

MINUTES
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Council Chamber, 898 Elk Drive
February 11, 2009

ROLL CALL

Present: Don Tilton, Sally Laasch, Donny Dotson, Jim Watson

Staff Present: John Cowan, Director of Public Works, Lauri Zierner, Public Works

Absent: Roy Steward

Meeting called to order at 9:30 am

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the November 12, 2008, December 10, 2008 and January 7, 2009 meetings were submitted and approved as written by a voice vote.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Cathy Cato appeared presenting information and citizen petitions concerning safety, speeding problems and suggested potential solutions on Old County Road. For the last several weeks the Police Department has been spending time in the area and monitoring traffic. To date, no citations have been issued. To slow down traffic petitioners suggested:

1. Stop signs at on Old County Road at Marine Drive and Rosichelli intersections. John Cowan advised that he would not support that recommendation as it impedes the flow of traffic.
2. Street lighting in the area. John Cowan advised this would be cost prohibitive.
3. Speed bumps on the downgrades. John Cowan advised speed bumps are not legal on public right of ways.
4. Caution: Slow signs posted. John Cowan advised 25 mph speed signs and SLOW signs could be posted.
5. SLOW painted on street surface. John Cowan advised this could be done at the intersections.

Ms. Cato advised she would like to pursue idea of placing stop signs at Marine Drive and Rosichelli intersections, speed limit signs and SLOW painted on road surface. Matter referred to City Council for further action.

OLD BUSINESS

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- A. Crosswalks in school areas of Ransom and Pioneer – Jim Watson advised that private driveways would not make it possible to install sidewalks at the Ransom and Pioneer intersection. It may be possible to install mid-block crosswalks, matter to be further reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Fifth Street centerline – Public Works Director John Cowan will contact state to use grinder to sand out current centerline and have City Public Works crew repaint centerline. Will have to determine how it impacts area street parking.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 am. Next meeting scheduled for March 18, 2009 at 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Tilton, Chair
(approved at March 18, 2009 meeting)