

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA**  
**NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC & SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 9, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by Chairman Condorelli via Zoom.

Open public meeting statement was read.

**ROLL CALL**

Santi Condorelli, Matt Cavallo, Chief Christopher Kiernan, Councilman Ted Giblin, Jennifer Deshazer, Susan DeWitt, Alissa Randall, and John Jahr, Township Engineer were present. Robert Rowbotham, Al Rawding, Nicole Quick, Louis Knoetig and Board of Education Representative were absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the January 12, 2021 meeting were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion:**

- Santi asked if Matt could notify the committee members of their responsibilities as attendance from some members has been poor. Matt will have Clerk notify them.
- Township Manager Cavallo introduced John Jahr from Brightview Engineering who is the Township Engineer. John has 30 years experience as a traffic engineer. John stated he is always available for questions or concerns. Anyone wishing to speak with John should reach out to him through Sue.
- Committee identified some concerns that have been discussed in the past for John: pedestrian safety, speeding, congestion, central business district parking, cut through traffic and use of traffic calming devices.
- John stated stop signs and speed humps have strict rules. Rules must be met to install them. Most residents don't understand the rules. We need to educate them.
- Councilman Giblin asked if John could go look at the area of proposed development at Sunset & Bloomfield as he feels we will be getting a lot of questions on that area. John said he could look at it. Asked for 3 years of accidents reports from that area. Also stated that we need to work in cooperation with Essex County (as Bloomfield is a County Road) and Montclair for any redesign in the area.

- Alissa Randal asked if a study could be done on Lakeside Ave to slow down traffic. Lakeside is a county road so they have jurisdiction but John said he could look at it. Concerns on Lakeside are speeding, pedestrians and volume of traffic.
- John stated it does not meet requirements to be called a residential road due to the setback of the houses from the road and houses on only one side of the street. He stated it is a major connector from Bloomfield Avenue to Rt 280.
- Chief Kiernan followed up on some topics from last meeting:
  - Has asked the county to repaint the lines at Mt. Prospect and Sunset, waiting for weather to break.
  - Walgreens exit onto Claremont has a no left turn and a one-way sign, very visible.
  - Truck Route – in progress to keep trucks out of S/W quadrant. Doing groundwork through the county.
  - Construction traffic in Pine St area – have spoken to Building Inspector and Public Works to notify companies to stay on Bloomfield Avenue and not on side streets.
- Township Manager Cavallo stated that the demo of the Poekel building should be by the end of the month. Cameco buildings will be removed by the developer when they start work probably in the fall of 2021.
- We need crossing guards if you know anyone who is interested, have them contact police records.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

George Manousos – 37 Forest Avenue

- Asked about Committee meeting minutes not being posted on website. Was advised minutes are not posted until after they are approved.
- Asked what the time frame was for approval of the truck route.
- Stated he has seen a lot of big trucks filled with salt traveling on Forest Ave possibly enroute to the salt dome.
- Expressed concerns about the cut through traffic in the Southwest Quadrant.
- Concerned about cars making left turn from Forest onto Bloomfield Avenue, very dangerous.

**Next Meeting – May 11, 2021 @ 7:30 PM via Zoom**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan DeWitt  
Secretary