

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of Thursday, January 5, 2023 #2023-1

Village of Oak Lawn

Village Hall Auditorium

9446 Raymond Avenue Oak Lawn Illinois 60453

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

A. Chairman: Norm Lupescu

B. Commissioners: Drew Butler Carrie O’Keefe
John Cody Andy Skoundrianos
Norm Lupescu Ted Sohacki
Ken Nork (ABS)

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

Also Present: Vern Zumhagen, Village Staff
Trustee Jamie Pembroke, 4th 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 #2022-8 – December 1, 2022 was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Cody.

Roll call: Sohacki, yes; Skoundrianos, yes; O’Keefe, yes; Lupescu, yes; Cody, yes; Butler, yes.

Motion to approve passes: 6-0.

IV. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON 2023:

A motion to select Commissioner Cody as Chairperson for 2023 was made by Commissioner Sohacki. Commissioner Cody declines the motion.

A motion to select Commissioner Lupescu as Chairperson for 2023 was made by Commissioner Sohacki. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cody.

Roll call: Butler, yes; Cody, yes; O’Keefe, yes; Skoundrianos, yes; Sohacki, yes; Lupescu, yes.

Motion passes: 6-0.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

**A.) TC-1298– Request for 4-way Stop Sign at the Intersection of 96th & Kolmar
(returning from BOT 11-08-22):**

Trustee James Pembroke, 9624 S. Kenneth Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453

Trustee Pembroke informed the Commission that the subject request was approved by the Traffic Safety Committee in early November, and that when the petition came before the Board of Trustees they reevaluated the request and their discussion determined that a 4-way stop sign would be warranted in this area. Trustee Pembroke explained that two-way stop signs can potentially create problems at intersections and that a four-way stop sign is more appropriate for this corner. Commissioner Skoundrianos commented that at the November Traffic Committee meeting he stated his support for a 4-way stop sign.

A motion was made by Commissioner Skoundrianos to approve #TC-1298-Request for 4-way Stop Sign at the Intersection of 96th & Kolmar. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lupescu.

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

Motion passes: 6-0.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A.) TC-3000– Request for 4-way Stop Sign at the Intersection of 96th & Kildare:

Mrs. Mary Hopkins, 9608 S. Kildare, Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453

Mrs. Hopkins explained that when she moved to 96th and Kildare, she chose a quiet neighborhood. She stated that it has changed considerably. She explained that cars use Kildare as a shortcut to avoid major intersections. She noted that there have been several accidents at the intersection, with the most recent involving a car landing on its side only minutes after the children in the area boarded their school bus. Mrs. Hopkins stated that she previously served on the Traffic Committee and understands the Board's challenges in approving requested stop signs in our community.

Trustee Pembroke indicated that this petition is also in his District and that he has witnessed the cut through traffic resulting from vehicles avoiding 95th and Cicero and 95th and Pulaski. He also mentioned that Kildare is the only street in the area that lacks signage from 95th and Keeler to 95th and Kilpatrick. Trustee Pembroke expressed that he feels that residents are driving too fast, but he supports a 4-way stop sign at this intersection. Commissioner Cody mentioned that he lives on the northeast corner of 96th and Kildare and can attest to the terrible traffic in that area. He commented that cars travel at high speeds and that there is a considerable amount of traffic.

Roundabouts, according to Commissioner Pembroke, would be an excellent solution.

Officer Hollingsworth reported that the subject intersection had 10 crashes since 2010, with two resulting in injuries. He mentioned that as far as the most recent crash (October), the Officer on the scene noted in his report that it is a "uncontrolled intersection" that caused the crash.

A motion to approve Pet. # TC-3000– Request for 4-way Stop Sign at the Intersection of 96th & Kildare was made by Commissioner Butler. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Skoundrianos.

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

Motion passes: 6-0.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

A.) Chairman: *Commissioner Lupescu mentioned a previously heard petition for the 5100 block of 96th Street. He said that although new signs were installed, he noticed that an “old” sign, “Residential Parking Only”, remains at the northeast corner of 96th & 51st Avenue. He said he believes that sign needs to come down. Mr. McKenna said he will look into it.*

B.) Commissioners: *None.*

C.) Staff: *None.*

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Cody and was seconded by Commissioner Butler.

Voice Vote: All in favor, aye.

Motion to adjourn passes.

The meeting ended at 7:41 p.m.