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MINUTES
VILLAGE OF COLONIE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024
6:30 P.M.

The scheduled meeting of the Village of Colonie Traffic Committee was held on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 6:30PM.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman France at 6:32 p.m. with a salute to the flag. Chairman France requested that all electronic devices be silenced.

Roll Call:

Chairman, Kevin France	
George Lashoff	
Les Samiof	
Michael Normandin	
John Lemperle	
John Dombroski	Excused
CPD Liaison Investigator Curran	
Liaison Frank Prevratil	

Chairman France announced that there were some changes on the Traffic Committee. He started by welcoming Stacie Douglas back as the Traffic Coordinator. He also announced that he will be retiring at the end of the month and will be leaving the Traffic Committee. John Lemperle will take over as the new Chairman. Chairman France added that it has been a pleasure to work with everyone.

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting that was held on July 11, 2024, were reviewed. Mr. Samiof made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Lashoff seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Patti Donohue, a resident of Robert Dr, was present to discuss concerns on Shambrook Parkway. She stated that she walks in the park several times a day and is concerned about the speeds driven. There is a curve before the ball field with a crosswalk where many young kids cross to go to the fields. She is not sure if a speed hump or bump would be possible to slow

traffic down before this area. The park is very busy and she is worried that someone may get hurt.

Chairman France stated that he can bring this concern to the DPW Superintendent so he can discuss it with the mayor. Liaison Prevratil added that he will also check with the mayor to see what options are available.

Mr. Samiof asked if there are temporary humps that can be purchased. Chairman France added that they do not work that well and break easily.

An unknown resident from Hialeah Dr had also reached out to Village Hall regarding speeding on Hialeah Dr. No one from the neighborhood was present at the meeting.

Officer Curran stated that he believes this problem has been solved, there was a police issue that was addressed earlier in the week and may have been the problem. He will keep an eye on the area to see if it is still an issue.

Mr. Josh Meier, a resident of Bridle Path, was present to discuss the speeding on Bridle Path. This has been an issue for years and is still on-going. There was a mobile speed sign in the area but speeding was still an issue. There are also people running stop signs. There are many children in the neighborhood and he is worried someone will get hurt.

Officer Curran advised that himself and Officer DePaulo are in that neighborhood quite often. Police have this labeled as a hot spot and many complaints are received for this neighborhood. A push is being made to stop this and there is more focused policing in the area. Officer Curran suggested speaking to friendly neighbors about speeding and reporting plate numbers for any unfriendly neighbors.

Chairman France mentioned that traffic studies have been done in this area in 2007, 2017 and 2023. The volumes haven't changed much in those studies.

Mr. Meier stated that he is also worried about the speeds on Red Fox Dr because there is a school bus stop near Caveson Ln. After the first traffic study when stop signs were added he did see an improvement with the speeding but it eventually went back.

Liaison Prevratil added that the mean speed has been 25-30 mph in these studies. The Village has put up "Slow Down" signs and is still trying to figure out what will work best for this area. Most speeders in the area live in the neighborhood.

Two residents from Red Fox Dr were also present to discuss similar concerns, Ms. Maryann Casale and Ms. Kerry Hufland. Ms. Casale has taken down plate numbers of speeders and has given them to the police.

A discussion was held regarding a possible media blitz. Officer Curran stated that an article can be placed in The Villager and The Spotlight newspaper. He added that traffic safety is taken seriously and the Police department is committed to helping the Mayor and the Board to make

the streets safer. Chairman France agreed that starting a campaign is the next step for the Village to take.

Ms. Hufland mentioned that there has been a trailer on Red Fox Dr that has not moved in a few months.

Officer Curran advised that the Village has a code and local law that is followed and he will address the matter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman France stated that the last Sand Creek Rd study had a tube failure but new tubes are out and the numbers have not changed much. Liaison Prevratil added that there are grants that would allow us to have lit up crosswalks, lighting, a bike lane and sidewalks. The Village is working on grants for possible funding.

Mr. Lashoff thanked the committee for all their help with the lawn sign program this year. He still needs to do a count to see how many signs are missing to order replacements for next year.

Mr. Lemperle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM. Mr. Lashoff seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in favor of the motion.

Respectfully,

Stacie Douglas
Traffic Safety Coordinator