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To: Wes Anderson, Director of Public Works
From: Justine Gembala, PE, Civil Engineer *JG*
Date: October 26, 2004
Subject: Sight Distance at Division Street and Westmore/Meyers Road

Mr. Bill Rasmussen contacted Public Works regarding a sight distance problem on the west side of Westmore-Meyers Road at Division Street.

The west side of Westmore-Meyers Road, north of Division Street, is signed 2-hour Parking. In an effort to improve the sight distance north of Division Street, the Village also signed this area "No Minivan, Van, Truck or Recreational Vehicle Parking".

When performing a site investigation, it was observed that the parking stall pavement markings were worn and drivers did not have proper guidance for where to park, thereby causing vehicles to encroach on the intersection at times. The parking stall markings were replaced according to current standards, which moved the parking stalls 6' north increasing the sight distance to a minimum of 155'. The sight distance increases depending upon the number of vehicles parked in this area and where the vehicles are parked.

Accident reports were run from September 2002 to August 2004 with a result of 9 reported accidents. Three of the 9 accidents can be attributed to poor sight distance. One was an eastbound left turn, and two were vehicles that pulled too far into Westmore-Meyers Road and then had to back up causing them to hit the vehicle behind them. The remaining eight accidents were rear ends, left turns and side swipes caused by driver inattentiveness.

It is recommended that staff continue to periodically monitor the intersection for parking violations and accidents; and that no additional measures be taken at this time.

This item will be on the November 1, 2004 Transportation and Safety Committee agenda. The meeting will be held at the Village Hall in the Board Room at 7:30 PM. This is a public meeting and public participation is encouraged.

JG/jj