

**VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT  
MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 4, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairman William Dowding called the regular meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee to order on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 9:00am

In attendance were Chairman William Dowding, John Burica, and Terry Kestel.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (August 19, 2020)**

Terry Kestel made a motion (#1), seconded by John Burica, to approve the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of August 19, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

**PROGRESS REPORTS**

- Fold Down Stop Signs – Laraway Road
  - Chairman Dowding advised that the signs are all functional and secured.
- Pedestrian Crossing Concerns – Plank Trail
  - Terry Kestel advised that our signage design could be shared with the Forest Preserve for their use.

**TRAFFIC CONCERNS – SANDALWOOD DR.**

Chairman Dowding was contacted by a concerned resident requesting stop signs on Sandalwood Drive due to speed concerns. Chairman Dowding opened the discussion citing the multiple studies that advise against using stop signs for speed control. John Burica discussed several speed calming designs that could be discussed in the area, noting that the police department conducts regular patrols along Sandalwood Dr. The group agreed that additional data should be collected to direct later discussion. The group agreed.

**PARKING ISSUES – ASH ST. SOUTH OF UTAH ST.**

Chairman Dowding was contacted by concerned residents in reference to parking issues on Ash St. south of Utah St.

Chairman Dowding opened the discussion and advised that parking issues have been noticed on Sunday mornings along the east side of Ash St. just south of Utah St. The parking issues appear to stem from historical angled parking spots on the east side of Ash St. Terry Kestel advised that parallel parking signs could be placed in those spots to help correct the issue. The group agreed. The group agreed to re-visit the issue if needed in the future.

### **ALLEY ISSUES – NEBRASKA ST. to SAUK TRAIL (WHITE ST. ALLEY)**

Chairman Dowding was contacted by a concerned citizen in reference to issues with traffic on the alley that runs from Nebraska St. to Sauk Trail commonly referred to as the “White St Alley”

Chairman Dowding advised that the concern was with the amount of traffic that uses the alley to avoid the stop signs at Nebraska St. and Center Rd. Two suggestions were made to remedy the perceived issue. Closing the alley at Sauk Trail or routing the alley one way from Sauk Trail to Nebraska were proposed by the resident.

John Burica began the discussion advising that the police department has received few / no complaints of citizens using the alley as a cut-through. Terry Kestel advised that the alley is public and maintained by the village. He wondered how the other homeowners who live on the street would feel about modifying the traffic flow of the alley.

Citing the two opinions above Chairman Dowding advised he would attempt to contact the residents along the alley and see if a consensus could be established. The group agreed.

### **NO OUTLET SIGN REQUEST – DEVONSHIRE LANE**

Chairman Dowding was contacted by a concerned citizen in reference to a “No Outlet” sign request at the entrance to Devonshire Lane.

In summary the citizen requested the “No Outlet” sign to deter unnecessary traffic from entering Devonshire Lane only to find that it ends in a cul-de-sac. The homeowner has noticed an increase in traffic over the past year and felt that the signage was necessary.

Terry Kestel opened the conversation and reminded the group that historically when the cul-de-sac can not be seen from the intersection our group has recommended informational signage be posted. Chairman Dowding agreed and advised that the cul-de-sac was not clearly visible from the intersection of Folkstone Way and Devonshire Ln. The group unanimously agreed to have the informational signage posted.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

John Burica advised that he was made aware of a traffic concern along Stoll Rd from Wolf Rd to Merritton Rd. The citizen complaint advised that they have seen an increase in volume and speed along that section of roadway. The added concern is that traffic will increase due to additional business development in the area. Chairman Dowding noted that extra traffic patrols would be posted at the police department. John Burica also suggested that a traffic study be conducted. The group agreed.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further business John Burica made a motion (#2), seconded by Terry Kestel, to adjourn the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of November 4, 2020 at 9:35am. The motion was unanimously approved.