

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA**  
**NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC & SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 17, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Chairman Santi Condorelli via Zoom.

Open public meeting was read.

**ROLL CALL**

Santi Condorelli, Susan DeWitt, Councilman Ted Giblin, Jennifer Deshazer and Board of Education Representative Rob Merkler were present. Nicole Quick, Robert Rowbotham, Al Rawding, Louis Koenig, and Chief Christopher Kiernan were absent

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion:**

- Rob Merkler thanked the Verona Police for all their help with the Virtual Graduation.
- Santi commented on the good interactions between all students and the Verona Police Department and hopes it continues in the future.
- Councilman Giblin commented on the Mental Health aspect of things for the students. Rob stated there are numerous resources on the Verona School Website and that students feel comfortable reaching out to trusted adults in the school system when needed. He also stated that teachers and coaches have virtual meetings with the students.
- Everyone commented what a good job the Teachers and schools are doing.
- Councilman Giblin brought up that he has noticed that the West Essex Trail that crosses Durrell Street has been getting a lot of use by bicyclists and pedestrians. There is concern that motorists are not always expecting a bike or person to be crossing in that area. Suggested possibly putting Stop Signs on the trail at street crossing and possibly painting a warning on Durrell Street or installing some type of flashing warning sign in area.
- Santi suggested we ask Police Department if they could put a warning to the residents about the increased "Robo Calls" that have been occurring recently soliciting funds for police organizations and that Verona Police do not solicit over the phone.

- Jennifer asked if there has been any discussion about closing part of Bloomfield Avenue for outdoor dining. Councilman Giblin stated Bloomfield Avenue is a County Road, County would have to give permission, Verona does not have authority to close road.
- Discussion about the Zoom format for meetings, everyone is getting used to doing things virtually.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **NEXT MEETING**

- Discussion about future meetings. We will schedule for every other month. If we need an additional meeting, we can add as needed. Scheduled August 26, 2020 and November 4, 2020 at 7:30 PM. Location and format to be determined.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan DeWitt  
Secretary