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Town of Vernon
Vernon Traffic Authority
Thursday, April 11, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
In Person

DRAFT MINUTES

Chief Lucas Gallant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Committee members in attendance were Dwight Ryniewicz, David Smith, Robert O’Gara, Jon-Paul Roden and Mason Thrall. Absent were Shaun Gately and Dan Wasilewski.

1. Approval of minutes from March 14, 2024 meeting.
David Smith MOVED to approve the minutes from March 14, 2024. Dwight Ryniewicz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2. New Business
Proposed site development plan for 808 Talcottville Road.

Chris Francis of Arthur H. Howland & Associates, P.C. discussed the current property as a vacant lot with foundations. The proposed development will be a car wash and a convenience store/fueling station. He discussed that proper drainage would be in place so as to not effect the roadway. He also stated that there was adequate space for delivery trucks, garbage trucks, firetrucks and fueling trucks to get through. Mr. Francis also discussed that there would be adequate lighting.

Scott Hesketh of F.A. Hesketh & Associates, Inc. then discussed the traffic counts from the Department of Transportation. There would be three intersections on Rte 83, Old Town Road, Rte 74/Windsorville, and the Stop & Shop driveway, and all would operate at adequate counts. He also discussed the possibility of adding a left turn only lane on Rte 83 at the Rte 74 intersection, which would coincide with the left turn signal from the opposing lane on Rte 83. Mr. Hesketh also discussed that traffic levels during peak hours during the week and on Saturdays, and stated that the delays were still at good levels of service. He also stated that the car wash traffic would exit the exit only driveway onto Rte 83, with a left and right turn option. An information packet with the analysis findings and reports was provided.

David Smith MOVED to approve the plans. Robert O’Gara seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Open Discussion
Discussion took place with regard to the left turn exit to be added at the Rte 74 intersection. Mason Thrall had concerns about whether the signals at the Old Town Road and Rte 74/Windsorville intersections would work to control the new left hand traffic signal at the Rte 74 intersection. Mr. Hesketh stated that the DOT would make any adjustments if needed. Jon-Paul also voiced concerns with the left exiting traffic by adding a left turn lane on Rte 83 as it has not yet been drawn up. Mr. Francis stated that they are still incorporating changes based on the suggestions from the DOT and Mr. Hesketh. Many members had concerns with the left turn lane at the exit only driveway on Rte 83, Chief Gallant stated that since it is only a two lane road, it

won't be as great of an issue. Robert O'Gara questioned how the overflow traffic from the car wash would be handled. Mr. Francis stated that 2 lanes would merge into a single lane car wash with a 16 car cueing capacity. David Smith questioned if there would be a new signal pattern and Mr. Hesketh stated that will be adding the new signals and not changing the entire intersection. David Smith questioned the pedestrian traffic, and Mr. Hesketh stated that he will review the numbers.

4. **Adjournment**

Chief Lucas Gallant moved to adjourn at 6:30 pm. Dwight Ryniewicz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Linda Lachance
Recording Secretary