

**VILLAGE OF MAHOMET
STUDY SESSION
JULY 12, 2016**

The Village of Mahomet Board of Trustees met, Tuesday July 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village of Mahomet Administrative Offices, 503 E. Main St., Mahomet, IL.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Colravy, Vicki Cook, Andy Harpst, Donald Lynn, Bill Olinger and Brian Metzger

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting Village President Sean Widener, Village Administrator Patrick Brown, Village Clerk Cheryl Sproul, Transportation Superintendent Eric Crowley, Chief of Police Mike Metzler, Jim Evans Village Attorney, Amelia Benner editor of the Mahomet Citizen, Barbara and Eric Cook.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

Acting President Widener called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence for the victims in Orlando. Roll Call was taken and a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT:

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A STOP INTERSECTION AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS

Crowley stated that approximately half of the stop signs listed on Exhibit A have been installed or will be installed in the fall.

Crowley stated some of the streets on the Exhibit have not been completed yet, but will be shortly. Crowley added that some of the subdivisions had not been accepted yet, but he was trying to stay ahead and be ready when they have been accepted.

Lynn asked what IDOT had to say about a stop light at Thornewood. Brown stated the first entrance to Thornewood had always been expected to be main entrance and that was why a turn lane was installed. Brown stated he had been talking to IDOT about reducing the speed limit but he did not anticipate there being a stop light installed.

Lynn stated there are runners who run down the middle of the road rather than use the sidewalk. Harpst stated that happened all over town.

There being no further discussion, **Cook moved, Harpst seconded, "TO PLACE AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A STOP INTERSECTION AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS ON THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR THE JULY 26, 2016 BOARD MEETING." ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.**

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PARKING ON CERTAIN STREETS AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF MAHOMET

Crowley reviewed the Exhibit that had been prepared and included in the packet.

He noted Thornewood Drive was a new street and had been designated no parking when it was designed.

He noted that Jefferson Street from Main - Franklin South bound was being requested to be no parking due to the new Fire Department Annex, which now makes it difficult for through traffic if cars are parked on both sides of the street. Brown stated this area is also affected at the time of school drop off and pick up even though the school implemented a policy for the dropping off and picking up of students.

Crowley noted that the area on Division from the Bus Barn to Dorchester had become an emergency response issue, with several requests from residents in that area to prohibit parking there.

Crowley stated the Board had discussed the parking issues impacting 704 Hickory, which is located adjacent to Taylor field. He noted this was private property with a business that had traffic during evening and weekends which overlapped with recreation events. He noted the person renting this facility had asked for it to be posted no parking.

Crowley stated that Jennifer Drive from Main to Dianne Lane was currently designated on the north side as No Parking. Crowley stated over the last several years parking had increased on west side of the road. He stated this had created issues immediately south of Dianne Lane and also in the areas north and south of Oda Drive.

Crowley displayed several photos of the subject area on July 2 showing 5 vehicles parked in the area. He displayed another photo showing the area further south on the southbound side of the street. He stated it can get so congested there he was surprised there has not been accidents there. He also stated he was surprised there were not accidents during snow plowing or icy conditions.

Trustee Metzger asked what about the residents are supposed to do when they have company. Brown stated the biggest issue was during school times when traffic was increased. He added that the street was functioning differently than it was designed.

Brown stated it is a dangerous situation. Olinger asked if there had been complaints from residents in this area. Brown stated he had complaints but was not sure where those complaining lived.

Olinger stated he understood people needed additional parking and asked the Chief what he would do if it was Christmas Day and there was no snow but people were parking on both sides of the street.

Brown stated once you make exceptions you open a can of worms. He stated there were other streets in town that were designated no parking and the residents dealt with it in different ways. He stated some even added additional parking pads on their property.

Crowley reiterated that the area was a problem at other times, not just in the winter

Metzger stated there are a lot of parking issues in this town that they choose not enforce unless there is a complaint from someone. He stated if they enforced all the no-parking violations the Board would be angry with him. He noted holidays and special occasions were a valid point, but did agree if you start building in exceptions it gets confusing to the residents.

Cook stated as a property owner in the subject area she agreed it does get congested, but she believed that property values would decrease if there was no parking in front of the properties and it would be a hardship for her tenants. She asked what happens if a service provider was called to do maintenance, and questions where are they supposed to park their trucks and equipment.

