

# VILLAGE OF EPHRAIM

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## **Community Protection Committee Minutes Thursday October 19, 2017 4:30 P.M.**

Present: Paul Roppuld- Chair, Bob Volpe, Dan Shannon, Keith Krist, Tad Dukehart

Staff: Justin MacDonald- Chief

Guests: John Held, Jim Peterman, Roy & Diane Elquist

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Roppuld at 4:30 P.M.
2. Quorum: A quorum is present for this meeting
3. Changes to agenda: None
4. Previous minutes-Minutes from August 17, 2017 and September 21, 2017

**Motion per Volpe to approve the August 17, 2017 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Dukehart, motion carried.**

**Motion per Keith Krist to approve the September 21, 2017 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Dukehart, motion carried**

5. Visitors' comments: None
6. Fire Chief's report: Chief MacDonald reported that the department participated in 38 fire calls to date, 3 new firefighters began basic training which is 60 hours 2 nights a week in Sister Bay. Auto extraction training next week we have 15 cars and a school bus to take apart. Roppuld inquired about alarm generated calls is there a policy. MacDonald replied that they respond to all of them.
7. **Discussion and recommendation regarding speed boards:** John Held has completed further research regarding speed boards and has presented an up-dated packet for committee members' review. Held spoke about placing the speed board on the south end of town. We did not have a quote for the trenching to place the speed board. He now has that quote and perhaps we need to speak about solar. Held feels because of the location we need to recommend an alternating current cost for trenching \$900.00. Held provided a draft recommendation for this motion. Maintenance of this Board will be done by the Maintenance department staff. Volpe added that in his experience there will sometimes be failure. Held responded that this is the basic model. Roppuld stated that he has received many calls from residents who want one of these in their area. This agenda item will address Held's proposal only. Roppuld invited the audience to comment. Peterman asked if these speed board signs work. Held stated that the Sheriff's department has commented that yes they are and referred to the written comment in the last packet. Dukehart in favor, Krist in favor, Volpe in favor and he inquired about data collection, if we collect it and we see a problem we can show it to the Sheriff and get additional help. Shannon in favor, Roppuld in favor. There was a question regarding changing the speed, we do that twice a year once in spring and again on Nov1. Yes, replied Held the speed Board can be adjusted.

**Motion per Roppuld that we the Community Protection Committee, recommend that the Ephraim Board authorize the purchase of one A/C speed board from TrafficCalm to be installed by Village workers by May 1, 2018 on Highway 42 at the Wetlands Preserve with a cost not to exceed \$3,500 with funds drawn from the 2018 CPC budget for Law Enforcement, seconded by Shannon, motion carried.**

Held inquired if they would like him to speak to the Board, no replied Roppuld it is self-evident.

8. **Discussion and recommendation concerning detour routes for Village events:** Krist stated that the reason he brought this up is that there was an accident a couple of years ago and we needed to detour around the area. There are ways to get around the Village if needed but do it without burdening the public. No action required by the Committee tonight.

9. **Discussion and recommendation regarding traffic management on Village streets:** No comments on this item tonight.

10. **Discussion and recommendation regarding annual Hill Climb event:** This event will no longer be held in Ephraim noted Krist. This was a three year commitment and they will not be renewing.

11. **Visitors' comments:** Roppuld stated that the speed on German Rd is often exceeded, Roppuld asked if this should be on the next Agenda. Peterman also related excessive speeding near his home on Settlement. Seems to be the same cars added Peterman. Peterman requests that a speed Board should be placed there by the Sheriff, MacDonald replied that one was on Settlement a couple of year's age. This will be discussed again next month. Roppuld commented that a truck came down and pulled over to the side and a car that was behind the truck pulled out very far into the south bound lane, there was an ambulance coming and that is why the truck pulled over, there could have been a head on collision with little time to react. There are a number of pinch points in the community.

Diane Elquist commented that often on German Road you will see walkers sometimes 3 abreast with a dog, as a driver you have to be so careful. Perhaps we need a single designated walking lane. It is not only vehicles it is often pedestrians and bikes.

Jim Schwengel who lives across from the beach area expressed concerns with walkers near the beach, we need a painted cross walk and the other thing is off lake side parking, it is difficult coming out of your driveway and often a passenger will have to get out of the car to check on upcoming traffic. There are a lot of safety concerns beyond the Streetscape project. Volpe added that the problem has become more pronounced around the beach area. Roppuld thanked them for their timely comments as the Board will be meeting to discuss what can move forward to the DOT as far as what is to be done. Elquist mentioned that there used to be a couple of crosswalks but the DOT told us we could not re-paint them. Peterman stated that the safety of people should be paramount in the Village.

12. New business for next meeting: None

13. Adjournment

**Motion per Krist to adjourn this meeting of the Ephraim Community Protection Committee, seconded by Volpe, motion carried.**

Transcribed by,  
Susan Shallow- Deputy Clerk