Village of Lombard

Village Hall 255 East Wilson Ave. Lombard, IL 60148 villageoflombard.org



Minutes

Monday, June 4, 2012 7:00 PM

Village Hall Community Room

Transportation & Safety Committee

Trustee Zach Wilson - Chairperson
Trustee Peter Breen - Alternate Chairperson
Michael Corso, John Larkin, John Schwarz,
Bob Corbino, William Adams and Jerry Schaefer
Staff Liaisons: Deputy Chief Pat Rollins - Police and
Frank Kalisik - Public Works

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wilson at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Present 6 - Trustee Zachary Wilson, Michael Corso, John Larkin Jr., John Schwarz,

Bob Corbino, and Jerry Shaefer

Absent 1 - William Adams

Others Present:

Frank Kalisik, Civil Engineer Deputy Chief Pat Rollins Battalion Chief Chuck Ralis

3.0 Public Participation

4.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by John Larkin, Jr., seconded by Bob Corbino, that the Minutes of the May 7, 2012 meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Wilson rearranged the agenda to discuss item 120319 first.

120319 Charitable Solicitations in Roadway Safety

Ralis explained that with increase in traffic and distracted driving, fatalities & injuries are going up. Not just drivers, but pedestrians are distracted too. Some solicitors do make an attempt to wear vests, but it leaves a lot to be desired. He went on to say that he studied the ordinance and it does say its illegal for solicitors to interfere with vehicles, etc. When traffic is stopped at a red light they start at the beginning, work their way down and get off of the road when the light changes. It's not interfering, but visibility can be bad. It's his suggestion that it could be written into the ordinance so they're not out at night. Per State Statute 625 ilcs 5 chap 5-11-1006 the organization they work for is liable for any injuries, but how many of those organizations follow that law to a "T" and how far will they go to protect their solicitors? Ralis closed with his comments by saying that this something he feels the Village could be proactive on, something could be devised

for safety. He added that Wheaton has an ordinance that prohibits them from certain intersections. It's his recommendation that through a permitting process the Village ask them to have ANSI class 2 vests.

Rollins explained that currently the Village ordinance regarding soliciting applies only to door-to-door solicitors. The roadway solicitations is not a permitted protocol. State statute does say that they have to have a highly visible vest, but also states that the municipality must pass an ordinance to allow solicitors in the street. It has been brought up in the past, but the Village's position has been not to permit it because of the liability issues. We currently have no ordinance that permits solicitors to stand in the street and that includes any charitable organizations. Chairperson Wilson commented that if the Village permits these groups then individuals could conceivably ask for a permit too. Chairperson Wilson suggested that the Village could permit without charging a fee, but have them provide the necessary insurance requirements and require that they wear vests. Kalisik pointed out that Roosevelt is a State road, therefore how would the Village permit it.

Chairperson Wilson questioned whether since the Village condones it without an official ordinance are they going to sue anyway. Rollins answered that the question has come up before, but he did not recall what the attorney said or what position the Village wanted to take. Chairperson Wilson suggested that he should see if the Village wants to take a position, and if so, we need to figure out what needs to be in this ordinance. Chairperson Wilson will get an opinion from the Board and the Village attorney.

5.0 Unfinished Business

120246 Hickory Road

A resident request to install No Parking signage on W Hickory Road east of Elizabeth. (DISTRICT #1)

Kalisik said the petition has not been returned by the resident and staff has not received comments other than an email that was sent from one resident.

Kalisik went on to say that he looked into replacing the signs. There are two ways of doing it; one is to peel off Sunday and put Weekend, but we can only do that on some of the signs. The majority are printed, so the only way to change is to reprint or put a sticker over it. Putting stickers over 200+ signs would not look good. There are 213 signs that would have to be replaced and 42 that we can change for \$22,000. If we create new ordinance with different verbiage and put it on just that street it would cost \$1,000. The staff recommendation is to create another ordinance for that one road.

Chairperson Wilson pointed out that there's also the issue of enforcement. Rollins reported that the Police Department took a look at the volume of cars. Most of the time there were between 2-6 cars parked and on average approximately four were not residents. A couple cars parked by the cut-through and a couple parked by Elizabeth. Some days there was no one parked on the street. Schwarz added that he also went and looked one day; there were 3-4 cars parked on the street and one was a Lombard resident.

Larkin suggested that it be sent back to the petitioner with a response that the committee has studied it and if it becomes an issue again to present it back.

A motion was made by Bob Corbino, seconded by John Larkin, Jr., that this request be denied. The motion carried unanimously.

6.0 New Business

7.0 Other Business

There was a consensus among the committee members present to cancel the July and August meetings.

8.0 Information Only

9.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by John Larkin, Jr., seconded by Bob Corbino, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.