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MINUTES
VILLAGE OF COLONIE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025
6:30 P.M.

The scheduled meeting of the Village of Colonie Traffic Committee was held on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 6:30PM.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lemperle at 6:30 p.m. with a salute to the flag. Chairman Lemperle requested that all electronic devices be silenced.

Roll Call: Chairman, John Lemperle
 George Lashoff
 Les Samiof
 Michael Normandin
 Frank Blake
 CPD Liaison Investigator Curran Excused
 Liaison Frank Prevratil

Chairman Lemperle welcomed new member, Frank Blake to the Traffic Commission. Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting that was held on January 09, 2025, were reviewed. Mr. Lashoff made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Samiof seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in favor of the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Liaison Prevratil shared some information about the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Sand Creek Road updates. TIP is a Federal funded transportation program that helps communities make areas safer. The Village has received a \$2 million grant for some updates which could include safety lighting and sidewalks. This will have a 5-year cost to the Village. Liaison Prevratil is excited to see this project moving forward.

Mayor Rubino added that this is a great start to the improvements needed to that corridor and we will see how much can be done with the money received. The most traveled section on that road is between Mordella Rd and Hunting Rd and work will start there.

Chairman Prevratil shared the TIP schedule below:

2025-2030 TIP SCHEDULE

- **March 6, 2025:** Draft TIP approved by Policy Board to release for public review.
- **March 7, 2025:** Begin 45-day public review period.
- **March 13, 2025: Virtual TIP Public Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be recorded for future viewing. Pre-registration is required. [Register here.](#)
- **March 19, 2025: Draft TIP Open House** will be held at the Transportation Council office from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.
- **April 21, 2025:** Public Comment Period Ends.
- **May 7, 2025:** Final Draft TIP brought to Planning Committee for approval.
- **June 5, 2025:** Final 2025-2030 TIP brought to Policy Board for approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Lashoff announced that the lawn sign program will be starting back up soon. He handed out a calendar to the commission with dates and locations for the signs.

Mr. Samiof added that the signs get placed on the weekends, signs are picked up on Friday and put in the new locations on Saturday or Sunday. They are placed in the new location for 2 weeks and then moved to the next locations.

Chairman Lemperle asked if we had enough signs. Mr. Lashoff stated that we will need frames soon.

Chairman Prevratil brought up the idea of lowering the speed limit on Sand Creek Rd to 25 mph and asked for any thoughts.

Budget Officer, Mr. Ed Sim, was in the audience and stated that changing the speed limit would require the Village to advertise for a public hearing to notify residents. It would also require us

to change the code but it is possible. Speed was an issue when the Sand Creek Rd study was done.

Mayor Rubino believes this will help lower the speeds in that area.

Chairman Prevratil added that speed has gotten worse in that area and it is a safety issue. Lowering the speed limit may be a good solution.

Chairman Lemperle liked the idea and would be in favor to support this solution. How could traffic assist with the Sand Creek Rd study?

Liaison Prevratil suggested stopping by the area and seeing some of the concerns. When residents ask questions, you will be able to relate.

Mr. Lashoff asked if a traffic count could be done on Sand creek Rd again in April. He would like to see how much the volume has changed. Liaison Prevratil stated that he would bring this request to the Village.

Mr. Samiof made a motion to reduce the speed limit on Sand Creek Rd to 25mph. Mr. Lashoff seconded the motion. All in favor.

VOTE:	Chairman Lemperle	YES
	Mr. Lashoff	YES
	Mr. Samiof	YES
	Mr. Blake	YES
	Mr. Normandin	YES

Chairman Lemperle asked if the new sidewalks from the grant would go all the way to Watervliet-Shaker Rd.

Budget Officer Sim answered that the Village only goes as far as Shaker Run Apartments.

Chairman Lemperle mentioned the stop light at Price Chopper and stated that many people have complained that the light changes so fast. Only 4 cars can leave the parking lot before the light turns red again.

Mr. Blake agreed that he knows many have called about this light, maybe someone from the Traffic Commission could call DOT.

Budget Officer Sim added that we are looking to set up a meeting with DOT regarding crosswalks and maybe we could ask about that traffic light then.

Mr. Lashoff asked if it was possible for the members of the Traffic Commission to get Village ID badges.

Chairman Lemperle agreed that it could come in useful when moving the lawn signs on the weekends. He also suggested wearing safety vests like the DPW staff wear.

Liaison Prevratil said he would work with the Village on this.

Budget Officer Sim advised the commission that National Grid has been changing the Village streetlights to LED lights, if any residents mention it.

Liaison Prevratil mentioned a couple of streetlights out in the Village. One at Jodiro Ln and Sand Creek Rd and the other on Parkwood Dr and Central Ave. Coordinator Douglas stated that she would put requests in with National Grid to have them fixed.

Coordinator Douglas announced that a call had come into Village Hall regarding the traffic on Harriet St and Hawley Ave, mostly trucks and vehicles from the Monro service shop. Neighbors are circulating a petition for speed bumps to be installed. If something comes into the office Coordinator Douglas will let Chairman Lemperle know.

Mr. Lashoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 PM. Mr. Blake seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in favor of the motion.

Respectfully,

Stacie Douglas
Traffic Safety Coordinator