

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC & SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM via Zoom.

Open public meeting statement was read.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the September 12, 2023 meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- The recent incident involving bullying of a 13 year old resident.
 - Mallory's Army comes and does a presentation
 - Involve the School Board
 - Laura Palmerezzi said she would speak to Diane DiGiuseppe and director of Counseling
 - Sub-committee of Santi Condorelli and Steve Cruz formed to provide updates to the committee

- Guest resident Josh Jacobs spoke to the committee about his efforts to obtain a traffic light on Bloomfield (at Verona Park entrance) and to reduce speed on Bloomfield. Josh has a business on Bloomfield and witnesses daily the need for improvement for pedestrian safety. The increase of child-oriented business (Shake-Man, hot dogs, Bookstore) are cause for concern. Has spoken to County officials who have told him to obtain a "warrant study"

- Chief not present to provide Essex County update- will request update next meeting

- Progress updates:
 - Mt Prospect and Summit- there is new signage and reflective striping
 - Improving the marked/painted 25 MPH in front of schools – Steve Cruz will get in touch with Chief Kiernan

- White Rock & Bloomfield- signage for no overnight parking. Need to extend the length of the light
- Winter safety and sun glare- plate for traffic lights. Will ask Chief next meeting
- Voting/Polling locations in schools- Voting is held inside the school building during school hours. This has the potential to be unsafe for students. Where are other possibilities that voting could be held. Will follow up with the Chief
- Active driveway- enforcement issue for Chief Kiernan's attentions. Will follow up with the Chief
- Discussion about turning into HBW in the morning for drop-off from Bloomfield. Possible solutions- no left in the morning or use cones to deter turns. Will discuss further next meeting
- Fair in the Square- Dec 2. NTSAC will have a table
- One open position – will use social media
- 2023-24 committee goals: We would like to be able to make a recommended action to the Town Council 1 to 2 times per year

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Robert Goman- concerns about Montrose Ave being used as a cut-through and there was a recent accident. Also concerned about the traffic speed with the amounts of children present. Advised to contact Chief Kiernan.
- Herb Live- encouraged by the recent progress (new signs and striping) at Mt Prospect and Summit. Would like to see more signage for the South bound traffic along the side of the golf course

Next Meeting – January 9, 2024 at 7.30 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9.25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Abby Chirico
Secretary