

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC & SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 8, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

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

Open public meeting statement was read.

ROLL CALL

Santi Condorelli, Louis Knoetig, Alissa Randall, George Manousos, Steve Cruz, Nicole Quick, Bd of Ed Rep Laura Palmerezzi, Chief Christopher Kiernan, Susan DeWitt, and Councilman Christopher Tamburro, were present. Robert Rowbotham, was not present.

Guest Speakers Verona Municipal Court Judge John Paparazzo and Verona Municipal Prosecutor Brian Mason.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the February 16, 2022 meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion:

- Judge Paparazzo and Prosecutor Mason attended the meeting and gave an overview of the court process from the time a person is issued a summons until it is adjudicated in court.
- Chief Kiernan reported looking into two LED solar powered pedestrian crossing signs. In process of getting pricing.
- Councilman Tamburro stated budget workshops are coming up soon. There are a lot of big-ticket items that will be discussed. Now is a good time to bring up the signs.
- Board of Education Rep Laura Palmerezzi stated board would be in favor of the signs.
- Santi Condorelli stated that we could look to organizations in town to help with funding signs.
- Councilman Tamburro stated an awareness campaign would be very helpful when signs are installed.
- George Manousos was tasked with drafting letter to Councilman Tamburro and Mr. D'Arco supporting the LED Signs. When completed, he will share with the committee for review and input.
- Claremont Avenue Study - Engineer John Jahr looked at Claremont, recommendation for additional stop signs on Claremont.

- NJ School Zone Design Guide – George Manousos feels this is an interesting tool to get ideas. Nicole Quick feels there are a lot of good ideas in document.
- Secretary update from last meeting – Minutes have all been posted to website. Regarding videos from meetings – town does not post any of the advisory committee meetings online.
- George Manousos commented on the speed boxes on Forest Ave and asked why display was not visible. Chief stated display is off to capture more accurate data.
- Chief Kiernan gave some summons data: summons were up 1400 in 2021 over 2020. In 2021, there were 2,479 summonses and 1,598 written warnings. 495 traffic posts were conducted. 2020 calls for service were 17,000 and 2021 was 22,000 calls for service.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Diane Egan – 21 Wedgewood Drive – concerned about traffic “blocking the box” at Bloomfield/Montrose/Gould. Chief Kiernan reports he is regularly in contact with the county about this issue. The offset intersections and timing of traffic lights contributes to the issue.

Next Meeting – May 10, 2022 @ 7:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan DeWitt
Secretary