

Town of Vernon
Vernon Traffic Authority
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2008 7:00pm.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Jon Paul Roden, Charles Bettinger, George Fetko, Mason Thrall and Chief Kenny

Agenda Item #1. Minutes of April 10, 2008 meeting. Minutes do not reflect that Charles Bettinger was present for the meeting. Minutes amended.

Motion to accept minutes as amended made by Bettinger, second by Roden. Passed unanimously.

Request by membership to have meeting minutes reflect that the Authority currently has two unfilled vacancies. Chairman was requested to contact Mayor McCoy to seek new members.

Request by Chairman Kenny to move to Agenda item 7 as the individuals were present for discussion. No objects by membership.

Agenda Item #7: Application for revision of Jonnies Mobil from auto repair business to convenience store, Union Street and West Road.

Present for meeting: Bruce Hilson Traffic Engineering Solutions P.C.
Tahir M. Chaudhary Property Owner
Mohammed Shoaid Business Owner

Hilson presented plan for traffic flow improvements for property with no planned construction to present parking area.

Bettinger expressed concerns for the Union Street exit that traffic will attempt left turn despite signage. Requested a traffic island be installed. Business owner stated that he has truck traffic that used that entrance and raised island would hinder customer traffic. Fetko stated painted island would indicate traffic flow and allow for larger vehicles.

Kenny requested additional no left turn be installed at the Union Street exit.

Roden expressed concerns that traffic parking on the south side of the business would exit onto Windsor Ave and proceed west if no new signage were installed. Requested Do not enter sign be installed.

Motion made by Bettinger to accept the proposed traffic plan with the following stipulations:

1. **Two no left turns sign be installed at the Union Street exit.**
2. **The painted pavement island markings be made on the Union Street exit/entrance to delineate right turn only egress from the business onto Union Street.**
3. **That a “Do Not Enter” sign be installed near SNET pole # 549 prohibiting exiting traffic from proceeding west on Windsor Avenue.**

Second to motion made by Fetko. Passed Unanimously.

Traffic Authority returned to listed agenda for discussion.

Agenda Item #2: Request for additional street light at 122 Boulder Crest Lane.

Letter received from resident, Shirley Moravsky for an additional street light to increase safety. Investigation found street lights in Cull-De-Sac on Boulder Crest Lane and by #91.

Authority found no reason to increase lighting in area.

Motion to decline request made by Fetko, Second by Roden. Passed Unanimously.

Agenda Item #3: Citizen request, through Mayor McCoy, for stop sign installation on Rau Street at Grand Avenue and new street signs on Pillsbury Hill.

Fetko stated that VPW is improving streets in area and new street signs would be installed as part of that project.

Kenny expressed concern over requiring vehicle to stop on the steep incline from Rau Street in inclement weather. Placement of stop sign would create hazard where none now exist as traffic on Grand has stop signs.

Motion made by Kenny to decline, Second by Thrall. Passes Unanimously.

Agenda Item #4: Request from Scott Luginbuhl for review of two driveways at 616 and 626 Dart Hill Road.

No traffic issues identified.

Motion to accept as presented made by Fetko, second by Roden. Passed Unanimously

Agenda Item #5: Letter from Christopher Clark, Vernon Town Administrator, regarding speeding on Prospect Street and request for additional stop signs.

Speeding issue was to be referred back to the police department. Based on the 2008 MUTCD requirements for stop sign installations no locations were identified as needing traffic control.

Motion made by Bettinger to decline request, second by Thrall. Passed Unanimously.

Agenda Item #6: Request for stop sign installation made by citizen through Mayor McCoy, on Hillside Manor at Quarry Road.

Kenny stated that the intersection has a sight line restriction for traffic exiting Hillside manor and turning left on Quarry. Based on 2008 MUTCD requirements, a sight line issue allows for the installation of a stop sign.

Motion to install stop sign made by Thrall, second by Bettinger. Passed Unanimously.

Agenda Item #8: Request by Mayor McCoy for making Village Street a one way street from Ward to Orchard.

Mayor expressed concern over ambulance traffic using street to access hospital. Felt that homeowners would be better served with one way designation.

Authority discussion could not identify any traffic concern which would require one-way designation.

Motion to decline request made by Thrall, second by Bettinger. Passed Unanimously.

Kenny requested Authority address issued no on agenda regarding a traffic issue on Dart Hill Road by Walgreen's. Authority agreed to discuss, non agenda item.

VPD has investigated several accidents lately where vehicles, east bound on Dart Hill Road are attempting to enter the Walgreen's parking lot via the right turn access for west bound vehicles. The right turn access is designed to discourage this behavior but there are no signs to indicate no access.

Motion made by Roden to contact Walgreen's management and request Do Not Enter sign be erected for east bound vehicles. If management will not comply, then sign be installed by VPW. Second by Bettinger. Passed Unanimously.

Panel was advised that Chief Kenny would not be available for the July, August and September meetings as he will be out of state on training at the FBI National Academy. Roden was appointed acting Chairman.

Due to Thrall being unavailable for the July meeting due to a scheduled vacation, the Traffic Authority will not be able to meet a quorum. No July meeting is planned.

Motion to adjourn made by Bettinger at 7:50 hours. Second by Fetko. Passed Unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Chief Kenny