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TO: Deputy Chief Wirsing

FROM: Sgt. Joe Grage #754

DATE: 10/08/2016

SUBJECT: Public Safety and Transportation Committee Agenda Item:
Resident Request for Stop Sign at Edson Pl and Elizabeth St.

The Village received a request to install a stop sign on Edson Pl. at S. Elizabeth St. from resident Michelle Urbina. Mrs. Urbina lives at 1117 S. Elizabeth St. On 08/15/15, a van driven by a motorist under the influence of drugs drove eastbound through the above mentioned intersection. The van then struck the Urbina residence and entered it through a large front window, causing extensive damage to the home. Thankfully none of the occupants of the home were injured. The driver who struck the Urbina residence was impaired to the point that he believed he was on a different roadway in another town. The driver was ultimately charged with driving under the influence of drugs and has plead guilty to that offense. Mrs. Urbina was appreciative of "help and support" she and her family received from the Village after the crash.

In her request, Mrs. Urbina pointed out that there were stop signs at each intersection in her subdivision except the one in question. She requested a stop sign at the intersection based upon that fact.

I performed an analysis of the intersection to see if MUTCD requirements to warrant a stop sign were met. The intersection failed to meet those requirements. The crash at the Urbina residence is the only crash I could locate at that location in the past five years and it did not involve a right-of-way violation.

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On 10/2/16 I met with Mr. and Mrs. Urbina at their residence. I explained the evaluation process involved for placing a stop sign at an intersection and told them that I could not recommend one at the intersection as requested. I informed them that the matter would be on the Public Safety and Transportation Committee agenda for November and invited them to attend if they wished to do so.

While speaking with Mrs. Urbina, she indicated that she believed vehicles were speeding on Edson Pl eastbound towards Elizabeth. She told me she feared an accident similar to her own might happen again because of the vehicle speeds. She indicated that she had hoped a stop sign would slow the vehicles down. I informed her that stop signs could not be used to reduce or regulate vehicle speeds.

I performed a speed study on Edson Pl subsequent to my conversation with Mr. and Mrs. Urbina. The study ran for four days (Tue-Fri). It recorded 1,032 vehicles and found that the 85th percentile speed was 29 MPH (speed limit is 30). Nine of the vehicles recorded (0.9%) were travelling more than 5 MPH over the speed limit.

Based on the above, I cannot recommend the installation of a stop sign on Edson Pl. at S. Elizabeth St. I have asked public works to add warning signage for eastbound vehicles to warn them of the "T" intersection.

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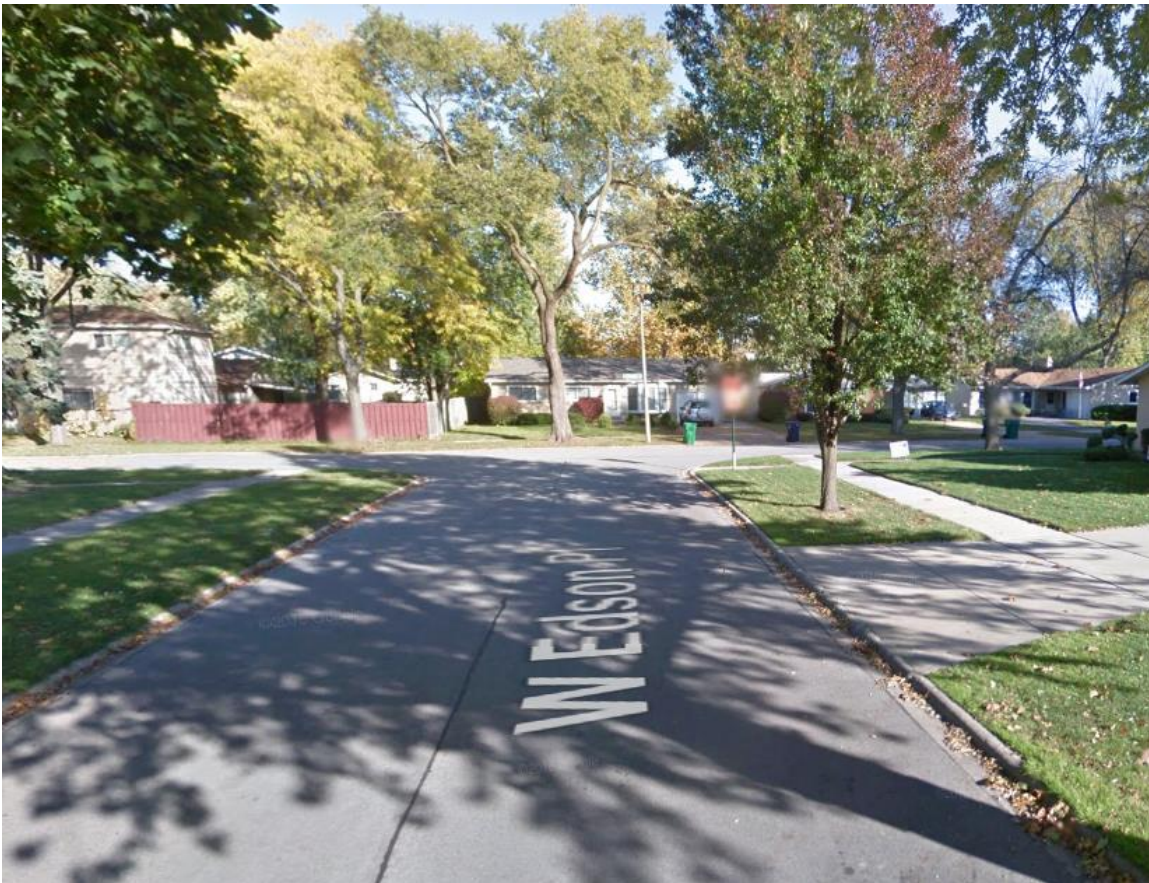
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