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TO: Deputy Chief Wirsing
FROM: Sgt. Joe Grage #754
DATE: 06/092017
SUBJECT: Public Safety and Transportation Committee Agenda Item:
Speed Modification Request-500 Block of S. Fairfield.

On June 1st, 2017, Lt. Mitchell spoke to resident John Smolak of 577 S. Fairfield Ave in reference to speeding vehicles on his street. Mr. Smolak advised that the problem has been going on for years and that the PD has addressed it successfully in the past. He told Lt. Mitchell that the speeding problem returns when we stop our directed patrols or move the speed sign. He suggested that he purchase an electronic speed sign for the Village to monitor and have in installed on his street permanently.

I contacted Mr. Smolak and he repeated his concerns to me. I advised him that we would be conducting a traffic study to assess the situation.

A speed study was conducting using the radar recorders (inconspicuous grey boxes) from June 2nd to June 8th. The speed study recorded 185 vehicles during that time and determined that the 85th percentile speed for the roadway was 28MPH.

I spoke to Mr. Smolak in person and shared the results of the speed study. He requested that the speed limit on Fairfield north of Madison be reduced to 25 MPH as it is on Fairfield between Madison and Fairfield. I advised Mr. Smolak that speed limit

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reductions/modifications had to be justified. He advised me that he believed a speed limit reduction would slow traffic down. I explained the process for speed limit modification to him and told him it would have to be warranted by a traffic study. I told him that I would review the speed study bring it to the Public Safety and Transportation Committee with my recommendation. I told Mr. Smolak when the PSTC meets and encouraged him to attend. He indicated that he would.

It should be noted that Mr. Smolak pointed out that Fairfield Ave south of Madison is posted 25 MPH. Mr. Smolak questioned why that area was 25 MPH and his street was not. I advised him that the speed limit reduction there must have been warranted by a traffic study. I have attached the minutes from the Transportation Safety Committee meeting during which that recommendation was made.

I researched the number of traffic crashes in that area and did not locate any that were speed related (1 stop sign violation, 1 cellphone violation). There are no special circumstances (i.e. presence of a school or park, or sight line restrictions). Based on the above, I cannot recommend the speed limit modification that Mr. Smolak is requesting. The police department is currently conducting directed patrols for speeding there in hopes that we will raise motorists' speed awareness. The electronic speed sign will be deployed there as well if possible.

Respectfully,

Sgt. Joe Grage #754

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 14, 2004

7:30 PM

Village Hall

Transportation & Safety Committee

*Trustee Rick Soderstrom, Chairperson
Trustee Steven D. Sebby, Vice Chairperson
Greg Gron, Thomas Gibbons, John Schwarz
Arthur Kuehl and William Lepins, Thomas Murphy
Staff Liaisons: Deputy Chief Dane Cuny, Patrol Division, Police,
Justine Gembala, Civil Engineer, Public Works*

you request that I get these signatures on a petition? Soderstrom: I suggested the petition. I did state that it may not make a difference one way or another. It does show neighborhood concern versus an individual concern. Gembala: reviewed memo and studies with the committee members.

Murphy: Justine is right on in the fact that posting 30 mph could encourage people to speed up. Possibly a temporary stop sign at a location there to pacify residents.

Soderstrom: when staff does these studies, it does not mean that the committee cannot suggest something different. I know every other street around does have stop signs where this one does not. Gembala: pointed out that stop signs do not control speeding.

Kuehl: I go through there every morning. I feel that we could try a stop sign and see what happens. Gron: looking at time slots here. Where are the pads placed on the street for speed study? Gembala: could be mid block - not near an intersection. Where you can get the most speed. Gron: will this really do anything at all? Kuehl: this is more people control, not traffic control. Watson: maybe a stop sign will slow people down. Could we put up "children playing" signs? Kuehl: hopefully we will not have people come back to this committee if we go ahead with the stop signs and complain about the squealing tires when people come to a stop. Murphy: I do understand your frustration. Things take time. When the committee states that something is not warranted, it does not mean that you do not believe that there is a problem. We tend to try and follow these warrants and polices that are established by people that study these things for a long, long time. Watson: I imagine you get a lot of people in here that are emotionally involved.

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

Aye: 4 - Soderstrom, Murphy, Kuehl and Lepins

Nay: 1 - Gron

Absent: 3 - Sebby, Schwarz and Gibbons

Enactment No: Ordinance 5535

040244

HH. Transportation and Safety Recommendation - Fairfield Avenue Speed Limit (Ordinance on Second Reading)

Recommendation of the Transportation and Safety Committee to reduce the speed limit to 25 MPH on South Fairfield between Wilson Road and Central Avenue. (DISTRICT #6)

Gembala: reviewed item with committee members present. Soderstrom: 1. this is a follow up request from the resident in the area (first requested 2 years ago). I am supportive of this request in this area. An extremely long block. Young neighborhood/wide open. Not a lot of natural traffic calming. HEAVY cut-through in this area. During this survey, there were just a touch over 6000 cars in 2 days. Report talks about average speed - I did the math here. Devices do have some flaws in them. In 2 days, 500 + cars exceeded 40 mph. If the volume wasn't here, this probably would not be as much of an issue. 2. Southbound almost half are exceeding the speed limit. 3. When Fairfield from Central to Roosevelt is improved, it will increase the problem. In lieu of the lack of traffic calming that is available, I do support this request. Gembala: limits are Roosevelt to Wilson on Fairfield? Murphy: I tend to agree with this, I live in the area. This is a major cut-through. Gron: is it a cut through or a through street? Kuehl: it is a through street.

It was moved by Murphy, seconded by Kuehl, that this matter be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval Area is South Fairfield from Roosevelt Rd. (Rte. 38) to Wilson Ave. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Gron, Murphy, Kuehl and Lepins

Absent: 3 - Sebby, Schwarz and Gibbons

Enactment No: Ordinance 5535

040246

**JJ. Transportation and Safety Recommendation - Emerson Traffic Control
(Ordinance on Second Reading)**

Recommendation of the Transportation and Safety Committee to install traffic control on Lodge, Lewis, and Edgewood at Emerson. (DISTRICT #5)

Gembala: reviewed item with committee members present. Gron: are we treating these individually, or as one? Soderstrom: as you feel is correct.

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

Aye: 4 - Gron, Murphy, Kuehl and Lepins

Absent: 3 - Sebby, Schwarz and Gibbons

Enactment No: Ordinance 5535

040247

**KK. Transportation and Safety Recommendation - Maple Street Speed Limit
(Ordinance on Second Reading)**

Recommendation of Transportation and Safety Committee to reduce the speed limit to 25 MPH on Maple Street between Vance Street and Addison Street. (DISTRICTS #1, #4, #5)

Gembala: reviewed item with the committee members present. Gron: is each dot one accident? Gembala: yes. Soderstrom: have the same problem on Maple that we had on Fairfield. Murphy: a lot more schools, businesses, etc. that generate more traffic. Soderstrom: 2 other major thoroughfares have been lowered to 25 mph. I would like some justification as to why we would not lower this street also. Gron: I have issue with the Library area. There is too much speeding there. One concern could be with some of the businesses? Murphy: most of the businesses are service oriented.

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

Aye: 4 - Gron, Murphy, Kuehl and Lepins

Absent: 3 - Sebby, Schwarz and Gibbons

Enactment No: Ordinance 5535

6.0 Other Business

7.0 Information Only