



Meeting: Village Board
Meeting Date: 10/08/2012
Agenda Item: #7d

Mission Statement

Delivering quality services in a courteous, cost-effective and efficient manner.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING STAFF REPORT

REPORT TO: Burt R. McIntyre, President
Village Board of Trustees

REPORT FROM: Geoffrey S. Farr, PE, Director of Public Works

AGENDA ITEM: Review and Take Action on Ordinance 2012-15 "An ordinance creating section 34-151 (9) of the Howard Village Code relating speed limits and the addition of a new 15 mph school zone.

POLICY ISSUE

Should the Village Board approve a new school zone on Glendale Avenue in front of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Staff received a call from the Village's Directed Enforcement Officer, Jim Dagneau, regarding enforcement of a school speed zone at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Currently the church operates a school that now holds 4-year-old kindergarten classes for the Howard-Suamico School District. As a result, traffic congestion has grown with more kids being dropped off. While not a great deal of kids walk to school on their own at that age, parents and very young children are in close proximity to the roadway, which presents a hazard.

Deputy Dagneau observed traffic on several days and felt that is was an unsafe condition and that traffic was traveling too fast, which warrants a lower posted speed. I spoke with Pastor Lauzarich of the church who is in support of the reduced speed school zone.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW

None

FISCAL IMPACT:

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| 1. Is There A Fiscal Impact? | <u>Yes</u> |
| 2. Is it Currently Budgeted? | <u>Yes</u> |
| 3. If Budgeted, Which Line? | <u>Street</u>
<u>Operations</u> |
| 4. Amount? | <u>\$500</u> |

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Village staff recommends that the Village Board approve Ordinance 2012-15 creating section 34-151 (9) of the Howard Village Code relating to speed limits.

If the Village Board were in favor of this policy action, the following motion may be made:

“Motion to approve Ordinance 2012-15 creating section 34-151 (9) of the Howard Village Code relating to speed limits”.

POLICY ALTERNATIVE(S)

The Village Board could take the following actions:

- Approve the ordinance to improve pedestrian safety.
- Not approve or modify the ordinance.
- Table the issue and request more information.

ATTACHED INFORMATION

- I. Ordinance 2012-15

COPIES FORWARDED TO:

- I. None

ORDINANCE No. 2012-15

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 34-151 (9)
OF THE TRAFFIC & VEHICLES CODE OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE
VILLAGE OF HOWARD RELATING TO SPEED LIMITS**

**THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF HOWARD, BROWN COUNTY, WISCONSIN DOES
ORDAIN THAT SECTION 34-151 (9), TRAFFIC CODE, BE CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

The Village Board hereby determines that the speed limit on the following streets or portions thereof are unreasonable, unsafe, and imprudent for a school zone when children are present and establishes a school zone speed limit pursuant to section 346.57(4)(a) & (b) of the Wisconsin Statutes as follows:

Section 1. 34-151 Maximum Speed – Fifteen miles per hour (school zones when children are present). The speed limit on the following streets shall be 15 miles per hour in school zones when children are present.

(9) Glendale Avenue, from 150 feet east of Velsen Road to 125 feet east of Marydale Drive.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication.

Approved this 8th day of October, 2012.

Burt R. McIntyre, Village President

Christopher Haltom, Village Clerk

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