

**VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN**  
9446 Raymond Avenue Oak Lawn Illinois 60453  
Village Hall Auditorium  
**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
Thursday, May 5, 2022 #2022-4

**I. ROLL CALL:** Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

- A. Chairman:** Norm Lupescu
- B. Commissioners:**

Carrie O’Keefe	Ted Sochacki
John Cody	Andy Skoundrianos
Ken Nork ( <i>ABS</i> )	Norm Lupescu
Steve Adamsheck	
- C. Staff:**

Donald E. McKenna, Building & Zoning Administrator
Dennis Skoda, Public Works Department
Ofc. Mark Hollingsworth, Oak Lawn Police Department
Deanne Adasiak, Recording Secretary

*Also present: Trustee Alex Olejniczak, 3<sup>rd</sup> District*

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Lupescu.

**III. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:**

*A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes #2022-3 April 7, 2022 was made by Commissioner Adamsheck and seconded by Commissioner Sochacki.*

Roll call: Lupescu, yes; Skoundrianos, yes; Sochacki, yes; Adamsheck, yes; Cody, yes; O’Keefe, yes.

Motion to approve passes: 6-0.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A.) TC-1296-SS-Request Stop Northbound and Southbound at 92<sup>nd</sup> and Tulley:**

*Mrs. Barbara Dorencz, 9207 S. Tulley, Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453*

The petitioner explained her petition request. The petitioner presented justifications for the petition including the fact that the subject intersection is one block from Covington School and is a popular intersection for both cars and children who go to school every day. She emphasized that the safety of the children is critical. She mentioned that she has a child whom independently uses the crosswalk. The petitioner stated that she has lived in Oak Lawn for ten years and has observed drivers cutting through this intersection to avoid Cicero or Southwest Highway. She said many of these drivers fail to stop or yield, endangering other drivers and pedestrians trying to cross the street. According to the petitioner, there have been several close calls and car accidents over the years.

The petitioner also pointed out that many drivers “crawl or creep up” at the intersection while pedestrians are crossing the street. She added that she has personally witnessed this while crossing the street and has seen cars approach the intersection before pedestrians have finished crossing. The petitioner also said that many drivers in the neighborhood disregard the speed limit and instead accelerate through the intersection without allowing themselves enough time to yield or stop. The petitioner stated that the signatures on the petition form from both the neighborhood and the Covington community should emphasize how important “our community's safety concerns” are, particularly for “our children” who use the intersection on a daily and consistent basis. She voiced concern not only for her child's safety, but also for the safety of other children who walk to school on their own.

The petitioner believes it is only a matter of time before one of the many careless drivers that pass through the intersection at 92nd and Tulley endangers someone's child. The petitioner expressed that she hopes that if any of the Board Members are parents, they will be able to empathize with the concerns of our neighborhood and community. She said, "On behalf of myself and the petition's signees, we respectfully request that you strongly consider this petition for approval."

Commissioner Lupescu explained that it is customary for Village staff to conduct a traffic study, but he has been informed that there is no way to conduct a traffic study at this time. Commissioner Lupescu stated that he will make a motion to due to the necessity of the stop sign.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Lupescu to approve Pet. #TC-1296-SS-Request for a Stop Sign northbound and southbound at 92<sup>nd</sup> and Tulley. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Skoundrianos.*

Roll call: Lupescu, yes; Skoundrianos, yes; Sochacki, yes; Adamsheck, yes; Cody, yes; O’Keefe, yes.

Motion to approve passes: 6-0.

Trustee Olejniczak expressed appreciation to the Board for their time. He said that he is aware that this Board receives numerous safety complaints, the majority of which are the result of poor driving habits. Trustee Olejniczak indicated that when residents receive a stop sign, he usually informs them that a stop sign does not guarantee that the problem will be solved. He emphasized that it is people's driving habits that are concerning. Trustee Olejniczak feels this is a good first step toward getting drivers to stop at that intersection. He stated that it is important, especially because the intersection is close to a school. Trustee Olejniczak suggested that this Board strongly consider a 4-way stop sign at that intersection due to its proximity to the school.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Skoundrianos to amend the motion for Pet. #TC-1296-SS to a 4-way Stop Sign at 92<sup>nd</sup> and Tulley. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sochacki.*

Roll call: Lupescu, yes; Skoundrianos, yes; Sochacki, yes; Adamsheck, yes; Cody, yes; O’Keefe, yes.

Motion to approve the amended motion passes: 6-0.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- A.) Chairman: *None.*
- B.) Commissioners: *None.*
- C.) Staff: *None.*

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

*A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Adamsheck and was seconded by Commissioner Skoundrianos.*

Voice Vote: All in favor, aye.

Motion to adjourn passes.

The meeting ended at 7:37 p.m.