

VILLAGE OF EPHRAIM

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Community Protection Committee Agenda
Thursday January 4, 2024, 3:30 PM
Village Hall 9996 Water Street

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1. Call to order
2. Changes in Agenda
3. Previous minutes – December 7, 2023
4. Visitors' comments
5. Discussion on Various Topics with Wisconsin DNR Warden Mike Neal
6. Discussion on Overhead Lighting within the Village
7. Discussion on Vision Triangles with Ephraim Code of Ordinances
8. Update on Request from the Village to Sheriff's Office for more patrol on CTY Q
9. Discussion on General Safety Issues in the Village
10. New business for next meeting
11. Adjournment

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	Date <u>12/27/2023</u>
<hr/> Andrea Collak, Clerk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village Administrative Office
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitors' Center
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post Office
<hr/> Kim Roberts, Deputy Clerk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website: ephrain.wi.gov
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**VILLAGE OF EPHRAIM
COMMUNITY PROTECTION COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023 – 3:30 PM
9996 WATER STREET**



ACTION ITEMS:

Cox moved, Krist seconded to approve the minutes of October 9, 2023, all ayes. Motion carried.

The consensus of the committee members present was for Mulliken to express the desire of the committee to the Village President and Administrator to have the Village send a formal request to the Door County Sheriff's Department for year-round patrol monitoring of CTH Q to determine how to proceed.

Kirst moved, Dukehart seconded to adjourn at 4:11 PM, all ayes. Motion carried.

Present: John Cox, Tad Dukehart, Laird Hart, Keith Krist, and Carly Mulliken - Chair.

Absent: None.

Staff: Justin MacDonald – Village of Ephraim Fire Chief and Kim Roberts - Deputy Clerk.

Guests: None.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mulliken at 3:30 PM. A quorum was present for this meeting.

2. **Changes to the agenda:** There were no changes.

3. **Approval of the previous minutes:**

Cox moved, Krist seconded to approve the minutes of October 9, 2023, all ayes. Motion carried.

4. **Visitors' Comments:** There were no comments.

5. **Discussion on various topics with Door County Highway Commissioner Thad Ash:**

Thad Ash of the Door County Highway Department provided an update on extending the 25 mph speed zone on CTH Q. He explained that a request would need to be made to the State, including a letter from the Village requesting the reduction, why the reduction was being requested, and a request for a speed study to be conducted. The State will not accept data from the trailer speed board; it must be an anonymous study conducted by a consultant to obtain a true picture of the speed zone. The speed study will also review five (5) years of data pertaining to accidents, complaints, driveways, obstructions, and vision measurements all of which would take approximately two (2) months. The consultants who complete the speed study will make a recommendation to the State and then the State will make a final determination. The Village would have to pay for the speed study which is estimated to cost between four thousand (\$4,000) and eight thousand dollars (\$8,000). Ash recommended that if the Village wanted to pursue the request and speed study, it should be conducted closer to summer to have an accurate picture of traffic.

A discussion was held regarding the 25/35 mph speed zones on CTH Q. Dukehart felt the flags were a good first step to draw attention to the speed limits and suggested putting the trailer speed board back. Ash agreed. He suggested holding off on the request and study and making a plan to put the speed board back in spring. Cox asked if the county would allow a permanent speed board to be installed. Ash stated yes but the Village would be responsible for the cost and maintenance. Cox felt the effectiveness of the flags would wane over time so the permanent speed board could be considered at a later time. Ash suggested also making a request to the Door County Sheriff's Department to seek a patrol presence on CTH Q. He added that a formal request from the Village would carry more weight as a unified ask. The committee felt that there should be a year-round patrol presence. With less traffic in the off-season, speeds tend to increase. Cox requested that the monitoring of CTH Q be added to the next meeting agenda for an update as well as to determine if a motion is required from the committee.

The consensus of the committee members present was for Mulliken to express the desire of the committee to the Village President and Administrator to have the Village send a formal request to the Door County Sheriff's Department for year-round patrol monitoring of CTH Q to determine how to proceed.

6. Discussion on PFU items that CPC Committee had questions on:

Mulliken provided an update to the committee on items that pertained to safety that had been previously discussed by CPC but belonged to the Physical Facilities & Utilities “PFU” Committee. She explained that she met with Meacham, Chairman of the PFU Committee, and MacDonald to determine how to deal with these requests. They agreed to meet to check in moving forward. Among the items discussed were: Trimming on Moravia Street, painting of crosswalks, and placement of crosswalk signs.

7. Discussion of general safety issues in the Village:

A discussion was held regarding general safety issues in the Village. Krist requested clarification on hunting on Land Trust land and what the rules were. He requested that it be placed on next month's agenda.

Cox discussed dark areas on the roadway within the Village that may be missing overhead lighting. He requested the item be placed on next month's agenda.

Dukehart asked if it would be possible to make a friendly request to residents to keep vegetation cut back for safety within the vision triangles. He requested the item be placed on next month's agenda.

8. New business for the next meeting:

- a. Update on a formal request from the Village to the Door County Sheriff's Department for more year-round patrol presence on CTH Q.
- b. Hunting on Door County Land Trust land within the Village. Request for clarification of rules as well as a request that the DNR Warden and Land Trust representatives attend the meeting.
- c. Overhead lighting within the Village: Visual inventory of dark areas on the roadway.
- d. Vision triangles within the Village: Locate provisions within the Ephraim Code of Ordinances for reference.

9. Adjournment:

Krist moved, Dukehart seconded to adjourn at 4:11 PM, all ayes. Motion carried.

Recorded by, Kim Roberts – Deputy Clerk

17.15(7) TRAFFIC VISIBILITY; VISION CLEARANCE.

(a) A vision triangle formed by the intersection of centerlines of public and/or private roads and a line connecting points on the centerlines of State roads 200' from the intersection, points on the centerlines of County roads 125' from the intersection and points on the centerlines of Village and private roads 100' from the intersection shall be established at every quadrant of intersecting roads. No obstructions, such as structures, parking or vegetation, shall be permitted in the triangle between the heights of 2 ½' and 10' above the point of intersection of the subject centerlines. Official traffic signs and communication and electrical poles may be placed in the vision triangles.

(b) A similar vision triangle shall be required at all private drive entrances to STH 42. The vision triangle shall be 40' from the functioning edge of the drive measured from the point where such drive edge connects with STH 42.

10.04 Discharge of Weapons.

For the purpose of this section, "firearm" means any rifle, shotgun, handgun, spring gun, pellet gun, air gun, or any other weapon from which a shot is discharged by an explosive or propellant. **

Discharge Prohibited. Except as provided herein, it is unlawful for any person to fire or discharge any type of firearm in the Village. Exceptions. The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

- A. State local or federal law enforcement officers, when necessary, in the normal course of their employment.
- B. Where the actor's conduct is privileged as self-defense or defense of others as provided by section 939.48 Wis. Stats.
- C. Any bona fide safety training course or practice firing held at a location approved by the Village Board other governmental agency.
- D. The honorary discharge of a firearm that involves the use of only blanks and that is part of any of the following does not apply and may not be enforced:
 - 1. An event, including a funeral, honoring a current or former member of the military, law enforcement officer, or professional fire fighter.
 - 2. Military honors provided at a cemetery on Memorial Day or Veterans Day.
 - 3. Military honors provided at a veterans memorial site.