

Safety and Welfare Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 18th, 6:00 pm

Grand Rapids Town Hall Council Chambers

Committee members present: Sean Thiebaut, Louise Estep, Rick Tolles

Council members present: Doug Grey, Jody Donsbach, Mayor John Berry

Guests: Grand Rapids Fire Department Chief Eric Flora, Asst Chief Dave Alvord and Wood County Sheriff Mark Wasylshyn

The committee discussed the following topics:

1. New lighted stop signs at the intersection of ST RT 65 and ST RT 295. The committee discussed sign options and thought the signs with integrated led's would be the best option. ODOT will be contacted to confirm if only one sign at each side of the RT 65 intersection or both signs need to be led's.
2. Adoption of a village policy regarding a waiver of liability for volunteers working on village property. The villages' insurance carrier will be contacted to see if they have a policy regarding this.
3. Speeding/traffic concerns within the village. The sheriff asked for information such as license plate numbers and description of vehicles. The department will follow up with any individuals speeding or driving dangerously within the village. The committee asked the sheriff if there could be a law enforcement presence at the intersection of ST RT 65 and ST RT 295 the first two weeks of May to help increase visibility of the new 4 way stop as seasonal traffic increases in the area.
4. The committee heard a presentation of a proposal for a joint EMA board between the village and township from Connor Evans. The committee and guests asked questions regarding what issues needed to be addressed with a joint EMA board. The storm response from August of 2024 was discussed. The general consensus was that the response was good from the local fire department and local citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Thiebaut

Chairman Safety and Welfare Committee