Safety Council 10.21.2021
Minutes

In Attendance:
Chairperson Greg Bassman
Police Chief David Dosin
Fire Chief Ron Paquette
Fire Chief John Lindner
Superintendent of Public Works Michael Gunther
Trustee Morgen Fleisig
Robert Wilt
Stan Avedon

Absent:
Alan Golds

Minutes from 09.23.2021 were read and approved.

Public Comment
- Brian Ries on Calumet Avenue expressed support for a sidewalk at Villard Avenue and Calumet Avenue.
- Danielle Goodman of Warburton Avenue also supported the crosswalk on Villard Avenue and Calumet Avenue. Ms. Goodman also indicated that she noticed speeding, drag racing, and speeding motorcycles. She voiced support for traffic enforcement officers.
- Angela of Calumet Avenue and Villard Avenue added her support for the crosswalks at Villard Avenue and Calumet Avenue.
- Bess Seewald of Warburton Avenue voiced support for traffic enforcement officers and her support of calming the speeding. She noted previous efforts to assess traffic calming through the County. Ms. Seewald requested the possibility of speedhumps on Warburton Avenue or any other traffic calming measures that can be implemented.
- Jim Metzger of Warburton Avenue noted that he’s seen speeding throughout his time living on Warburton Avenue. Mr. Metzger commented on cars crossing the double yellow line to go around stopped vehicles. He also noted frequent accidents that complicate the issue.
- Thomas Duffy of South Clinton Avenue commented that he thinks a one-way designation would increase the speed on the streets.
- Marisa of South Clinton Avenue seconded Mr. Duffy’s comments. She expressed the interest in a stop sign at South Clinton and the pending traffic engineering study.
- David Skolnik of Hillside Avenue asked to clarify which traffic engineers the Village makes use of. Trustee Fleisig indicated that the Village uses Hahn Engineering and Sam Schwartz. Mr. Skolnik commented on the success of the radar signs and asked if the Village should purchase more.
Update on Handicapped Parking at 1 North Street

- Chairperson Bassman performed a visual inspection but indicated that he needed to enter the building to determine if the ground-level entrance led into an office or the building itself.

Speeding on Warburton Avenue

- Chairperson Bassman indicated that the Village has attempted to enforce the speed limit on Warburton Avenue at the southern end. He also noted that other municipalities have dedicated traffic enforcement officers and brought this to the Safety Council’s attention, noting the benefits of such an officer.
- Police Chief Dosin voiced his agreement with Chairperson Bassman, noting increased requests for traffic enforcement throughout the Village. He noted that a radar sign will be moved in coordination with the Department of Public Works. He noted that he will assign officers.
- Chairperson Bassman noted that this will be an ongoing issue and that data collection will enable the Safety Council to make a recommendation.

Crosswalk at Villard Avenue and Calumet Avenue

- An email in favor of the crosswalk from a resident of Villard Avenue was noted.
- Chairperson Bassman noted that there would be curb cuts and landing pads necessary.
- Police Chief Dosin will check for stop sign requirements.
- Trustee Fleisig noted sight distances for the curve on Villard Avenue and questioned if a crosswalk could be installed at Euclid Avenue as an alternative. He noted the proximity of the Aqueduct to that potential crossing.
- A recommendation will be made after professional assessment requested by the Safety Council.

Discussion on Designating South Clinton Avenue and Stanley Avenue as a One-Way Streets (one North and one South)

- Chairperson Bassman noted the previous recommendations from the Fire Department that the streets are not made one-way.
- Fire Chiefs Ron Paquette and John Lindner expressed the concern of getting apparatus on the streets if made one-way.

It was noted by the Safety Council that they will explore changing the meeting time to better accommodate members.

Meeting Adjourned