitions by residents, and that colors how a response is made. Once they decide how to respond, that's how a study comes into play. Chair Hansen feels that the timing of the study was unfortunate because she also feels that a study during spring/summer time would be more accurate. Chief Church explained that the original request from Mr. Marrone came to the Transportation and Safety Commission and was placed on the agenda for their November meeting. However, by the time the request was received, the Village did not have time to ask the engineer for a traffic study. Therefore, the study was conducted during December and placed on the Transportation and Safety Commission's agenda in January. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that two speed limit signs will be installed as the speed limit signs were recommended by the engineer in the traffic study. There was no motion, and this topic will go back to the Transportation and Safety Commission for discussion.

#3 Request for stop signs – intersection of Oak and Garden

Lindsay Crocker, 3971 Western, is representing her neighborhood who want stop signs at Garden and Oak. According to Ms. Crocker, it is the only unprotected 4-way through street intersection in Western Springs. She cited many points and read many comments from residents; and the majority of the residents agreed the stop sign should be on Garden because Garden does not have a stop sign the whole length of the street. George Graves, 3920 Garden, is against the stop signs, and he believes others feel the same. There was some discussion about large evergreens on the corner property that the Village may contact about trimming them back. Trustee Allen agrees there is no traffic control on Garden, but doesn't know and doesn't understand the criteria for implementing stop signs, and wants to ask the Transportation and Safety Commission the criteria on how they decide, and to do this community wide. After a discussion, Trustee Allen made a motion to have the Village Board consider a north/south stop sign on Garden at Oak based on the criteria for traffic control signage. Chair Hansen seconded, and the motion was approved.

#4 EOC After Action Report

Deputy Chief Mayor said this was an information only topic. The joint emergency management drill after action report shows that the many goals that were set had a really good outcome. The next exercise to look at for this year may be an active shooter situation, but more will follow as the committee works on this.

#5 Replacement Vehicle

Deputy Chief Mayor would like to ask for the approval to replace the current command vehicle which is a 2005 Ford Expedition, and declare it surplus. It has over 73,000 miles on it, and is in need of many expensive repairs. He would like to replace it with a Chevy Tahoe, at a cost of \$37,630. Advantage Chevy has agreed to go with the state purchase contract price. Trustee Allen made a motion to approve the purchase of the Chevy Tahoe replacement vehicle and declare the 2005 Ford Expedition as surplus. Chair Hansen seconded, and all were in favor.

#6 Other

None.

#7 Adjournment

Trustee Allen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 a.m. Chair Hansen seconded, and the motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Tammi L. Albrecht
Department Secretary

Residents who attended the meeting

Jim Larsen, 4521 Harvey

George Graves, 3920 Garden

Lindsay Crocker, 3971 Western

Joe Crocker, 3971 Western

Melody Wilp, 409 Malden, LaGrange Park