

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC & SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM via Zoom.

Open public meeting statement was read.

ROLL CALL

George Manousos, Abigail Chirico, Santi Condorelli, Steve Cruz, Chief Christopher Kiernan, Bd of Ed Rep Laura Palmerezzi, Council Rep Christine McGrath were present. Andrea Anderson, Louis Knoetig, Joseph D'Arco were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the May 9, 2023 meeting were approved.

Councilwoman Christine McGrath spoke on issues residents voiced while campaigning for re-election. Top concerns were pedestrian safety and speed of cars.

NEW BUSINESS

- Speed and turning issues on Mount Prospect Ave & Summit Road

Recently a Verona resident was involved in a traffic accident trying to turn left onto Mt Prospect from Summit Ave

PUBLIC COMMENT (opened only for this first topic of new business)

Herb Lev, [REDACTED] recently was involved in a car accident from turning left onto Mt. Prospect from Summit Ave. Would like improvements to this intersection-possible traffic light, better signage, removal of trees that block vision, reduced speed on Mt Prospect.

Ralph Bernard, [REDACTED], asked if it would be possible to involve Montclair County Club as they are affected when an accident occurs. Added that reflective strips on curbs/street signs would be helpful as would the removal of the trees.

Charlie Rysavy, [REDACTED], added that in addition to what other members of the public had said a major problem/issue is that the traffic backs up due to volume and lights and makes turning difficult and dangerous.

John Tierney, [REDACTED], said that removal of the trees and better signage was important. He also questioned if the intersection's proximity to the elementary school would warrant any additional safety measures. He also added that the light at Mt. Prospect and Suset Ave is a problem with the red light running

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

- The addition of a crosswalk or light on Bloomfield Ave in between Park Ave & Lakeside Ave- the Essex County engineering study is on their calendar- target date of next year
- Progress update on designated cross walk at Grove Ave & Hemlock Drive- Council passed a resolution for this crosswalk
- Progress update on Personette & Fairview Traffic Signal- this is going to be funded by Federal Grant and waiting on the money to be released
- County schedule for Bloomfield Ave & Fairview improvements- Chief Kiernan said these would be starting sometime next year
- Data from the speed/radar boxes posted around town- Average speed was under 25 mph
- Greenlight Grant Initiative- Grant money for safety in schools/ drug prevention - Laura is going to look into this
- Repositioning of the NTSC banner at Everett Field -Moving banner from Everett Field to a location where more people will see - possible football field

OTHER ITEMS:

Chief Kiernan is meeting with Essex County engineer on Thursday (9/14) to discuss multiple issues around town.

Verona Environmental Commission is sponsoring walk to school day on Wed October 4

Steve Cruz asked if the 25MPH painted in front of schools could be improved to be seen better and Chief Kiernan said he would talk to the engineer

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

Next Meeting - November 14, 2023 at 7.30 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9.00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Abby Chirico
Secretary