

**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.**

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**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.

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**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