

**Minutes
Safety Committee
October 25, 2021
6:45 p.m. or immediately following the conclusion of Service Committee**

Call to Order: Chairperson Hankison called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

Members Present: Bob Hankison and Mike Hamilton. Brandy McCreery was excused.

Also in Attendance: Mayor Brad Nicodemus, VA Teri Wise, Fiscal Officer Brian Bibler, Police Chief Mike Tussey and Council members Waid Cosgray, Rick Foreman, and Chuck Keller.

Approval of Minutes:

Hankison made a motion to approve the August 23,2021 and September 27,2021 meeting minutes. Hamilton seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a 2-0 vote.

Visitors

- None

2021 Goals

1. Zero workplace accidents
 - Still zero.
2. Replace / repair missing or worn traffic signage
 - The VA said that was one of Peg's duties. The VA will follow up to see what remains to be done.
3. Zero fatal accidents
 - Still zero.
4. Identify truck traffic problem areas & add signage
 - No update.

Reports

Village Administrator

- The VA noted that Canal Street is an item under Old Business. Some work to remove overgrowth has been done to see how much more street there was. There wasn't any more street. We put up a hidden drive sign with a flashing yellow light. We are not satisfied with the sign. It is not very bright during the day. The mirror we installed is working very well and a second one has been ordered to place on the same pole as the hidden drive sign. We still need to discuss the directional change for Canal St.
- There was a question as to the direction in the original Ordinance.

Police Department

- Chief Tussey reported on the portable radar sign currently located on E. Market Street which was a reported problem area. They wanted to see if there was a decrease in speeds due to the sign. The Chief went over the report the members received from the data that was collected. They see a decrease in violations with the sign. They have seen about a 10% decrease in speeders. The Chief is very happy with the data that was able to be gathered.

Old Business

1. Canal Street and N. Basil Street safety concerns

- The Mayor said that Ordinance 2014-32 says that traffic should be one-way from High St. to Basil St. If Ordinance 2021-27 passes Canal St. will go to two-way traffic, if it is defeated the street would stay one-way east from High St. to Basil St. like it currently is, or it can be amended.
- Hamilton said that that he talked to some of the people in that neighborhood, but no one came tonight so apparently, they don't care about it.
- Foreman said that he would prefer it be two-way. However, two cars cannot pass on one section of that street.
- Hankison said that people say it is unsafe to pull out onto Basil St. If it is a two-way, they still pull out onto Basil.
- The VA said that the traffic mirror is a big aid, and she thinks that once the one is installed at the end of Basil St. that they will see a big difference.
- The Mayor asked if it makes sense to keep that portion of the street one-way. He said they know that Rumpke goes the wrong way since the truck can't make that turn.
- The VA said that because of the turn, the garbage truck goes the wrong way every week. If it was two-way then they would be okay. The VA would prefer the street be two-way.

New Business

1. N. Main at Mulberry parking issue

- The VA said that she has received complaints about trucks from the Heating & Cooling parking clear up to the corner on N. Main St. so that traffic traveling west on E. Mulberry St. cannot see oncoming traffic at that N. Main St intersection.
- Chief Tussey said that he observed the traffic at that intersection. The Chief went through that intersection in different types of vehicles and found that depending upon where vehicles are parked on the east side of N. Main, north of E. Mulberry, visibility can be obstructed if you want to go straight across or southbound.
- The Mayor asked if they were talking about looking south of E. Mulberry on N. Main. He said he has trouble seeing when looking south if there is someone parked in front of the bank.
- Chief Tussey said that they tried changing parking but that didn't help. He offered some other options. He doesn't know that there is a good answer. He doesn't want to restrict parking for the businesses or residents. It could be made a no left turn from E. Mulberry onto N. Main. He doesn't believe there is a lot of traffic comes through there wanting to make a left turn.

There was discussion about what types of vehicles are parked along there and the length of time they are parked.

- Hankison asked the Chief if he felt it is unsafe enough that they need to change something.
 - Chief Tussey suggested that it be put on their selective enforcement, and they compile data for the next thirty days. He said he couldn't find where they have ever had an accident there.
2. PEP Safety Audit – 10/6 visit
 - The VA said that she reported at Service the items that the insurance company said had to be addressed in the parks. Those have been completed.
 3. Speed / Radar sign report
 - Chief Tussey covered this earlier in the meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for the 4th Monday in November; November 22nd at 6:45 p.m. or immediately following the conclusion of Service Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Bob Hankison, Chairman