

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**JANUARY 4, 2023, MEETING MINUTES**  
**Village Hall**  
**740 Hillgrove Avenue, Board Room**  
**Western Springs, IL 60558**  
**January 4, 2023 @ 8:00 a.m.**

Present

Chair Lewis, Member Tyrrell, President Gallagher, Village Manager Baer, Director Kelly, Director Koza

Chair Lewis moved to open committee meeting, seconded by Member Tyrrell. The motion passed on a roll call vote. Voting aye: Chair Lewis and Member Tyrrell. The Public Health and Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Agenda Items

1. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. Approval of Minutes

Member Tyrrell moved, seconded by Chair Lewis, to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 1, 2022, as read. The motion passed on a roll call vote. Voting aye: Chair Lewis and Member Tyrrell. Voting nay: None.

3. Review and Consideration of Proposed Traffic Control Improvements at Hillgrove and Prospect Avenues

Member Tyrrell asked for an overview from Village Engineer Jeff Koza

Engineer Koza reported the project is substantially complete, however the rapid repeating flashing beacon (RRFB) has not been installed at Prospect and Hillgrove. The Burlington side has some additional design being considered as well. With the new conditions and substantially different condition with the addition of the underpass in this area, we received a petition from a resident who lives nearby to consider an all-way stop at Hillgrove and Prospect at the tunnel. A stop will require a car to stop and potentially minimize the risk. V3 was asked to provide a report. It didn't quite qualify for an all-way stop in this location, however, the report provides for engineering common sense to be used in this case, per the project plan the RRFB is an option or an alternatively we can forego those and install the stop sign now. The Transportation and Safety Commission reviewed this matter on December 20, 2022, and it was recommended to install the RRFB as designed and review the crossing during peak months.

Chair Lewis asked if the RRFB could be reused, and Director Koza explained that it could be reused on the Burlington side of the project if approvals can be secured. An overview of the RRFB was provided by Director Koza. President Gallagher pointed out that the RRFB does require the individual to press the button.

Member Tyrrell asked for the Committee to recommend more than the RRFB. Chair Lewis stated that although he always tries to support the work of the Commission, he would support the recommendation of a three-way stop at the intersection. Member Tyrrell asked that the full board consider that option.

President Gallagher applauded this recommendation in the interest of safety.

Director Koza indicated we would work with the contractor to design the crossing and reuse the RRFB for the Burlington side of the project if possible. There are several options for that side of the project and the petitioners are requesting consideration on the south side.

4. Fire Department Vendors

Director of Fire & EMS Chief Mike Kelly reviewed the vendors that do not have a separate contract with the Village but could potentially exceed the purchasing thresholds as defined by the Board. Each vendor will be added to the Finance Committee review of the full list from all departments.

5. Police Department Vendors

In the absence of Deputy Chief Niezgoda, Chief Kelly reviewed the Police Department vendors that do not have separate contracts but could potentially exceed the purchasing thresholds as defined by the Board. These vendors will also be added to the Finance Committee review of the full vendor list from all departments.

6. Adjourn

Chair Lewis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Tyrrell. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen J. Baer

Village Manager