

**VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
STREETS COMMITTEE**

August 23, 2016  
7:00 pm  
Village Hall

Minutes  
August 23, 2016  
Streets Committee Meeting

Attendance

Committee: Trustee Donna Johnson, Trustee Scott Adams, Trustee Pete Garrity  
Village Board: Mayor Terry Weppler  
Staff: Village Administrator Kevin Bowens, Director of Public Works Paul Kendzior, Assistant to the Director Laura Ditanto, Community Development Director John Spoden, Police Chief Clint Herdegen, Fire Chief Rich Carani

Audience:	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
	1. Biondi, Donna	122 W. Ellis Ave	23. Jennings, Joan	200 Johnson Ave
	2. Biondi, Frank	122 W. Ellis Ave	24. Kick, Kim	206 Johnson Ave
	3. Borgstrom, Mary	211 Johnson Ave	25. Krosnjar, Anne	133 Johnson Ave
	4. Borgstrom, Steven	211 Johnson Ave	26. Levert, L.	302 Johnson Ave
	5. Buckley, Chris	905 Wheeler Ct	27. Magill, S.	215 Johnson Ave
	6. Carmichael, Don	122 Johnson Ave	28. Miller, Bruce	126 Johnson Ave
	7. Carmichael, Maureen	122 Johnson Ave	29. Miller, Cindy	126 Johnson Ave
	8. Chestler, Cathy	206 Johnson Ave	30. Nowicki, Jim	304 Johnson Ave
	9. Cowsky, Al	320 Merrill Ct	31. Nowicki, Kerry	304 Johnson Ave
	10. Cronin, Peg	305 Johnson Ave	32. O'Neil, Kevin	908 Wheeler Ct
	11. Cupal, Gail	121 Johnson Ave	33. O'Neill, Amy	912 Wheeler Ct
	12. Faulkner, Ed	216 Johnson Ave	34. O'Neill, Kevin	912 Wheeler Ct
	13. Faulkner, Karen	216 Johnson Ave	35. Ortega, Eric	321 Merrill Ct
	14. Finerty, Karen	303 Johnson Ave	36. Ortega, Ezequiel	321 Merrill Ct
	15. Gaspord, Geary	141 Johnson Ave	37. Ortega, Jackie	321 Merrill Ct
	16. Goodwin, David	216 W. Ellis Ave	38. Ortega, Maria	321 Merrill Ct
	17. Goodwin, Sandy	216 W. Ellis Ave	39. Pyle, Chris	117 Johnson Ave
	18. Gorman, Michelle	324 Merrill Ct	40. Pyle, Stuart	117 Johnson Ave
	19. Gorman, Sean	324 Merrill Ct	41. Romie, Michael	916 Wheeler Ct
	20. Hackett, Susan	306 Merrill Ct	42. Sickert, Dugal	924 Wheeler Ct
	21. Hatten, Cameron	920 Wheeler Ct	43. Zagorniak, Bruce	202 Johnson Ave
	22. Hatten, Jean	920 Wheeler Ct	44. Zagorniak, Janice	202 Johnson Ave

Agenda

**1. Call to Order at 7:02 pm**

**2. Minutes of June 28, 2016**

The minutes were approved as written.

**3. 2016 Road Project Updates**

Pavement Rehabilitation Program

The construction contract was awarded to ALamp Concrete Contractors for an amount not to exceed \$3,585,771.11 at the February 23rd Board meeting. Construction for the project started in late March and work on the initial streets in the Contract has now essentially been completed, with the exception

of the asphalt binder and surface installation on Wheeler Ct., Johnson Ave., Merrill Ct., West Ellis Ave. and East Ellis Ave. Three Change Orders (C.O.) have also been approved for work at Fire Station 2 (C.O. #1), pavement patching on East Golf Road and the Sports Complex entrance drive (C.O. #2) and the western half of the Oaks Subdivision (C.O. #3).

