

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC & SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 23, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM via Zoom.

Open public meeting statement was read.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the June 17, 2020 meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion:

- Pompton Ave – new traffic patterns, difficult to make lefts in certain areas. Need to educate drivers on new pattern. Specific area mentioned was around Dunkin Donuts.
- Councilman Giblin reported that a traffic light at Pompton and Claremont is on the County's agenda for tonight. Was discussed at yesterday's Town Council Meeting.
- Lakeside Avenue – road diet not a good solution as there are no streets on the east side of Lakeside. There are a lot of pedestrians as well as a high volume of traffic. It is one of the most heavily summonsed roads in town. Alissa asked what have we learned from traffic counts and can there be a discussion with the County on what can be done.
- Claremont and surrounding streets – speed tables (humps) are opposed from an engineering and liability standpoint. Town is also not in favor of speed tables. Will bring back to town for further discussion. Councilman Giblin stated that many times residents are opposed to them in front of their homes. Discussion followed about how effective speed tables are.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christopher Kiel - 129 Personette Ave, Verona

- Concerned about the traffic at Personette and Fairview as well as Personette and Depot. Many accidents and lots of children in area.
- Chief stated last he heard the County is doing an engineering study to see if a light is warranted at Fairview & Personette. Councilman Giblin will follow up to see where study is at.

Herb Lev - 45 Summit Road

- Following up on a previous discussion about Mt. Prospect Ave and Summit Rd. Do not block intersection signs, timing of lights at Sunset Ave and Woodland Ave (WO).
- Chief stated he spoke to County. They do not feel timing of lights would make a difference as there are many feeder points between those two intersections. Signs got pushed back due to COVID-19.
- Santi suggested letter be sent to County to see how they can assist as Mt. Prospect is a County Road.

George Manousos - 37 Forest Ave

- Concerned about the speeding, cut through traffic and reckless behavior in the S/W quadrant of town.
- Chief stated enforcement and education is key to help control problem. Cannot restrict who drives on the roads as this is a liability issue. Town can restrict turns but this impacts other residents in the area and only moves the problem to another street.

NEXT MEETING

- November 4, 2020 at 7:30 PM. Location and format to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan DeWitt
Secretary