

VILLAGE OF ELM GROVE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, May 10, 2018

Present: Chair Trustee Katy Cornell, Trustee John Domaszek, Committee Members, Ms. Barbara Decker, Mr. Gus Moulas, Mr. Andy Vrakas and Mr. DJ Richlen.

Members Excused: President Neil Palmer.

Also Present: Police Chief Jim Gage.

1. Call the meeting to order
The meeting was called to order, at 6:02 pm, by Trustee Cornell.
2. Review and approve minutes from April 12, 2018.

Trustee Cornell entertained a motion for approval. Mr. Vrakas questioned the accuracy of the minutes, asking if stop signs were actually approved for Fairhaven Blvd. and Wrayburn Road, as stated. Mr. Vrakas questioned the decision, since the minutes indicate that a speed survey was being conducted in the area, prior to the installation of signs. Trustee Domaszek, indicated that the signs were approved, but questioned whether the Committee should reconsider the decision based on the traffic survey results indicating speed is not a factor in the area. Trustee Cornell indicated that she felt speed had been a factor in the decision and that it may be best to place the matter back on the agenda for further discussion at the June meeting. Chief Gage explained that the Committee had agreed to place the signs, based on the odd configuration of the intersection and the public comment of "near miss" accidents at that location. Gage went on to say, that he had requested to obtain a speed survey, at that location, to see if there was an unrelated speed issue, prior to the placement of the signs, but speed was not the driving factor for deciding to approve the signs. Mr. Richlen agreed with this explanation, reiterating that the minutes accurately reflect obtaining the speed survey, but that the survey did not drive the decision to approve the signs. Trustee Domaszek agreed that the minutes were accurate, but felt that the topic required more discussion and that the matter should be placed back on the agenda. Trustee Cornell indicated that the Committee may further discuss this matter under "Other Business" and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Domaszek made a motion to approve the April 12, 2018 minutes, with Ms. Decker seconding and Mr. Vrakas and Mr. Moulas abstaining. Motioned passed.

3. Review and potentially approve an option for child safety signs near St. Mary's Parish.

Trustee Cornell asked Chief Gage to explain the different sign placement options. Chief Gage explained that the red sign options are placed across from each parking lot exit at St. Mary's while the blue sign options are signs posted, each on Crescent Drive and Church Street, just north of the St. Mary's parking lot. Gage indicated that the advantage of the red sign locations are that all drivers exiting the parking lot will see the sign as they leave the parking lot. The advantage of the blue sign locations is that all vehicle traffic, proceeding north on Crescent Drive and Church Street will see the signs, while traveling north into the residential neighborhood. There was discussion on whether the signs should be placed on the St. Mary's property side of the street. Chief Gage felt that signs opposite the parking lot exits would be more easily observed, but agreed that the signs may have to be moved from proposed locations, either due to utility issues or other obstructions that may be discovered during installation. Trustee Cornell suggested that the committee approve

all the red sign options and include the blue sign options for Crescent Drive, due to the hill on Crescent decreasing the line of sight for drivers proceeding north on Crescent. Trustee Domaszek made a motion to install four "Child Safety / Slow Down" advisory signs at the following locations, with the Highway Director and Police Chief to choose the exact location based on utilities and other controlling factors:

Three signs at each parking lot exit for the St. Mary's parking lot.

One sign at north bound Crescent Drive, in the 1200 block, north of the St. Mary's parking lot.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Moulas and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Other Business.

Trustee Cornell entertained additional discussion on placing the Fairhaven Blvd. and Wrayburn Road stop sign request back on the agenda in June, due to the traffic survey results that indicate that speeding is not a factor in this area. Trustee Domaszek, along with Mr. Vrakas and Trustee Cornell, felt that the matter warranted additional discussion and the matter will be placed on the agenda for the June meeting.

5. Adjournment.

Trustee Cornell entertained a motion for adjournment, at 6:28PM. Mr. Vrakas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Domaszek, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

James P Gage

Chief of Police