Cook suggested installing a 3-way stop at Jennifer and Dianne Lane to help reduce the speed. She also suggested cutting Turner through to State Street.

Brown stated staff had made the effective date as Oct. 1 in order to contact the residents in the area and allow them time to make arrangements if an additional parking pad would need to be built.

Eric Cook, 1406 Kimela Drive, stated his main concern was for the service industries and where would they be able to park to access their trucks and other equipment. He also agreed it get congested and suggested prohibiting parking during certain hours such as 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. and/or 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. He also agreed a stop sign on Dianne would be helpful.

Barbara Cook, a property owner in the area, stated it was unfair to block off both sides of the street. She noted that her tenants were not allowed trailers, boats, etc. and they are not allowed to park in front of their residences. She added that she was also concerned where repair people would park their equipment.

Trustee Cook stated that if the tenants park in their driveway then the sidewalk would be blocked. Mr. Cook stated that there had been times he would need to arrive for emergency repairs at night and if the tenant was parked in the driveway there was nowhere for him to park his equipment.

Crowley stated something needed to be done because there are times this area was a nightmare and it is only getting worse.

Brown stated there is "no parking" on Franklin and they have no more parking than the places on Jennifer.

Trustee Cook stated the village was adding expense to property owners and some properties do not have room for an additional parking pad. Barbara Cook agreed this would be a great expense to the homeowner.

After discussion, Metzger stated he would agree with a designated no parking zone for a certain section of the street.

The Board also discussed making Jennifer Drive a snow route, which would vacate the street for snow plowing.

Trustee Cook stated there was actually only one person causing the bottleneck.

Crowley did not think the stop sign on Dianne would work due to the two duplexes that have driveways that would interfere with a stop sign.

Brown stated staff would rethink the restrictions on Jennifer Drive and bring something to the Board meeting for review.

Harpst stated he agreed with designated hours but wondered how this would be affected during football season.

Widener directed staff to investigate a time restriction and other recommendations.

Metzger volunteered to meet with staff and work with them on a solution.

Harpst moved, Metzger seconded, "AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PARKING ON CERTAIN STREETS AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF MAHOMET ON THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR THE JULY 26, 2016 BOARD MEETING WITH REVISIONS TO JENNIFER DRIVE." ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

MONTHLY REPORTS:

WATER/WASTEWATER:

No questions

TRANSPORTATION:

No questions

OTHER:

Brown stated the Car Show went well and he really appreciated Crowley and his crew getting Main Street ready for the show. Metzger stated it was a great day and a great turn out.

Brown also reported the Transportation Department received new barricades today.

Crowley stated the pug schedule was a day behind due to weather. He stated if the rain holds out and it is not raining in the morning crews would be completing Maple and Dunbar from Division to Center. He anticipated starting on Walnut Street the week of July 18th.

Cook asked about the pumps at Bridleleash Park. She stated there was a cord running through the water. Crowley explained that the pumps had been pulled out, repaired and reinstalled. He noted that around April or May one quit working and that since then the other one stopped working. Crowley stated it was not the right design to start with and should have been built similar to the sanitary lift station. He stated they are low flow pumps and he was not sure what to do next and was open to suggestions. He did note that the pump that is there gets unplugged if it is going to rain in order to not burn it up.

Brown stated Crowley had prepared a list of needed repairs for the Bike Path on Lake of the Woods Road and that those repairs have been completed.

Brown stated there would be a presentation at the July 26th Board meeting by Don Elmore from the Small Business Development Center. He stated Elmore would be discussing what programs are available to small businesses in town.

Brown noted that he has been working on displaying the history of Mahomet. He noted a large rock had been donated. He stated he went to look at the rock and it would work to display the plaque anticipated. He stated he would be working on obtaining a cost for the plaque.

Brown reminded the Board of the CIMOA – July 21st in Gibson City. He stated 6:00 p.m. would be dinner with the program beginning at 7:00 p.m. He suggested anyone interested should email him by 10:00 a.m. tomorrow for reservation.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Widener stated the next Study Session would be at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 19th and the Board of Trustees meeting would be held Tuesday July, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business from Trustees.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, **Cook moved, Harpst seconded, "TO ADJOURN AT 7:00 P.M." ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Cheryl Sproul

Cheryl Sproul
Village Clerk

approved as presented, July 26, 2016