

# **Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission**

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

1:00 p.m.

A regular scheduled meeting of the Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission was held Wednesday, January 4, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in the Warsaw Police Department training room. **Voting members in attendance were: Joel Beam, Jeff Beeler, Dirk Felger, Connie Fribley, Kip Shuter, Jeremy Skinner, and Jack Wilhite.** Cindy Dobbins and Steve Foster were absent (excused). Ex-Officio members in attendance were: Joe Thallemer (Mayor), James Emans (City Engineer), and Scott Whitaker (Chief of Police). Also in attendance were: Justin Taylor (Assistant City Planner), David Slone (Times-Union), and Melissa Sorenson (Ink Free News).

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Kip Shuter called the meeting to order.

## **ORAL OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Minutes of the November 2, 2016, Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission meeting were approved. Joel Beam made motion, seconded by Jeremy Skinner.

## **APPOINTMENT AND OATH FOR 2017**

Mayor Thallemer read the oath to member Jeremy Skinner. Steve Foster's oath is still outstanding. Mayor Thallemer reminded the board that last year's oath covers the remaining members until the member resigns or is replaced, per ordinance.

## **ELECTION OF WARSAW TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION SECRETARY**

Joel Beam motioned for Steve Foster to remain as secretary. Second by Jeremy Skinner. Motion carried unanimously.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1. DETROIT at POPE – ALL WAY STOP:** – Commission previously tabled this discussion to get traffic data. MACOG's data was received and supplied along with updated crash data. Kip Shuter presented the MUTCD criteria and noted that the crash data does not support all-way stop installation. Volume data was supported for all approaches but the Pope Street delay was not supported. There is a concern that stopping Detroit Street traffic south of the intersection with the proximity to Prairie Street will back up traffic and potentially cause accidents. Another concern that stopping southbound may create a backup up to State Road 15 north of the intersection. The civic plus request noted the "gateless railroad crossing" and traffic stopping on the tracks. Mayor Thallemer reminded the commission that this crossing, along with several others, will have gates and safety upgrades installed later this year. The commission discussed the area as a whole and inquired whether changes at the Detroit and Prairie Street intersection may improve the flow and allow traffic the gap to safely turn at Detroit and Pope. Kip Shuter motioned to deny the all-way stop request and also moved to look at the area further, including the Detroit and Prairie intersection. Second by Dirk Felger. Motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. MUTUAL BANK EXIT onto LAKE STREET** – Kip Shuter reported that he was again contacted by Mutual Bank branch manager, Stephanie Salyer, about the difficulty of patrons and

staff unable to see traffic due to the angled parking on the west side of the street when exiting the lot. The issue started when the parking became unlimited and vehicles fill the spaces all day long. Stephanie noted that since Little Caesars moved in across the street, parking on both sides of Lake Street is almost always full. Note that the traffic commission previously approved removal of one space. The commission discussed the options available that included removal of another parking space, or change from angle to parallel parking. Jeremy Skinner noted that this same situation occurs all over downtown. After discussion, Jeff Beeler motioned to table to get accurate measurements of the location, including the width of the southbound lane. Second by Jeremy Skinner.

2. **2 HOUR PARKING CHANGE to UNLIMITED - 200 BLOCK W. MARKET** - Kip Shuter reported that Mutual Bank suggested opening up the angle parking on the north side of Market Street west on Lake Street to unlimited parking since First Source Bank has moved out. Jeremy Skinner will contact the new building owners to determine their needs.

### **OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD:**

The next regular scheduled meeting – February 1, 2017.

Kip Shuter moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kip L. Shuter". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Kip L. Shuter  
WTSC Administrator