

Town of Vernon
Vernon of Traffic Authority

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Meeting called to order: 7:01 P.M.

Present: Jon Paul Roden, Chief Kenny, Charlie Bettinger, Robert Kleinhans

Absent: Michael Desmond, Lucas Watson, Mason Thrall

Chief Kenny noted that no meeting was held on January 14, 2010 due to lack of agenda items.

Motion to accept Minutes for the December 10, 2009 regular meeting made by Charlie Bettinger, second by Jon Paul Roden. Discussion identified that the last name of Robert Kleinhans was misspelled in three locations. Motion amended to accept minutes with corrections made by Charlie Bettinger, second by Jon Paul Roden. Passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: Request for No Outlet signage on Estelle Drive and Susan Road.

Correspondence was received from Maureen Donahue requesting the signage due to vehicles being diverted from highway entering neighborhood looking for detour back to highway. Donahue states vehicles enter area and cannot find way out so they turn around and leave at high rate of speed.

Motion to install signage at the entrance to Estelle Drive and Susan Road made by Robert Kleinhans, second by Charlie Bettinger. Passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4: Review of proposed residential development 41 Pleasant Street. Lee and Lamont Realty. (Heard out of order and applicant for Item #3 was not present)

Present for applicant was Attorney Len Jacobs, Jacobs, Walker Rice & Barry, LLC and James Bubaris P.E. Bubaris Traffic Associates.

Atty. Jacobs presented proposed site plan for a 35 residence subdivision on Pleasant Street with one residence on Snipsic Street.

James Bubaris presented a traffic plan which should that the residential street will accept the additional traffic load.

Robert Kleinhans indicated that he had concerns for snow removal as plows would be forced to back on Pleasant Street by the intersection with Ann Street and there would be no place for stockpiling snow.

James Bubaris indicated that he had concerns with traffic from subdivision exiting area using Ann Street due to restricted sight line. He suggested "no left turn" signage be installed at the intersection with Ann Street for traffic exiting subdivision.

Chief Kenny expressed concerns regarding fire apparatus maneuvering subdivision and blocking access road. Robert Kleinhans requested that a cul-de-sac be installed at entrance to facilitate DPW maintenance vehicles and fire apparatus turning around.

Jim Bubaris indicated that his study of traffic used 40 template for fire apparatus. Charlie Bettinger stated his concern that VFD aerial truck was 48 feet long and might not make turns. Jim Bubaris indicated that roadway intersections and curves could be adjusted to accommodate larger apparatus.

Jim Bubaris suggested and Atty. Jacobs agreed that one side of road could be posted no parking without impacting planned parking.

Atty. Jacobs indicated that he was willing to work with project engineer to accommodate requests and re-present at next meeting.

Charlie Bettinger made motion to postpone decision on project until applicant can be re-heard, second made by Jon Paul Roden. Passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 review of site plan for proposed propane storage facility, 60/62 Industrial Park Road- Ray Violette applicant.

Karen Violette – president Preferred Propane appeared as applicant was not available.

Violette indicated that new facility would have bulk delivered during over night and only day time traffic would be company bobtail delivery vehicles.

Chief Kenny noted that planned location was at end of cul-de-sac and would have little impact on traffic.

Robert Kleinhans was concerned that driveway access on plans showed gravel construction to pavement. Felt that the apron at minimum should be paved so gravel would not be carried into roadway.

Chief Kenny made motion to accept plan with the stipulation that the apron consistent with zoning regulations be installed at exit onto Industrial Park Road, seconded by Robert Kleinhas. Passed unanimously.

Old Business: Jon Paul Roden indicated that the required stop sign at condo complex on Gottier Drive had not been installed. Vehicles were still exiting development without stopping. Chief Kenny indicated he would look into mater and send letter to developer.

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn at 7:57 made by Charlie Bettinger, second by Robert Kleinhans. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

James L. Kenny

Chairman, Vernon Traffic Authority