

Village of Lombard

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 1, 2010

7:00 PM

Village Manager's Conference Room

Transportation & Safety Committee

Trustee Keith Giagnorio, Chairperson

Trustee Zachary Wilson-Co-Chairperson

John Schwarz, Nancy Sherretz, Jean Nolan, Robert Difino, Bob Corbino, Gerri Kuehl,

Jerry Schaefer and Ken Snead

*Staff Liaisons: Deputy Chief Dane Cuny - Police and Frank Kalisik and John Johnson -
Public Works*

1.0 Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tross at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Trustee Richard J. Tross, Trustee Zachary Wilson, John Schwarz, Robert Difino, Nancy Sherretz, Gerri Kuehl, Jerry Shaefer and Ken Snead

Absent: Jean Nolan and Bob Corbino

Others Present:

Trustee Bill Ware

2.0 Public Participation

3.0 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Kuehl, seconded by Difino, to approve the Minutes of the October 5, 2009 meeting. The motion carried by a voice vote

4.0 Unfinished Business

5.0 New Business

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Foxworth and Valley, Vehicle Speed Report

A request for speed limit reduction. (DISTRICT #2)

Chairperson Tross commented that he did not think a speed reduction was warranted. He felt that it's more of a perception issue than an actual speed problem.

It was moved by Shaefer, seconded by Snead, that this matter be denied in concurrence with staff's recommendation. The motion carried by a voice vote

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Wilson Avenue and Cherry Lane

Request for a 4-Way Stop. This was recommended for denial by the Transportation and Safety Committee. (DISTRICT #6)

Chairperson Tross suggested that the committee wait to discuss this issue when staff has collected all of the information. Staff will try to conduct the speed study prior to the March meeting if the weather breaks.

It was moved by Shaefer, seconded by Kuehl, that this matter be tabled. The motion carried by a voice vote

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Oak Creek East of Springer

Staff recommendation to prohibit parking on the north side of Oak Creek Drive east of Springer. Committee requests a waiver of first. (DISTRICT #2)

Kalisik reviewed the item. Difino commented that they are just going to move elsewhere. Johnson replied that it will at least move them east where there are not as many loading docks. Snead suggested that both sides of the street be posted there. Chairperson Tross requested that this be put on the Board of Trustees agenda for February 18th requesting a waiver of first reading.

It was moved by Kuehl, seconded by Difino, that this matter be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote

6.0 Other Business

7.0 Information Only

- Red Light Cameras

Deputy Chief Cuny gave an overview of the red light camera operations. Lombard has cameras at two intersections; eastbound Roosevelt at Finley and east and west bound at North Avenue and Route 53. He estimated that 90% of the violations are right turn on red without making a complete stop. It has been the position of the Police Department to only write tickets for violations that the officer would have pulled a car over for if they were there. The number of violations for going straight through and left turns on red are minimal. There seems to be a trend throughout the western suburbs that there are less violations. There have been a couple of road rage incidents because people don't turn on red.

Cuny went on to explain that if [Redlight's] expenses exceed Lombard's revenue we don't have to make up the difference. That has happened consistently since November. The bottom line is red light cameras are not making money for the Village. He also pointed out that there are a lot of built in fees, if someone calls the 800 number there is a fee.

The Deputy Chief called attention to the accident history. Accidents are down throughout the village. Although there was a significant decrease at Route 53 and North Avenue, that could be weather related. Finley and Roosevelt shows an increase in accidents, therefore, it could be concluded that the cameras don't have an impact on accidents.

Most reviews are done by an officer that has some down time. The Department did budget for overtime, but it has been significantly lower than expected. Schaefer asked if the officers work is audited. Cuny responded that it is. He at times double checks what tickets they are approving. Chairperson Wilson asked if the cameras have been used to determine liability in any traffic accidents. Cuny answered that the cameras store about seven days of video. There have been two circumstances when the camera has captured a collision that was reviewed for fault. Chairperson Tross asked if that information is only used internally. Cuny explained that if there is some question of whether video should be kept it is sent to him for review. The company has to physically pull the hard drive and replace it, so this option is not used for minor incidents. However, it is available and the officers do on occasion request it.

Schaefer asked if the officers pull from the queue at random. Cuny answered that they review them in the order they are sent. Schaefer pointed out that two officers are at a lower approval percentage, one is at 21%. Cuny replied that 21% is still significantly lower than other agencies. Schaefer asked how Lombard compares to other communities. Cuny answered that Lombard is as fair or more fair than many.

Chairperson Tross commented that Villa Park is approving 90% and Addison is paying someone to do it, so they're approving 100%; Lombard is under 10%, so it does not appear that we've violated the issue. Chairperson Wilson asked how the number of violations that are generated now compare to the numbers before red light cameras. Cuny answered that he did not have that information, but generally Lombard is not aggressive. Cuny went on to say that it's more about public education. Approximately 65-70% are warnings. Chairperson Wilson commented that he had heard that it costs to issue warning tickets. Cuny explained that to issue a warning the letter costs \$6.95 or \$15.00.

Chairperson Wilson asked if there had been any backlash for the officers on the street. Cuny responded that although the Department does receive quite a few citizen complaints, once people review their video they aren't quite as angry. Schaefer commented that if other police departments were as judicious about handing out citations there would probably be fewer cameras on the street, because there is an up front cost to the community.

The committee will review the one year analysis when it is available.

8.0 Adjournment

It was moved by Kuehl, seconded by Schaefer, to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. The motion carried by a voice vote