

**TRAFFIC REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES
CITY OF FORT ATKINSON
MARCH 10, 2016 - 2:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Selle at 2:05 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Police Department.

Members Present: Andy Selle, Cm. Becker, Jeff Armstrong, Adrian Bump, and Rudy Bushcott

Members Absent: Kent Smith

Others Present: Carrie Chisholm of the Chamber of Commerce and Bill Burlingame of the Town of Koshkonong

1. Parking Requests:

- a. Extend two-hour parking to 8:00 p.m. from 5:00 p.m. on Main St. and Sherman Ave. near Verlo.

This request was received from the owner of the Verlo building. Carrie Chisholm indicated her feeling was there needs to be more education and possibly signage for the current two-hour parking restriction. She also indicated they would like to see a handicapped stall in the area.

Bump indicated his department has not gotten any complaints about parking problems in the downtown area recently.

Selle moved to change the two-hour parking restriction to 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on North Main Street in the area of the Verlo building. Becker indicated he would prefer not to change the current parking restrictions if there is no data to back up the request at this time. The motion died for the lack of a second.

It was indicated that a parking study could be done to see if the data would support a change in the current parking restrictions.

Becker moved, seconded by Bushcott, to designate the first stall off of North Main Street on West Sherman Avenue on the north side of the street as a handicapped parking. The motion carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

2. Speed Limit Reviews:

None.

3. Traffic Signal Reviews:

a. Controlled intersection at Madison Avenue and Reena Avenue.

Selle indicated he looked into the possibility of installing a round-about at this location, but estimated project costs came in at \$1,000,000. Jeff Armstrong did an estimate to signalize the intersection, which came in between \$100,000 and \$200,000. The signalization would include putting in a wireless sensor loop for traffic on Reena Avenue and the street coming out from the north, thereby not stopping traffic on Madison Avenue if there were no cars on the north/south legs.

Selle moved, seconded by Becker, to move forward with design and cost estimates for the implementation of the signalization option for the intersection. The motion carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

b. Stop Sign at Southwest corner of Messmer Street and Nelson Street.

Selle indicated this is a three-way intersection and felt there may be a safety concern with no signage.

Selle moved, seconded by Becker, to place a stop sign at the southwest corner of Messmer Street and Nelson Street. The motion carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

c. Janesville Ave. at Jones Park and Bikepath—Request for pedestrian improvements

It was indicated this area is not marked well for pedestrian crossing. Bump would like to see a flashing light and painted crosswalk. He will be contacting the local bike club to see if there are any grants available to help defray the costs of such installation.

Bushcott indicated his concern with this crossing is that it's a four-lane street and not all lanes may stop for pedestrians, therefore being a safety concern. Armstrong said he could get an estimate for a trombone-arm to be put up with signage. Selle said at this time we could look into doing a more-visible crosswalk – possibly adding a color.

Bump moved, seconded by Becker, to further investigate a resolution and plan to improve the crosswalk. The motion carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

4. Miscellaneous

a. Hackbarth Road discussion with Town and City

Bill Burlingame, Koshkonong Town Board Chairman, indicated their Board had discussed Hackbarth Board at their March 9, 2016 meeting. The Board agreed to request that the full length of Hackbarth Road be designated as 30 m.p.h. They also discussed the possibility of a stop sign at Endl Boulevard, but the Board decided against that.

Becker indicated he travels this area regularly and feels the cars are traveling at unsafe speeds and that a stop sign at Endl Boulevard would help.

No action was taken on this item at this time.

5. Adjournment

Selle moved, seconded by Becker, the Traffic Review Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leila Carl, Secretary