

PROTECTION & WELFARE COMMITTEE
January 6, 2015



Chair Steve Wollin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. In attendance: Trustees: Kyle Ellefson, John Swisher and Steven Wollin. Also in attendance: Administrator Mark Johnsrud and Police Chief Mike Gosh.

Statement of Public Notice – This meeting was posted and noticed according to law

Approve Minutes of Special Meeting – December 2, 2014

A Swisher/Ellefson motion carried to approve Special meeting minutes of December 2, 2014.

Discussion and Recommendation – Parking on N. Watertown Street

Steve Wollin indicated that constituents had discussed with him several issues of permitting parking on N. Watertown Street. Many persons expressed safety concerns.

Kyle Ellefson stated that while permitting parking on N. Watertown Street is not an ideal situation it is unfair to take away parking from those residents whose property was developed decades ago without adequate off-street parking. Rather than discuss removing or limiting parking on N. Watertown Street we should study providing alternatives because it is not likely that traffic volumes will lessen in the future.

John Swisher agreed that this is not the time to discuss limiting or removing parking on N. Watertown Street. Swisher did question if streets needed a certain width to be legal.

Police Chief Mike Gosh stated that he lives on N. Watertown Street and this issue has been debated by the Village Board and residents of N. Watertown Street in the past. Removal of parking was not popular with the residents and eliminating the sidewalk on the east side of the street placed the roadway too close to resident's homes. The residents on the west side of the street have little off-street parking and would be the most affected.

Johnsrud suggested requesting a scope of service from MSA to provide a traffic analysis of N. Watertown Street to recommend alternatives to removing parking on N. Watertown to include possible alternate traffic routes.

An Ellefson/Swisher motion carried unanimously to recommend consideration of a scope of service by MSA to provide a traffic analysis of N. Watertown Street, Lincoln Street to include Hartwig Blvd and traffic access from those areas within TID 2 and TID 3.

Johnsrud reported that Street Superintendent Lee Trumpf questioned the viability of placing a stop sign on N. Watertown Street south of Lincoln Street without the extending the no parking limitations greater than 30 feet.

A Swisher/Ellefson motion carried unanimously to recommend amending Chapter 221-3 Parking regulations prohibit parking on N. Watertown Street for a distance of 75 feet south of the intersection with Lincoln Street.

An Ellefson/Swisher motion carried unanimously to adjourn at 5:58 p.m.

Steve Wollin, Chair
Protection & Welfare

Disclaimer: These minutes are uncorrected; any corrections made thereto will be so noted in the proceedings at which these minutes are approved.