#### FAU Resurfacing Project (Fourth/Greentree/Red Top)

Construction for this project will be 80% Federal and 20% Village funded. The Contract has been awarded to the low bidder, Peter Baker & Son in the amount of \$932,127.00. Work on this project started on July 6<sup>th</sup> and as of this date all the “spot” curb & gutter removal/replacement and sidewalk accessibility ramps have been completed. Pavement milling operations are now underway. The FAU project is estimated to be complete by mid to late October.

#### **4. 2017 Pavement Rehabilitation Program Update**

The list of streets for the 2017 Pavement Rehabilitation Program was approved at the January 26th Streets Committee Meeting. The engineering services contract with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. was approved at the February 23rd Board meeting. Preliminary work (surveying, pavement cores, etc.) is underway and Staff and the consultant have held coordination progress meetings earlier this month. The remaining streets in the Oaks subdivision will now be included

#### **5. Flashing Pedestrian Crossing Signs at ILL Route 176 & Dymond Road Update**

The flashing sign assemblies, cross-walk and all necessary signage were installed and operational as of Friday, August 12th. Staff is working with the supplier, Tapco on ways to improve visibility of the signs. This will be the last update. Staff have the new high school SRO educates students about the new 176 cross signals.

#### **6. Solar Powered Vehicle Speed Display Sign Update**

A short summary of the data collected while the solar powered electronic vehicle display signs were installed on Fourth Avenue between Paddock Lane and Furlong Drive from mid-May to mid-June is attached. For the northbound direction on Fourth Avenue, the average speed only decreased one MPH from 28 MPH to 27 MPH. For the southbound direction, the average speed also only decreased one MPH from 28 MPH to 27 MPH. The posted speed limit is 25 MPH.

The signs have been relocated to Appley Avenue and placed between Bartlett Terr. and Sandstone Ave. (eastbound) and between Bartlett Terr. and Milwaukee (westbound). There have been operational difficulties with the eastbound sign and the installation at this location will continue until we have collected a sufficient amount of data.

Staff is still in the process with coordinating with the Lake County Division of Transportation to receive their Permit approval to install the signs on Butterfield Road between Ridgewood Lane and Lake Street as our next location.

#### **7. Neighborhood Traffic Concerns Associated with New Parkside of Libertyville Townhome Development**

Staff had been contacted by a resident who lives on Johnson Avenue regarding concerns with an increase of cut-thru traffic on the neighboring streets (Johnson Ave., Wheeler Ct. and Merrill Ct.) going to or coming from Milwaukee Ave. as result of the new 56 townhome development that is under construction (Parkside of Libertyville) at the southwest corner of Winchester Road and West Ellis Avenue.

When this particular development was discussed at the various Plan Commission meetings, the issue of a possible increase in cut-thru traffic from the development on the adjacent streets did not come up. A copy of the developer consultant’s Traffic Impact Study (TIS) was attached to the Agenda, which indicates that for the peak morning hour the increase will be 8 vehicles and 4 vehicles for the afternoon

peak hour on the adjacent streets as a result of the new development. The TIS' conclusion indicates that "the number of trips expected to be generated by the proposed development will not result in a significant increase in traffic on the neighborhood roadways."

The TIS concluded the following:

- The number of trips expected to be generated by the townhouse development will be low and will not result in a significant increase in traffic on neighborhood roadways.
- The addition of the site-generated traffic is projected to have limited impact on the intersections studied.
- The intersection of Winchester Road and W. Ellis Avenue will continue to operate at adequate levels of services with additional traffic. The westbound left-turn lane will sufficiently accommodate traffic and an eastbound exclusive right-turn lane will not be required.
- The intersection of Milwaukee Avenue and Johnson Avenue will continue to operate at adequate levels of service during the morning and evening peak hours. The northbound left-turn lane will sufficiently accommodate additional traffic and outbound movements will not experience significant delays.
- Access off W. Ellis Avenue providing one inbound and one outbound lane will be adequate in accommodating site traffic.

The Village also had Civiltech Engineering do a traffic study of the area because of the new development. Civiltech as well found no significant increase in traffic due to this new development.

Kevin O'Neil of 908 Wheeler Court spoke for the neighborhood group. O'Neil stated that the neighborhoods main concerns are safety for kids and seniors. There is already significant non-resident traffic per O'Neil. There are already 130 vehicles in the neighborhood. The neighborhood disagrees with the TIS and believes that there will be a 80-100 percent increase in vehicle traffic since there is no planned ingress/egress entrance onto Winchester Road.

The neighborhood provided suggestions to alleviate the new traffic:

- Northbound entrance and exit only off W. Ellis Avenue;
- More signage due to speed and narrow streets;
- Speed bumps to slow traffic; and
- Close off Johnson Avenue from Milwaukee Avenue and turn it into a cul-de-sac.

Trustee Johnson explained the process that the Streets Committee goes through when considering this type of situation. The Streets Committee will have Village staff look at options to decrease traffic. After staff has reviewed the options, they will make a recommendation to the Village Board for consideration. Trustee Johnson requested that the group send their suggested traffic calming solutions to Village staff in priority order.

Mayor Weppler stated that the Village initially requested that the inbound/outbound traffic entrance/exit be placed on Winchester Road and the County said No. Mayor Weppler reminded the group that any traffic restrictions will impact the current residents of the neighborhood.

Kim Kick of 206 Johnson Avenue suggested that an independent traffic study be completed since the group disagrees with the developers traffic study and the Villages traffic study; and that more cars will be driving through the neighborhood.

Mary Borgstrom of 211 Johnson Avenue stated that Johnson Avenue is a very narrow street and that is a safety concern. It feels like it is one lane.

Bruce Zigorniak of 202 Johnson Avenue asked that since Lake County shut down the idea of having the entrance to Parkside on Winchester Road, can the residents appeal. The residents were advised that

they can appeal to the County, not the Village, since Winchester is a County road. The residents were told that they can contact Carol Calabresa, the Lake County Board member representing the Libertyville area.

Don Carmichael of 122 Johnson Avenue asked if it was too late changes to the development to have northbound turns only onto Winchester. Village staff stated it's too late since the developer has a development agreement and a plat of subdivision for the land.

When the Plan Commission was meeting to discuss the Parkside development, the Village is obligated to contact residences within 250 feet of the proposed development. Most of the Merrill/Wheeler/Johnson/W. Ellis neighbors did not meet this requirement to be contacted.

Al Cowsky of 320 Merrill Court said that there are concerns with only one exit/entrance into this neighborhood off of W. Ellis Road for emergencies.

Again, Trustee Johnson let the group know that they need to send their concerns/solutions to Village staff to evaluate the options and alternatives. Trustee Garrity stated that there are several things here to evaluate such as traffic, speeding and parking.

Frank Biondi of 122 W. Ellis Avenue believes that there is still time to make changes to the development since they are in the "dirt phase".

There are a few members of the neighborhood group that feel the Village is not looking out for them since they were not notified about this development. The Village provided their required due diligence and notified the residences within 250 feet of the planned development; and the signs for the Plan Commission were on Winchester Road and W. Ellis Avenue.

Ann Krosnjar of 133 Johnson Avenue stated that the neighbors are also concerned about the condominiums being built on Milwaukee Avenue. The residents were not notified of this new building because there were no variations requested and the land is already zoned multi-family.

Trustee Adams added that he lived on Johnson Avenue 44 years ago and that the concerns of the residents are valid.

Staff will report back at the next Streets Committee meeting after they receive the residents email with concerns and solutions for traffic calming.

**8. Summary of 2015 IMS Pavement Condition Survey**

*This item will be deferred to the next meeting.*

**9. Consideration of Referendum for Tax Rate Increase for Permanent Funding Source for Annual Roadway Rehabilitation Funding**

*This item will be deferred to the next meeting.*

**10. Adjournment at 8:03 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted:



Laura Ditanto,  
Assistant to the Director