

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2018**  
**GERMANTOWN VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM**

CALL: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Hughes.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Hughes, Trustee Warren, Trustee Wing were present. Trustee Myers arrived at 5:35 p.m.

Also present were Police Chief Hoell, Interim Fire Chief Delain, Clerk Boldrey, Engineer Nitschke.

PUBLIC COMMENT: James Siebers of N140 W18170 Cedar Lane was present and stated he had some items he would like the Public Safety Committee to look at which include:

- Review speed limits on Division, would like to see speed limit reduced to 45 mph north of Rockfield Road
- Lack of speed enforcement on Cedar Lane which has 40 mph speed limit
- Speed limit on Maple Road between Rockfield and Cedar Lane should be reduced to 40 mph due to numerous residential driveways
- Intersection in Dheinsville should be re-stripped on Maple, both northbound & southbound
- Requested the Village work with the State to make 145 safer
- Referred to other concerns with Maple Road which are detailed on the paperwork Mr. Siebers forwarded to committee members
- Maple Road and Freistadt Road intersection – he is requesting that the Village fix this dangerous intersection which is used daily by high school students by reducing traffic speeds on Freistadt, and by changing the northbound and southbound traffic lanes on Maple at Freistadt from 4 lanes to 2 lanes. He added that the Village is already spending money on the construction at Mequon Road and Country Aire, so they can also dedicate some funds to the intersection of Freistadt and Maple.
- Provided stop sign literature to the committee which illustrates the purpose of stop signs, he advised that the intersection at Freistadt and Maple falls under the guidelines

Trustee Myers arrived at this time, 5:35 p.m.

Robert Ruelle of W188 N12489 Maple Road was present and stated he lives near the intersection of Freistadt and Maple and agrees with Mr. Siebers that the intersection is dangerous. He referred to past accidents where blind spots due to hills caused the crashes, and stated he felt a 4-way stop with elevated stop signs would create a safer intersection. Mr. Ruelle also felt that traffic in this area has increased significantly which adds to the problems.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: a motion was made by Wing, seconded by Warren, to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2018 Public Safety Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Hoell reported on the following:

- Police response to a burglary-in-progress call which resulted in a pursuit, suspects were in a stolen vehicle and crashed in Menomonee Falls, taken into custody were 3 juveniles
- Thank you note from a village resident where an officer had left a card after finding the resident's garage door open
- Monthly report overall shows no unusual numbers

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Delain reported on the following:

- Live fire training on Mequon Road, included in the training were personnel from Menomonee Falls, Mequon and Jackson
- Fire Safety Fair will be held on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Warren questioned how the live fire training was publicized, Delain advised they placed notifications on Facebook, the Village website, the Journal Sentinel, and notified immediate neighbors
- Hughes asked if Station 1 is now empty, Delain advised except for a few stored items they have moved out

OVERTIME REPORTS:

Police Department – Hoell advised the numbers are tracking better than normal, likely due to the department being fully staffed

Fire Department – Delain advised their numbers are also tracking well

POLICY UPDATES FOR POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Police Department – none

Fire Department – none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

STOP SIGN REUEST AT INTERSECTION OF CATSKILL LANE, MEADOW DRIVE AND MEADOW COURT: Myers advised he would like this item held over until next month's meeting as he was waiting for some follow-up information.

STOP SIGN REQUEST AT INTERSECTION OF MAPLE ROAD AND FREISTADT ROAD: Engineer Nitschke provided a summary report and the traffic impact study from 2015 on this intersection. He advised he would like to cover a couple items prior to discussing his recommendations.

- Residents in the area have concerns with traffic speed. On page 6 of the report "Existing Traffic Analysis" where Level Of Service (LOS) conditions are discussed, speed plays a factor on Freistadt and lowers the LOS to F on northbound left-turn lanes from Maple onto Freistadt, and southbound Maple onto Freistadt during AM hours

