



BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SHELTON, CONNECTICUT
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, January 6, 2016

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by Chairman Noreen McGorty. She led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Alderman McGorty, Chairman
Alderman Finn
Alderman Capra

Also Present

Lt. George Rodrigues, Shelton Police Department
Sgt. Mark Siglinger, Shelton Police Department
Sgt. Mark Ptak, Shelton Police Department
Sgt. Brian Yerzak, Shelton Police Department
Chief Francis Jones, Shelton Fire Department

PUBLIC PORTION

Liz and Ron Pelzel
46 North Street
Shelton, Ct. 06484

Liz Pelzel: I just wanted to know what is enforceable with the noise ordinance. We have a neighbor with a loud motorcycle. We lived with it for about a year and then we tried to speak with the neighbor before we had to get the police involved.
Ron Pelzel: We've been working with the police and they've been helpful. He doesn't idle it in the morning anymore. We're still curious about the noise regulations.

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Liz Pelzel: Also I wanted a record of this and all my calls this past summer because there have been at least four. When we went to the Police Station there were no records except for last night when a friend revved his vehicle and December 26th. Where are the other reports?

Sgt. Siglinger: They may have been put in as Code R (comments only). The calls are logged in as comments only.

Ron Pelzel: Can we get a record of that?

Sgt. Siglinger: Absolutely.

Liz Pelzel: There's been a great improvement but we're still getting a lot of noise.

Alderman Capra: This was one of the first issues that I addressed as an alderman. I don't know what else we can do. The police have to deal with it now.

Alderman Finn: Do you have a copy of the noise ordinance?

Liz Pelzel: I've read it. We've also measured the decibel level with our phone and it was over the limit.

Sgt. Siglinger: The decibel level seemed reasonable.

Lt. Rodrigues: We may have to go up, measure the noise, and issue an infraction.

Sgt. Ptak: There're only a couple of people that can run the noise meter. Anyone that uses our equipment must be certified to run it. We will get up there.

Lt. Rodrigues: We'll just issue a ticket if it's after hours and we'll handle it that way if they want to continue.

Ron Pelzel: Thank you.

Liz Pelzel: Thanks for your help.

AGENDA ITEMS

◆ CORRESPONDENCE

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.1 REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 2, 2015

Alderman Capra moved to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Public Health & Safety Meeting of December 2, 2015. Alderman Finn seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor.

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 INTERSECTION OF CORAM AVENUE & HILL STREET- REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF ACCIDENTS

Alderman Finn: I contacted the Traffic Division after the incident where a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle. There are no crosswalks and the lighting could be improved. I contacted Sgt. Siglinger.

Sgt. Siglinger: Since 2010 there were 26 crashes including five hit and runs. The driver in the recent accident claims to have seen the person. In 2014 the person hit was intoxicated. Also in 2014, a bike lost its brakes and hit a car.

I met with the UI representative and noted that a 150 watt light shines onto Hill Street. We can move the light closer to the intersection, add a 12 foot arm, increase the wattage to 400 watts, and mark the street. There's a work order in.

Alderman Finn motioned to increase the wattage of the light on Hill Street and Coram Avenue from 150 watts to 400 watts, add a 12 foot arm at a cost of \$44.01 per month, up from \$21.27.

Alderman Capra seconded the motion.

Alderman Finn: Thank you Sgt. for your work.

All were in favor.

1. OLD BUSINESS – STATUS UPDATE

3.1 REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC LIGHT AT THE CORNER OF CONSTITUTION BLVD AND IVY BROOK ROAD

Chairman McGorty: This was tabled from last month so that more information could be provided.

(Please see the letter from the Shelton police Department inserted at the end of these minutes for more information.)

Sgt. Siglinger: We consulted with the City Engineer, Bob Kulacz, and there is no need for a light at this intersection.

Alderman Capra: Thank you for looking into this.

Alderman Finn made a motion to deny the request for a traffic light at the corner of Constitution Boulevard and Ivy Brook Road based on a recommendation from the Police Department.

Alderman Capra seconded the motion.

No discussion.

All were in favor.

3.2 STOP SIGN REQUEST AT EAST VILLAGE ROAD NORTH OF VILLAGE DRIVE

Sgt. Siglinger: There have only been three crashes. There's a new, northbound "curve ahead" sign. There's a speed check box up there now. Speed data from 12-7-15 to 1-1-16 was presented to the Board. 85% of the vehicles were within the speed limit. There're a few cars that are speeding. Overall it seems to be good. The last crash was a local person. This doesn't meet the requirements for a stop sign.

Alderman Capra: What about the tree issue?

Sgt. Siglinger: The man that was here last month was supposed to ask his neighbor about trimming or cutting the tree.

Chairman McGorty: Thanks for providing the extra data.

Alderman Finn moved to deny the request for a stop sign at the intersection of East Village Road north of Village Drive per the recommendation of the Police Department.

Alderman Capra seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

All were in favor.

3.3 MISSING SIGNAGE AT HOWE AND WHITE

Sgt. Siglinger: I spoke with the State DOT and was told that the signage would be replaced shortly.

3.4 BICYCLE SAFETY SIGNAGE REQUEST ON CERTAIN CITY STREETS

Sgt. Siglinger: (He showed an example of the sign.) We received a list of streets for the signage No signs will be put on State roads. I plan on using existing poles where possible. We can get more signs if they are needed

Chairman McGorty: Thanks for the update.

3.5 SPEEDING ON ISINGLASS ROAD

Sgt. Siglinger: There's a speed box up in different locations.

Alderman Capra: Is that report similar to the other one?

Sgt. Siglinger: It will look the same.

Alderman Capra: How about the data?

Sgt. Siglinger: I have to look.

3.6 REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BUS/SLOW SIGNS AT THE CORNER OF MILL STREET AND JUDSON

Sgt. Siglinger: School bus signs have been installed.

3.7 REQUEST FOR 4-WAY STOP SIGN AT EAST VILLAGE, VISTA & REVERE

Sgt. Siglinger: We've only had a couple of crashes there. It doesn't require a stop sign.

Sgt. Ptak: Sight lines are part of the problem because of the trees.

Sgt. Siglinger: After we cut the brush back I thought the sight line was good.

Alderman Finn: Coming out of Vista takes time.

Sgt. Ptak: We can go up there tomorrow with the laser unit.

Alderman Finn: Two ladies submitted complaints but only one letter was sent out.

Noelle Schmidt of Vista Drive; Shelton, Connecticut did not receive a response.

Chairman McGorty: We can table this next month.

Alderman Finn: What will the laser do?

Sgt. Ptak: It will give us sight line and distance at the stop bar and the curb.

2. REPORTS OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES

A. POLICE SERVICES

Chairman McGorty: Are there any questions about the report? They are putting radar up at streets requested.

Alderman Finn: Why the difference in the price of the fines?

Sgt. Ptak: It depends on the speed and how much over the limit. It's a standard fee guide. Fines are set by the State.

Chairman McGorty: Any other questions? Thank you very much.

B. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Alderman Finn: What are we doing about Derby?

Chairman McGorty: There's a pending lawsuit.

C. FIRE SERVICES

Chief Jones: Happy New Year!

Alderman McGorty: Happy New Year. Any questions?

Alderman Finn: The new cars will be in by the end of January.

Chief Jones: Yes.

We are working with the DOT to get preempted traffic lights installed on Bridgeport Avenue. This is part of a State program. Preempted traffic lights will turn the lights green for emergency vehicles. This is being done at no cost to the City. We are watching for new projects so we can get these lights done.

Alderman Finn: When are we putting laptops in the trucks?

Chief Francis: We're looking into it. That will be our next step.

Alderman Capra: Fantastic job with the holiday lights.

Chief Jones: It's all done by volunteers. We do the Toys for Tots, Santa transport, and we work with the Valley-wide food delivery to shelters.

Alderman Finn: There was a traffic accident on Route 8 south and later in the morning on Route 8 north. Has anybody sat down with the State?

Chief Jones: Representative Perillo did something a year or so ago. That's a State Police issue. We just respond. There was a public safety meeting last year that we attended where that was discussed in terms of responses.

D. FIRE MARSHAL

Chairman McGorty: This is the same report that we get each month.

Alderman Capra: Mindboggling.

Chairman McGorty: Our questions remain the same. Chairman McGorty made a motion to send a letter to the Fire Marshall to request his attendance at our meetings and send him a schedule of the meetings. The mayor should be cc'd on the letter.

Alderman Finn seconded the motion.

Alderman Finn: Canal Street is on the report six times with zero hours.

Chairman McGorty: There are several questions and that's one of them. We still want details from the fire house software.

All were in favor.

E. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Finn made a motion to adjourn at 7:50PM. Alderman Capra seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by K. Angiace, clerk



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MEMORANDUM

To: Public Health & Safety Committee

From: Captain Shawn R. Sequeira
Acting Chief of Police

Date: January 5, 2016

Subject: Updates - Police Traffic Division

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The Shelton Police Traffic Division has researched and has reported the following:

Constitution Boulevard & Ivy Brook- Since 2001 there have been 11 crashes. One 1-car crash, 2 rear end, and 8 turning or crossing crashes. The sightline in both direction is good and signage has been updated. This project was consulted with City Engineer Bob Kulacz. He agreed that there is no need for a light at this intersection. The Police Department has purchased a new radar trailer - when it arrives in a few weeks, the Department will include this location as a priority placement.

East Village Road & Village Drive - The Police Department reporting system showed only 3 crashes at this junction - in 2010, 2011 and December 2015. This last crash, the operator lives on East Village Road. Each crash involved only one vehicle. In early December, radar enforcement took place in the area resulting in 10 infractions and one misdemeanor being issued. A new northbound 'Curve Ahead' sign has been installed. One of our speed boxes was attached to a utility pole at the corner of East Village and Village facing northbound traffic. Stop signs at this junction do not meet the requirement.

Mill Street - The school bus sign has been installed.

Speeding on Isinglass Road - No changes since last meeting. Upon availability, the speed boxes will be put back up and radar enforcement conducted.

Missing sign, Howe and White - Not replaced yet. The traffic engineer for D.O.T. said the service order has been sent to their maintenance garage and states the sign will be replaced shortly.

Bicycle Safety signs - Received a list of recommended sites from Nancy Rosett, Community Relations Chairperson of the Sound Cyclist Bicycle Club. On Monday January 4, 2016 Nancy dropped off 20 signs to be to be installed. Weather permitting will allow the installing of the signs immediately.

Alderman Finn's request for information on Coram Avenue and Hill Street - There is a total of 26 crashes in the Department reporting system since 2010. The breakdown is as follows, 5 hit and runs, 1 rear end crash, 2 pedestrian crashes, and 1 bicycle incident. The most recent pedestrian accident happened in December, 2015. The operator who hit one of the persons said she did see them standing in the crosswalk as she was driving up Coram. The other pedestrian accident happened in August 2014. In this case, the pedestrian was not in the crosswalk and was intoxicated, which resulted in her arrest. The bicycle crash happened in July 2014 on a rainy night at approximately 8:20 pm. The bike was traveling east on Hill Street approaching Coram Avenue. When the bicyclist applied his brakes, he had none. The bicyclist admitted he was traveling very fast, went through the stop sign and hit the rear bumper of a car traveling south on Coram. The rest of the crashes were stop sign violations. I had a meeting with a representative from the UI Company just before the holidays and asked for an evaluation of the lighting in the intersection. I am waiting for his report and evaluation. Pedestrian signs have been ordered and will be installed.

SRS/pmb