

August 13, 2024 Minutes Saugerties Transportation Advisory Committee

Attending: Vinnie McLaughlin, Vince Buono, Ray Mayone, Kevin Brown, Jorge Castagnolia, Diane Mueller, Doug Myer , Leeanne Thornton

Absent: Lou Klepner, Mary McNamara, Barbara Budik, Glenn Jones, Carl Mueller

Minutes of the May 14, 2024 were approved with a correction Motion made by Doug, seconded by Vinnie

Town Updates- Ray- We lucked out with recent rains, no major damage, village streets newly paved, Lafayette and John St. with the Village. The Glasco Market St. project will be broken down into 2 phases 1. To eliminate the water coming through the ground 1A stone- French drains Phase 2 go out to bid potentially 24,000 tons of stone for deep trenches. This is an emergency job, Bond package will need to be created estimate \$1.5 million, plans by Gifford Engineering. Mowing is being done daily, weather permitting. Black Walnut farm wants to build a private road on town right of way.

Village Update- Kevin

Lafayette St. sink hole repairs complete and bluestone sidewalk replacement underway in the village. Leeanne commented on the need to trim tree branches on 9W by the end of Overbaugh St. south to Melt Away Bakery due to visibility issues. Also tree limbs by the traffic light at the intersection of Washington Ave. and Main by the diner blocks one of the lights. Vince reported that the crosswalks by Mother Goose and other areas have been painted. Stop signs were placed by the Village to slow the traffic by the Methodists Church. A discussion followed concerning the speed in the village, could it be lowered since 9W is a state highway. Vinnie reported that the county has supported communities that want to reduce speed limits. He is willing to carry a resolution for the village. Leeanne commented on the number of cars that just go right through the new stop signs. Perhaps they can move the speed monitor signs or place a police car on Washington Ave. to slow people down. The beach area has seen a great deal of sand washed away from the recent storms.

Police Update- Jorge

We have a newly appointed interim Chief, KJ Swart. Jorge reported that there have been several serious accidents on Rte. 212 and Old Kings Hwy. The Dept. is down 6 staff members. There are officers going to Phase 2 firearms and communication skill training. Vince asked about Police presence at Mt. Marion school. Due to budget cuts no one is assigned there at this time. Apparently, there are missing signs 9W/Malden turnpike?? The question of establishing an alternate truck route, home rule etc. to deal with HITS vehicles and other large trucks.

The next meeting will be October 8th at 6:30.

Minutes by- Leeanne Thornton