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Police Committee Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2018 5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes Approval

Chairman Marty Clinch called the police meeting to order at 5:00 pm and roll call was taken.

Village President/Trustee	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5	6
Marty Clinch - Chair	Present	Y	Y				
Mike Hinrichsen – Village President	Present	Y	Y				
Dick Hartman	Present	Y	Y				
Todd Rice	Absent	Y	Y				
Amy Pace	Absent	-	Y				

Also Present:

- Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works
- Matt Smith, Woodford County Sheriff
- Dennis Tipsword, Woodford County Chief Deputy
- Jeff Boone, Woodford County Deputy
- Marc Wright, Woodford County Deputy
- Scott DeSplinter, Village Engineer
- Kitty Cullett, Village Resident

a. April 12, 2018-Police Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mike Hinrichsen to approve the April 12, 2018 police committee meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #1.**

Amy Pace arrived at 5:01 p.m.

2. Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on the traffic issues on Village streets

Marty Clinch noted he and Mike Hinrichsen had met with Sheriff Smith and others on the traffic concerns on Somerset Drive. Mike had reached out to the Tri-County Planning Commission for potential solutions with the speeding along Somerset. They provided a sample traffic calming policy from the City of Peoria.

Mike noted we need to determine what problem we are trying to solve. There are two issues: speeding on Somerset Drive and the number of school children on Somerset Drive. Mike had put together the key concerns with potential solutions in terms of education and awareness, encouragement, enforcement, engineering and evaluation.

Marty Clinch discussed in the short term the solution is to have more police presence before and after school with potential seat belt checks and the writing of more tickets.

Kitty Cullett stated she would like to see something more proactive like temporary speed humps to see if they will help with the speeding along Somerset. There have been many discussions but there's a need to do something.

Todd Rice agreed we have had more police presence now for a couple of years and the behaviors of people aren't changing to the point we need to go to the next step.

Sheriff Smith stated they are willing to work with the Village on what is needed.

Deputy Wright indicated we have been talking about this for a while so we need to put something in temporary to see if it will help. He noted the biggest congestion area is Whispering Oaks to Arbor Vitae with the number of kids.

Rich Brecklin reported on the cost of temporary speed humps and signage. He stated we would probably need 5 or 6 speed humps. Rich Brecklin recommended looking at criteria for utilizing temporary speed humps otherwise everyone will be asking for them.

Scott DeSplinter noted Tri-County Planning had provided Peoria's policy that would provide some guidance in the Village creating their own policy.

The committee discussed the need to educate the kids and bus drivers through the School District.

Julia Miller arrived at 5:41 p.m.

Deputy Boone noted a vast majority of the violators are Village residents and most will slow down or stop at the stop sign once they see a patrol car.

Mike Hinrichsen stated we need to look at the alternatives but also look at other areas in the Village to see what is needed.

Rich Brecklin feels the speed humps need to extend into Coventry Farms in order to discourage people cutting through other streets in Whispering Oaks.

The committee agreed to look at putting up temporary speed humps. Rich will get a cost but noted they would not be installed until spring. The Sheriff's office is already doing extra patrols on Somerset and will continue to monitor.

- 3. Adjournment-**A motion was made by Todd Rice to adjourn the police committee meeting at 5:49 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mike Hinrichsen. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk