



## Village of Hampshire

### Public Safety Committee Meeting

**Mike Reid Jr. — Toby Koth — Mike Armato**

**Wednesday October 26, 2016 — 5:00 PM**

**Hampshire Village Hall – 234 S. State Street**

## MEETING MINUTES

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- Meeting called to order at 6pm at the Hampshire Village Hall by Chairman Reid
  - Trustee Koth, Trutee Armattoo, and Trustee Brust were present, a quorum was established
  - Village President Jeffrey Magnussen was in attendance
  - Village of Hampshire Police Department Chief Brian Thompson was in attendance
  - Orris Ruth & Delmar Kosyla of Hampshire attended the meeting as residents of the Village of Hampshire
  - Community Unit School District 300 Representatives also were present
    - Jason Emricson, Director of Operations and Technology
    - Donna Bordsen, Director of Transportation
    - Gary Chester, District Security Officer
- Orris Ruth offered some history pertaining to his time on the Village Board in regards to some no parking areas and why they were established and where including the mindset of the board at the time.
- Minutes from the August 6, 2015 Public Safety meeting were presented for approval
  - Village President Magnussen suggested that the meeting minutes needed to reflect that the stop sign that was erected on White Oak Street was at Panama Street, not Johnson Street.
- With that change to the meeting Minutes Chairman Reid requested a motion to be made to approve the minutes for the August 6, 2015 Minutes
  - Trustee Koth made the motion and Trustee Armato seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.
- The meeting was then turned over to Chief Brian Thompson to discuss traffic flow issues he had seen around the village.

**Context:**

Hampshire Middle School releases at 3:30pm every day and causes significant traffic delays on State Street every day in either the North and Southbound lanes. Not only does the traffic back up on State Street, but due to congestion in the parking lot of HMS due to School Bus and Parent pickup vehicles, traffic also comes to a stop on Edgewood in either direction.

- The attendees then had a lengthy discussion about what we could do as a community working together to try to resolve some or all of the issues.
  - Community Unit School District 300 was going to approach their Construction and oversight Committee to see if the plans for the access road on the north end of the HMS property could be revived and set into motion. That proposal was shared with the Village Board of Hampshire in years past.
  - The Village of Hampshire was going to look into the side walk program and see how it could help the installation of sidewalks along the north side of Hampshire Elementary School along Klick Street.
- The Community Unit School District 300 representatives exited the meeting after this discussion.

**Context:**

On August 6, 2015 there was a public safety committee meeting held with community members to discuss the safety and parking on White Oak Street. An agreement was made with the residents that the residents in the area would try to refrain from parking on both sides of the street and work with the neighbors to ensure that an effort would be made to utilize driveways vs. the street for parking in an effort to improve visibility while driving down the street.

- The attendees engaged in a discussion about White Oak Street and the Safety issues that remain.
  - The residents park on both sides of the street, with more cars doing this on the weekends, with many garages and driveways remaining empty. Due to the landscape of the area and the amount of curves in the street and the amount of children that live in the area the committee felt that it

would be best to take a pro-active approach to ensure the safety of the residents in the area and to ensure that Emergency Vehicles can have enough clearance to drive through the neighborhood.

- Chairman Reid requested a motion to be made to recommend to the Village Board that a no parking area be established from Madison to Jake on Jefferson Street turning into White Oak Street on the North and East sides respectively on the opposing side of the fire hydrants.
  - Trustee Armato made the motion and Trustee Koth seconded the motion.

**Context:**

On Prarieview Parkway between the intersections of Woodside Terrace and Whitetail Circle there is a Stop sign and a curve. Multiple residents have complained about large vehicles parking on the west side of Prarieview parkway between the intersections causing safety concerns due to not being able to see around the parked vehicles. Delmar Kosyla the resident in which the complaints were made in reference to was in attendance in the meeting.

- Mr. Kosyla made a promise to the committee that he would refrain from parking his Ford F250 in the street and he would only park vehicles that you could see around in the area in question.

**Context:**

Ordinance 2-6-1 refers to certain areas of no parking on Edgewood and High Ave. during certain hours of the day. These restrictions were put into place when Hampshire Middle School was Hampshire High School to ensure that students driving to school did not park on the streets. Hampshire High School was opened in 2008 on Big Timber Road.

- Chairman Reid asked for a motion that the time restrictions be removed so as they are no longer needed.
  - Trustee Koth made the motion and Trustee Armato seconded the motion.
- Trustee Armato inquired about the properties located at IL Route 72 and Briar Hill Road, there are shrubs and hills in the way causing visibility issues.

- Trustee Brust offered to contact the county to find out who the property owners are at the current time, with the understanding that those properties are not located within the Village limits.
- With no other business or other announcements Chairman Reid asked for a motion to adjourn.
  - Trustee Koth made the motion and Trustee Armato seconded the motion.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm