

HAMDEN BOARD OF TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
MAY 12, 2010

Attending: Raeann Curtis, Reginald Higgins, Michael Iezzi, Elliott Kerzner, Gerald Migliaro, Police Chief Wydra, Town Attorney Sue Gruen

Absent: Deputy Chief Cappiello

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kerzner at 7:00 p.m., Deputy Chief Cappiello not present for the meeting

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Kerzner entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 14, 2010. Ms. Curtis motioned to accept the minutes seconded by Mr. Migliaro. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Department Report

- a. Review of department activity – Chief Wydra reviewed the report with nothing unusual at this time and noted that the state project for Mt. Carmel. Ave. and West Woods Road is proceeding on schedule. Also the Whitney Ave. signal project is also proceeding.
- b. Items of concern – Nothing at this time.
- c. Review of site plans – Nothing at this time.
- d. Correspondence – items in packet

Public/Media Comments on Agenda Items

Mrs. Rosemary Schaeffer, 26 Ursini Dr. – Mrs. Schaeffer addressed the Commission regarding the Second Annual Block Party scheduled for Saturday, August 28, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, August 29, 2010. Mrs. Schaeffer advised the Commission that the event last year was a success, the neighbors got to meet new residents but have moved it up this year because the September date last year was a little cool. The neighbors will be notified as required and there is access for any emergency situation that may arise. Mrs. Schaeffer hopes the Commission will approve this request.

Old Business

- a. Putnam Ave. Bike Lane – The Whitneyville Civic Association is not present for any further discussion and Chief Wydra advises the Commission he has no new information on this item. This item will be continued for the June 2010 meeting.

New Business

- a. Ursine Drive Neighborhood Block Party August 28, 2010 – Chief Wydra commended the group on the map provided for the meeting and recommends that the Commission approve the request. Mr. Migliaro motioned to approve the

- request for the August 28, 2010 date and the rain date of August 29, 2010 with the event being held from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and the proper notices to the neighbors being sent out and any assistance from the Police Department being secured, seconded by Mr. Iezzi. *The motion carried unanimously.*
- b. 29 Dix St., request for “Handicapped Parking” sign – Chief Wydra advised the Commission that a call was received by Mr. Brazza advising him that this request is withdrawn. Mr. Brazza requested the caller please send a letter as they had for the sign but they refused. This matter is closed.
 - c. Traffic lights on Dixwell Ave. – Chief Wydra advised the Commission that this is an open case and that they may never find the driver of the vehicle who hit the pedestrian. He noted that there are no cross walks or traffic lights between the lights at Mather St. and Treadwell St. and unfortunately the victim crossed the street illegally. He noted that to install a traffic light would request the Dept. of Transportation be involved and in fact the area doesn’t warrant a light. Another factor is the cost of such light. Chief Wydra would like a letter to go to Mrs. Spruel advising her of these facts. Chairman Kerzner will prepare the letter to be reviewed by the Town Attorney Sue Gruen. No further action to be taken on this item.
 - d. Ms. Curtis motioned to add the request from Mr. Maurice Smith for the Freddie Fixer Parade, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. *The motion carried unanimously.* Chairman Kerzner inquired how the request was submitted and Chief Wydra advised the Commission that the letter was hand delivered on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 with no previous notice of it being sent. Chairman Kerzner noted that a last minute request like this should not happen as this is an annual event. He inquired of Chief Wydra if he had spoken with Mr. Smith and as of the meeting this evening Mr. Smith has not contact the department. Chief Wydra noted that the department has worked with the organization for many years and will contact Mr. Smith and make all the necessary arrangements. Chief Wydra recommends approval of the request. Mr. Higgins motioned to approve the request of the organization with the necessary requirements of the department being met, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Open Discussion – Commissioners/Department Heads – Mr. Migliaro inquired if larger “Stop” signs are possible at the intersection of Ridge and Park Roads. He noted the sign is high and maybe if a larger brighter sign were installed it may help with the traffic problem in the area. He also inquired if “Stop” could be painted on the road. Chief Wydra noted that this is a problem area and that the recently installed chevrons haven’t made a difference and that enforcement would have to be increased. Chief Wydra said there may be something they can spray on the signs to make them brighter and possibly painting the pole a bright striking color may help, he will check with the technicians about this.

Adjournment

At 7:22 p.m. Ms. Curtis motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. *The motion carried unanimously.*

***The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, June 9th, 2010, in the Activity Room,
Miller Library Complex 7:00 p.m.***

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk