

## **PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**November 3, 2022**

**1. Call to Order:**

The Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order by Alderperson Thomas at 6:00PM

**2. Roll Call:**

Committee members present – Alderperson Thomas, Griffin, DPW Superintendent Chad Yerges and Chief Sorenson. Public, Brian Romano, Noele Reynolds, and Maureen Giese.

**3. Approval of Public Safety Committee Minutes of October 6, 2022.** Motion by Alderperson Griffin to approve Prior minutes, second by Thomas, motion carried.

**4. Public Comment:** None

**5. Unfinished Business:** None

**6. New Business:** a) Holiday Parade Application. Griffin recommended to approve and send to Council, second by Thomas, motion carried.

b) Public input on STH19/SHY 89 N. Monroe St. Geise said she sent pictures and an email to Thomas and Sorenson on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Minutes in July only said discussion of pedestrian signage. Geise said there was no mention of the email or pictures. She said she felt there was something wrong about the signage at the 4 way. Geise said she saw a pedestrian crossing sign in Watertown. She saw it and knew she had to stop for pedestrians. Geise said the 4 way has never had a pedestrian crossing. She said she suggested before the accident that pedestrian signs could be posted.

Thomas said pedestrian signs had height regulations and would be too low on our signposts. He presented an email from DOT covering the past 5 years of accidents at the intersection since the reconstruction. Excluding the current pedestrian accident, they have only had 3 minor vehicle vs vehicle accidents. DOT reported this intersection was the safest design with enhanced crosswalks, stop signs, flashing beacons and 25mph approach speed. DOT only suggested possible street light upgrades. Thomas said DOT won't authorize flashing signs at a lighted 4 way intersection. Thomas also discussed why other signs were not authorized when a stop sign is posted mandating a vehicle must stop. Geise said she still thinks we need to do more. Geise said the schools need flashing signs. Thomas said both schools on North Monroe St. and East Madison St. have flashing school signs. There was discussion on signs that other communities have posted.

c) Request to fill open Police Officer Position. No action taken.

**7. Future Agenda Items, Communications and announcements:** None

8. **Adjourn:** Motion to Adjourn by Alderperson Griffin, second by Thomas, motion carried.

Attest: *Chief Dennis P. Lawson*