- Pointed out that the general idea of the Levels Of Service is how quickly and safely drivers are going to move through an intersection, with the longer people have to wait, the lower the LOS (referred to LOS table on page 5 of the study) LOS F means at least a 50 second delay at stop sign
- Five interim safety improvements that were listed in the study on page 7
  1. Reduce travel lanes on Freistadt to two lanes (this was done) and reduce traffic speed from 45 to 40
  2. Grading the terrace along north side of Freistadt east of Maple (not done)
  3. Install flashing intersection warning signs (not done), regular intersection warning signs are on Freistadt
  4. Install radar speed feedback signs (not done)
  5. Increase police presence
- Engineering's conclusion for the intersection is that they feel the report is accurate and adequate, the report's conclusion calls for interim safety improvements and a traffic signal at some point on Freistadt which they are recommending. They are also recommending that this conclusion is brought to the Public Works Committee since they are setting the 10-year capital plan for roadway/intersection improvements and can budget accordingly.
- Engineering is also recommending in the interim to upgrade the signage and would recommend high reflective signs and flashing signs for both stop signs and "Dangerous Intersection Ahead" signs

Discussion followed with Wing questioning whether the Engineering Department is advocating a 4-way stop at that intersection until traffic signals are installed, Nitschke advised they are not recommending a 4-way stop but are recommending upgrades to the Dangerous Intersection Ahead signs, purchasing radar enforced speed limit signs for Freistadt, and upgrading stop signs on Maple. Wing responded that his concern is that the cost of traffic signals would cause the project to be postponed for a number of years. Nitschke advised that the 4-way stop was not a part of the study and he had concerns that a 4-way stop would not improve safety at that intersection. Wing questioned why when this study was done, a 4-way stop was not addressed at all, Nitschke surmised that it may have been due to the cost of implementing signage poles for a 4-way, he added that if traffic signals are planned for the future the poles could be engineered for signs that would eventually transition to lights due to the profile of this intersection.

Myers advised he would be in favor of a 4-way stop at this intersection and added that when the RFP was put out for this study, it would have listed the specifications to be included in the study.

Mr. Siebers addressed the committee and advised he requested information from the US DOT Federal Highway Administration which includes information on when it is appropriate to use overhead poles and encouraged committee members to review the paperwork. He also referred to a brochure he provided to the committee which addresses the purpose of a stop sign which includes stating a 4-way multiway stop control should be

installed when a traffic signal is going to be installed and intersection needs a temporary solution to control traffic.

Warren spoke of his concerns as a professional engineer regarding a 4-way stop at that intersection which he said is not a quick fix to the problems there. He felt that the implementation of a 4-way stop could create a dangerous situation with traffic on Freistadt not anticipating the stop sign, and indicated he agrees with Nitschke's recommendations thus far. He added that the best fix would be to lower the profile of the roadway to improve visibility and install signals. He asked Hoell if the police department has increased surveillance in the area, Hoell advised that officers are aware of the issues with this intersection and patrol the area. Warren also asked about the radar feedback signs and their effectiveness, Hoell stated they are effective and drivers react accordingly when their speeds are displayed on these types of signs.

Additional comments included:

- Nitschke clarified that putting a 4-way stop at the intersection would not necessarily make it more unsafe but 4-way stops at those type of intersections can have more tragic crashes due to the higher speeds involved
- Hughes asked for cost estimates for the recommended updates
- Nitschke estimated \$15,000 for signs but will look for better numbers
- Wing asked for cost estimate for a 4-way stop, Nitschke stated he would be meeting with the state and could get some numbers

A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Wing, to put in a 4-way stop at the intersection of Maple and Freistadt with flashing stop signs. Motion failed 1 – 3 with Myers voting aye, Hughes, Warren and Wing voting nay.

A motion was made by Warren, seconded by Myers, to forward this item to the Public Works November meeting with a recommendation to make the following improvements at the intersection of Maple and Freistadt: LED flashing light upgrades to the existing stop signs; put up radar speed limit feedback signs; upgrade the "Dangerous Intersection" signs to high reflectivity; upgrade both speed limit signs. Motion carried unanimously.

OPERATOR LICENSES: Marie Chilicki, Peggy Olson, Taylor Rappold [Recommended Approval]: a motion was made by Myers, seconded by Warren to forward the applications for Operator Licenses as presented to Village Board with a recommendation of approval. Hoell and Delain advised there were no objections from the police and fire departments. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW CLASS B FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE AND CLASS B LIQUOR LICENSE FOR JP WILLIAMS, JAY & PETE'S D/B/A, JASON OTTO AGENT, W207 N10466 APPLETON AVE: a motion was made by Wing, seconded by Warren, to forward this license application to Village Board with a recommendation of approval. Hoell and

Delain advised there were no objections from the police and fire departments. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: Hughes advised the November meeting would be held on Monday, November 5, 2018 at the Village Hall Boardroom at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Recorded by,

Julie L. Barth  
Secretary