

Minutes

June 22, 2021

1. Opening of Meeting

Mr Rajagopal called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.
All Trustees and Fiscal Officer were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance 6:00 PM

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Presentations

a. Presentation on Traffic Calming by Staff

Mr Milz gave a staff presentation on Traffic Calming. The 4 highlights of the presentation were.

1. Background and Current Policy
2. Best Practices & Peer Practices
3. Preliminary Traffic Data

4. Recommendation & way Forward - Staff recommends the Board of Trustees evaluate the existing traffic calming policy for improvements or changes based on the research and best practices. Based on the various studies conducted, a reduction in lane width is usually the most effective traffic calming tool and should be considered first.

4. Citizens Address

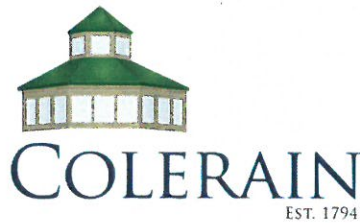
Pete Burrell - I've live in the area for about two years now. I also work for Rumpke. Around 12:00 to 2:30pm, especially during the school year, I see people trying to fly around Niagara, I live on Coleen, trying to avoid the busses. I can hear loud cars and motorcycles flying down the road. It just doesn't seem safe. I don't want to see a kid get hit coming off a bus or something.

Mr Unger - Are you in a front loader or rear pickup?

Mr Burrell - I'm in a rear pick up.

Mr Unger - Your equipment clears speed humps? Mr Burrell - Yes, it clears it.

Eric Reifenberger - I can back up what he said about Coleen. There is a lot of speeding up Coleen. My son was almost hit one morning waiting for the school bus. There's also problems with people going around the school busses. It's becoming a really dangerous



situation. We're terrified with people moving into the neighborhood that someone is going to get struck.

Rich McVay - Appreciates the board talking about the issue and appreciates the presentation Mr Milz gave. Traffic calming is a topic in most communities around the country. Speed tables, speed bumps, chicanes and all these kind of things have been tried across the U.S. and Europe and as you would imagine, some of these options are pretty expensive. So what it goes back to is speed table kind of things to slow vehicles down. Tables are systemic in slowing cars down. They're pretty cost effective. Taking them out is not a big issue. Data shows one speed table is not going to do the trick. It's a shame a resident has to come up hear and plead for a solution. Why has it taken us 5 years to get to this point?

Lori McMullin - First I wanted to thank you for organizing this. So far it's been pretty eye opening. The policy for 80-85% for speeders over 10, that is a huge limiter. We need to change those numbers. I don't think even on Niagara we will be able to reach 80-85%. In that case, our conversation's over if you keep that in the policy. Chicanes are effective, but expensive. Maybe when we do our test, we can do a few options.

Connie Goff - I usually don't say a whole lot. This is very aggravating. I live on Niagara and I hear cars going by that sound like airplanes. I am tired. I have begged. I have told everybody. Something has to be done before someone is killed. Don't wait until one of our kids are killed.

Trustees comments

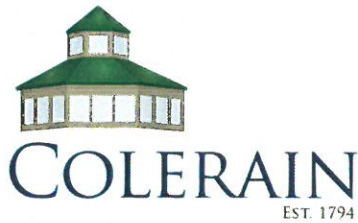
Mr Unger - A couple years ago there was a similar problem on Memory and Johnrose. A resident invited me over and I went there and spent 45 minutes. All 25 cars that drove by blew through the stop sign. What ended up happening was painting crosswalks and a 12 inch wide stop bar. I imagine there is still somewhat of a problem there but that seemed to help. One idea might be to paint a center line to make the lanes appear smaller. One of the issues with speed bumps and speed humps, people with lower profile cars that have a spoiler on the front. If you go fast enough it will damage it. Would the township be responsible for that? One thing I learned from my discussion with Green Township is that they've concluded that most of the speeders live in the neighborhood. I'm fine with doing whatever the consensus of the board wants to do.

Mr Wahlert - First off, Mr Milz, how many of these speed boxes do we have

Mr Milz - I believe we have five.

Mr Wahlert - The people going around the school bus, I view that as a much different issue. I think if we make a visible presence there, that will help.

One thing I wanted to leave here with is something tangible that we can do. I would like for us to buy three of the temporary devices and work with the community to see where



we should put those in. I don't care if we buy 3 different devices or all the same. My goal for the next meeting is to specifically outline what we're going to do.

Mr Rajagopal - I did extensive research and a county named Arondale County started a process in 1999 and got the votes for speed humps. I drive many times through there and I see people speeding. There's lots of pros and cons but what I'd like to do is to request Chief Walls input

Chief Walls - From my perspective I would be a hypocrite to stand here opposed of traffic calming devices. The only thing I would ask, and I reference a study done in Portland. We're having a public discussion to handle the issue of traffic calming devices. I want our community to be safe.

Chief Denney - I agree with Chief Walls. It allows us to accomplish our mission. I would only ask that the research is done. We have no opposition at all.

Mr Rajagopal - the last few days I've spoke to administrators in Green Township and West Chester Township to get some ideas of how they've handled the problems there. It is my goal to make this happen as quickly as possible.

5. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Unger

All voted Yes.

Special Meeting adjourned at 6:57PM

Fiscal Officer

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