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## STREETS & SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Village of Pepin Municipal Building

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 9:00am

### MINUTES

1. Chairperson Randy Kallstrom call the meeting to order at 9:02am.
2. **Roll Call** – Randy Kallstrom, Paul Riesgraf, Mike Michaud, Vicki Kosok, Chief Van Alstine, Aaron Kallstrom (*Street Sup*), Misty Rustad (*Clerk*) **Absent:** Danny Kircher
3. **Safety Concerns**
  - a. **Intersection of Hwy 35 & Prairie St** – Issues on Prairie St between the Coop and the Garden Pub with pedestrians and vehicles not being able to cross Hwy 35, or turn onto Hwy 35 due to lack of visibility when vehicles are parked on Hwy 35 in front of the Garden Pub.
    - There have been many near misses of vehicle vs pedestrians, and car crashes.
    - Many residents avoid that intersection on busy summer days because of the safety concerns.
    - Discussion on options on how to compromise between safety and parking for businesses.
    - There should be 65ft from the corner to the east to allow visibility, and currently there is only about 30ft. Both north and south sides should be no parking.
    - Denise from the Tin Roof spoke to Jesse & Aaron about removing the no parking in front the building where the driveway apron is located. This will give back 2 parking spots to help make up for the parking spots being removed. Aaron will paint the curb black.
    - By ordinance, Chief Van Alstine and the Street Superintendent have the authority to set parking and signage. In past practice, they have always brought it to the Street Committee and/or Board as a measure of good faith. They are responsible for the safety on Village streets.
      - **Motion** – Vicki made a motion to create no parking starting at the intersection of Prairie St & Hwy 35, going 65ft east on Hwy 35, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul, all in favor, motion carried.
  - b. **Intersection of Hwy 35 & Co Rd N (Dunn St)** – Coming up the stop sign on Co Rd N to Hwy 35, people will park on both sides of the street and will park almost entirely in the road. People will also park right in from of the stop sign. Chief Van Alstine recommends putting no parking signs on both sides of the street.

- **Motion** – Paul made a motion to put up No Parking signs on both sides of the street at Hwy 35 & Co Rd N, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicki, all in favor, motion carried.
- c. **1st St to Hwy 35** – There are several VR's near the corner on 1<sup>st</sup> Street near the condos that park on the street. The street narrows in that area, and there is very little room on either side of the road for parking.
- Chief Van Alstine recommends putting No Parking on both sides of the street, possibly starting at 1400 1<sup>st</sup> St going west. He also suggested sending a letter to the VR's as a courtesy to let their renters know that there is a reduction of parking moving forward.
  - **Motion** – Motion made by Vicki to let Chief Van Alstine and Aaron decide where the No Parking signs need to be placed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul, all in favor, motion carried.
- d. **Oakwood St to Hwy 35** – Congested area when Country Deals is open with cars parked on both sides of the street, semis will block the entire road for several hours at time, and the tent stakes are in the right-of-way. Aaron took measurements, and half the tent is in the right-of-way, and the floor that was put in, covers the curb stop for the water valve.
- Chief Van Alstine addressed owner last year about this specific issue with no change.
  - **Motion** – Mike made a motion to have a letter drafted and sent to Country Deals, asking them to remove the tent out of the right-of-way, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicki, all in favor, motion carried.
- e. **Speed Limit on Hwy 35 from Co Rd CC to Winery** – With the ever-increasing amount of tourists/traffic coming into town in the summer, for safety Chief Van Alstine recommends trying to request through the State of Wisconsin to lower the speed limit to 30mph from the end of town to the Winery.
- This would help the safety of pedestrians and reduce motor vehicle crashes.
  - Chief Van Alstine would work with the Clerk to draft a letter to send to the State of Wisconsin.
  - **Motion** – Paul made a motion to recommend to the Village Board to have a letter drafted to be sent to the State about lowering the speed limit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicki, all in favor, motion carried.
4. Aaron wanted to inform everyone that Pepin County will be filling cracks on Hwy 35 from the Chippewa Bridge to Stockholm. They will be laying down pea gravel and repainting the crosswalks and fog line.
5. **Adjourn** – Randy made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicki, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 10:02am

Misty Rustad  
Village of Pepin Clerk