

**Traffic and Safety Committee Minutes
October 16, 2018**

Present:

Paul Odenwelder, Lauren Brickner-McDonald, Lisa Duke- Lees, Eva Mesicek, Chief Shawn Bennett. Sgt. Gil Benitez, Dan Happer.

- 1. Minutes of June 26th meeting approved.**
- 2. Paul announced his stepping down from the chair position and named the new Chair, Gordon Stuss, who was not present this day. Thank you Paul for your dedication and hard work.**

3. Chief's report:

Sgt. Gil reported on Helping Hands program at Wildwood school, looking for additional homes. All members of the household have to be fingerprinted.

Walk to school encouraged, possibility of alternate routes from the condos explored. The pass through the woods to the Village is not feasible, new sidewalks proposals need to be reviewed by the town engineer. No funding available.

Coffee With a Cop took place at the Mountain Lakes Club, not well attended.

4. Old business:

Line striping not finished, awaiting completion of road paving.

No funds for new sidewalks

Missing signs replaced or fixed.

Proposals for crossing on Boulevard and Glen sent to town engineer. The police, with assistance of AAA, are looking at alternatives. It is difficult due to poor visibility.

Chief Shawn presented graphs of traffic studies.

Conclusion is that even though the drivers exceed speed limits, there is not a large percentage of serious violations.

Concerning Glen Road traffic, not many complaints so far this year.

There are complaints about traffic congestion by the high school. It is mainly caused by the 25 school buses and vans, and students and teachers leaving the parking lots.

Sgt. Gil is checking the buses for safety belts and licenses.

The sending districts are responsible for the buses compliance with the regulations.

There is a noticeable increase in traffic on Intervale Rd. coming from Rt. 46, even before the businesses open in the new development.

Drivers use this route as a shortcut to avoid congestion on the highways.

5. New Business:

Lauren reported on preparations for Halloween Safe Zone.

Candy collections are at the library, Borough Hall, Wildwood and Briarcliff schools.

Chief Shawn is contacting Costco.

Sgt. Gil will organize a trailer party at Wildwood with aim to get candy donations.

CERT members will help with candy distribution and at the houses on Halloween.

The police are doing their tremendous share to make this event safe.

The Koys will have music.

If there is a second zone near the schools, police can just provide barricades, as there is not enough man power for more.

Possible parking change at Midvale and Morris Ave - there is a blind spot crossing from the steps if cars are parked all the way to the zebra. Chief Shawn suggested painting a yellow line 25 feet down. Other suggestion is painting stripes.

Installation of crosswalk on Pocono and Boulevard is difficult due to lack of direct access to the sidewalk. May be possible further down at East Shore Dr.

Fall inspection by members, looking for blind spots, overgrown bushes, street lights out.

6. Public comments:

Residents in the Village complained about a car parked long term at Crescent and Center Dr.

By law cars cannot be parked on the roads for more than 48 hours.

7. Next meeting Tuesday January 15, 2019 at 5:30 at the Borough Hall.