

**VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

(Official Minutes)

SPECIAL MEETING of the VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thursday, May 5, 2016

Village President Pat Kenny called the special meeting of the Village Board to order at 5:45 pm in the Village Hall, 175 Valley View Drive, Fontana, Wisconsin.

Trustees Present: Roll call vote: President Pat Kenny, Rick Pappas, Dave Prudden, Arvid Petersen, Stan Livingston

Trustees Absent: Tom McGreevy, Tom Whowell

Also Present: Jade Bolack, Clerk Theresa Loomer, Administrator Dennis Martin, Police Chief Steve Olson

General Business

Reconsider South Lakeshore Drive Bridge Weight Limit

A weight limitation for the new bridge was set by the Village Board at the monthly meeting on May 2, 2016, for a weight of 8 tons or 16,000 pounds. Shortly after the meeting, several people mentioned they felt the approved weight was too low and it would not allow for a pickup truck towing a boat to cross over. Pappas asked if the objective is to extend the lifespan of the bridge, or eliminate the shortcut of commercial traffic using South Lakeshore Drive. Martin stated it is a highway rated bridge so the issue is not the longevity of the bridge, but eliminating the shortcut. Types of commercial vehicles that are favored to be banned were discussed, but Martin stated it is strictly based on weight and not type. Pappas stated that the Public Works Committee favored limiting traffic on South Lakeshore Drive and allowing residents and taxpayers to pull their boat over the bridge without having to worry that the weight limit may not allow some residents to do that. Martin noted that in an email from Village Engineer Terry Tavera he noted two key areas that would benefit from a weight restriction on the bridge. First, due to the curve and steep slope right before the bridge, trucks need to brake heavily, and second, soil borings taken for the bridge indicated poor soils near the bridge, both of which could lead to reduced life expectancy of the roadway. Both Prudden and Livingston described their vehicles, boats and trailers, and explained why the 15 ton weight limit would allow for them and the average boating resident to use the bridge as designed. Pappas said he disagreed because that would only stop 5 to 10 percent of the traffic. He stated he feels 8-tons is an appropriate weight limit and reportedly it works in Williams Bay. Chief Olson stated the Fontana Police Officers refer to the bridge as the Fontana Boulevard Bridge. He noted that a truck and trailer or car and trailer are cumulative in weight once hooked together, and added that if the goal is to restrict pass-through trucks, the Village could look at coming up with a designated truck route that would force trucks around unless they are doing local deliveries or business. Pappas stated he did not think a truck route is a viable idea because it would be hard for the police officers to prove whether someone is driving through for local business or not. Chief Olson stated there are several ways to determine whether a truck should or should not be there, and since it is a small community, the officers are typically aware of whether or not a specific truck should be in an area. For instance, if there are no construction projects going on nearby, there should probably not be a construction truck passing through. Pappas asked what weight the truck route should be set. He stated he would be okay with the truck route set at 6- or 8-tons. Chief Olson said that the Board could determine penalties based on weight or height. The truck route would be reported to the county and go into the state DOT database and the truck companies are advised. School buses will be exempt from the restriction and Martin said anyone can apply for a special or seasonal pass.

Trustee Prudden/Trustee Petersen 2nd made a MOTION to adopt Ordinance 050516-01, set the South Lakeshore Drive bridge weight limit at 15-tons, and refer the truck route proposal to the Protection Committee, and the MOTION carried on a 4-1 vote with Trustee Pappas opposed.

Adjournment

Trustee Prudden/President Kenny 2nd made a MOTION at 6:04 pm to adjourn the meeting, and the

MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Theresa Loomer, Village Clerk

Note: These minutes are subject to further editing. Once approved by the Village Board, the official minutes will be kept on file at the Village Hall.

APPROVED: