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## PUBLIC HEARING

APRIL 23, 2024

A motion is in order to begin the Public Hearing @ 6:36 PM was made by Councilman Meadows seconded by Councilman Boldizar. All voted yea.

All Council Members present with the exception of Councilman Kishman.

Guests: Dave & Kathy Waller, Marvin & Jen Jackson, Jim Crouse Dale McDorman & Marvin & Jennifer Jackson.

Mr. Gunderson stated the Public Hearing is to discuss parking on East Line Street. The discussion is the corner of Bonnieview & Line St to the village boundaries. Why we are evaluating the parking in this particular area has to do with the school traffic and congestion that takes place at certain times of the week. The purpose of this hearing is to get input from the community and their opinions. We know that there is a, not only from a congestion standpoint, but when there is parking on that one side of the road, it does restrict that road and it is hard for two cars to pass or to cross paths when there is a parked car. This is to get opinions and public input and address that internally. When decisions are made that will be passed through legislation, but for tonight's purposes nothing will be passed and no action will be taken.

Mason stated some of the school district has contacted me and in times of past. I never noticed it until I had a day off and Minerva did and I happened to go that way and noticed the backed-up traffic.

Dave Waller stated he has lived on E. Line St for 46 years and in 46 years there have only been four accidents on this street. Three of them were in the middle of the night. They were drunk drivers and hit my vehicle. I didn't come up here and bitch and complain to you about changing parking over that! Just keep that in mind. Secondly, as I look around, I do not see the school here. Amazing! They have a problem with this, where are they? I don't see other people here that have a problem with this. Where are they? It is easy to complain, but its not easy to get the right answers, is it? That's a question to you. You can bitch all you want to bitch, but until you understand its different. If that is such a safety hazard as stated in this letter, where are the caution signs? Don't see any! If it is a safety hazard there should be a caution sign up there. That falls on you guys. Where's it at? I am waiting for an answer! Benjamin would say, so all the points brought up are very valid. I think the purpose of this conversation is if restricting the parking is something we do not want to pursue, what are other options um that we can explore. Dave stated I am glad you asked that question.... I got some other options. You can widen the road back to 30 feet where it's supposed to be. The road in front of my house is 27.5 feet, because the people across the street has chosen to let their yard slide out into the road and put railroad ties down. Whoever went over to observe, don't matter to me who it was, maybe should have observed... Hey maybe something is wrong with this road. Two. There is an alley way over there. Traffic comes out of the alley way onto Line St. Why would you have that in a hazardous area. Three. There is no stop sign on that alley. So, someone from out of town they could shoot up that alley and shoot right out into the road. Some things like that to think about. You are worried about pedestrians, why isn't there a sidewalk on the south side of that street? It seems like for 46 years this side of the sidewalk has handled it pretty well. If you stop parking there, unless it is during school hours, during school hours I will deal with that. But if it is permanent, I have a big problem with it. I have family, grandkids and children and friends that come to visit and they are going to have to park a block and half away. No lets be reasonable. At the best this affects two houses, and the neighbor did not receive a letter. Don't ask me I don't know! They park there too. I am not the only one that parks there. The one up the street parks there to. I don't know if they received a letter. If you open the flow of traffic up that road, no restrictions, I think it will make it a lot more unsafe than it is now. Like I asked how many people know how many accidents have happened in the last 46 years. 4! Anybody want to comment on that? Councilman Boldizar stated for me, the conversations I have had with people its not about the accidents, it is just the flow of traffic during that school time. Dave asked Mason do you want to open that up and let them fly up through there? Mason stated no I don't. Dave stated I do not either. Dave stated let me give you a shot here. I sat on my porch for an hour and twelve minutes. I watched 6 busses come through. As long as I sat there the longest time any car waited to get around was 25 seconds. The stop sign you might as well take out and really open it up, because very few people stop for that stop sign. Less than an hour and a half I had twenty-seven people make a rolling stop at the stop sign and eight people made no stop. What's the sense in having that sign there if they



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are not stopping? Want to open it up take the stop sign out! But I am telling you if you open it up you are opening up a speedway up! I have lived there 46 years I see what goes on. Eight cars coming out of that alley onto E. Line St, if it is such a hazard they shouldn't be coming out onto E. Line St., they should be going the other way. That's some things for you people to think about. I have a little bit more yet stated Dave. The letter I received did not reference any Ordinance or proposed ordinance and I would like a code if you are going to change that. Also, I do not want this pushed through tonight. I am sure that could happen very easily. Mayor Tarbet stated, Dave I missed what you said. I said I don't want this pushed through tonight that there is no parking. Tim stated there would be no action taken at the beginning of the meeting. Kathy stated thank you! Dave stated I do not want the readings waived so you have to have three readings. I don't want you to waive that and then say ok this is the way it is. I think this is only fair. I want to know what my appeal rights are? Your what asked Mayor Tarbet. Dave stated my appeal rights. Mayor Tarbet asked to councils decision? Yes, what I can appeal what I cant. I will let you know I have retained legal counsel over this. I am not taking any chances the way things happen around here. I want to let you know that. Tim stated that fine. Dave stated I think someone should have come and sat on the porch and talked to me about it. Someone that has lived there 46 years. Someone should have dome something about the yard taking up 3 feet of the road. No wonder there is a problem there. I didn't complain before, because I didn't want to cause problems. But if its going to keep on being a problem for my, by God I am going to cause problems stated Dave. That's wrong! Mayor Tarbet stated it is simple for us to check the measurement of the road. Dave stated yes, it is quite simple. Kathy stated stand at the telephone pole and look up the street. You would be amazed! And you people no people are coming out of the alley. You know there is no stop sign! So, you tell me...how big of a deal is this? Is this a big deal or a BS deal? That's my question. And I think any of you if you were sitting where I am sitting would feel the same as I do. Am I going to have someone come to my house and walk a block & a half to visit me? I don't think so! That is wrong. Like I said you want to make it through school hours, fine and dandy. Permanent that is bullcrap stated Dave. Councilman Meadows stated I think we want to discuss is it pertinent that we make it the school hours. Dave said the letter didn't say that. Councilman Meadows stated that is why we are having this meeting tonight to discuss like what are your concerns. What can you bring to us that we are not seeing and making an assessment and then if we are okay with and your okay with the solution of restricting the parking hours for A between this time and this time. Dave stated we could live with that. I spoke with the other neighbor that is involved with that, but I do think the street needs widen back to where it was. 30-foot street. If I decide I want to put my yard in the road then I should be able to do it too. But, that's not right stated Dave. The neighbor that did it knows it's not right. Mr. Gunderson stated the reason that letter was so vague was, this is just a discussion. There are things over 46 years that have changed on that street whether good or bad right? So, for us to be able to communicate with you and if you make an offer for us to come down and say hey why don't you spend a couple minutes down here so some of the stupp you have discussed. Maybe there is a solution to this that doesn't include the parking so it's more of an open conversation a way for us to work together for a solution. Kathy asked so before we got this letter, it seems like we are the only ones that got that. The people that rent next door we talked to the property owner and they did not receive this letter. But why didn't you come to us first and gather the information before sending something out like this that upsets people. That's what I don't understand. This is not how this town use to be, but if it is becoming this way, that is very sad, very sad. If you cant come to us and sit on our porch and say hey, we are concerned about this. Dave stated I have lived here 76 years of my life and 46 years in the same house on the same street. There is not a person here that could come up and say Hey Dave we got an issue here. You got any input in it? So, instead you write me a letter, which isn't very big. What am I suppose to think? You are going to cut my parking out. I am not going to have a place to park or my family. What would you think if you were me? You think I am upset? Ya I am upset! And by rights I should be upset. Councilman Boldizar stated I agree with everything you have said up to this point. I think and I will apologize for the letter because that what I thought we were doing, getting everyone involved and having a conversation. I mean maybe the letter wasn't. You got everybody stated Day. Do you see the neighbors or school? Or the people on Jackson St. that complained. Councilman Boldizar stated we are used to that, not having a lot of people. Dave stated I told you it easy to have a lot of people complain about you, not as easy to face it. Councilman Boldizar stated that was the intent of the letter was to try to get everyone involved that had an opinion one way or another to have a discussion together. Kathy asked why the neighbor did not receive a letter? Mr. Gunderson stated the nuisance inspector dropped off approximately a dozen letters. Anyone in close proximately to that intersection. It sated he went door to door. Kathy stated we received our in the mail. That was done



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through the nuisance inspector and I believe approximately twelve were sent sated Mr. Gunderson. If the neighbor did not receive one, I apologize stated Mr. Gunderson. We could certainly do more hearings or talk to them individually or even with both of you. If they have any recommendations as well. Kathy asked when you were taking the dirt from the dump above us, there was no parking which was fine with us due to the trucks. You cant even imagine the people going to the golf course how fast they were going and that was with no parking on the street. Dave said I always said I would rather have my vehicle parked out there get hit than a kid. I said it before when council complained, and I still feel that way. It doesn't hurt a vehicle to slow down and go around it. Slower is better in that situation, because there haven't been any accidents. If it hurts you to wait 25 seconds to get through there, maybe you should get up earlier in the morning. Kathy stated you should have come over and you are welcome to sit on our porch and record or take notes. Dave stated watch the stop sign, there is no reason to have it. Kathy stated our section of E. Line St is not as congested as Nate's. They have twice the traffic other then when school is in. The only big traffic is the golfers being in a hurry and that is certain times of the day. Kathy stated we were told when the school was built, the Superintendent came to us and told us there would not be any problems. Dave stated that was Superintendent lying Mike Gallina. I will put that out. He is a damn liar! Or at least he was with me. I will tell him that to his face. That's the way it is. There will never be a bus come down that street we were told. I knew it was a lie when he said it. You people know now. Kathy stated you are welcome and sit and observe, if you have the time. Mr. Gunderson stated I do not want this to turn into you verses us, this is something that supposed to be collaborative. We can work together. Kathy stated this letter made it this way, instead of coming to us. Mr. Gunderson said Well, moving forward you know what our intentions are, you have provided solutions, which most people don't, so we appreciate. You have highlighted areas that also need to be addressed. I think that is something we can work together on and figure out what is the solution that works for everyone. If it is the school time, or add caution signs, we have discussed the grass. We can work through this. Moving forward I apologize this letter has created this animosity. Dave stated it upset me! Mr. Gunderson stated now moving forward this is something we want to work at with you on and figure out what that solution looks like. Kathy stated thank you. Mr. Gunderson stated if that is sitting down with you after work one day for an hour and a half so be it. That is my mind set going into this to figuring out if we can find a solution Councilman Boldizar stated the one thing, we have said often recently we appreciate you coming in. You said it perfectly Mr. Waller it is easy to get online and complain and to do those things. But to come in and to have a discussion is that's how things get worked out. Dave stated that's the thing that upsets me too, the school makes a big issue of it, the people on Jackson St. make an issue, where are they? If its that big of an issue. If I have that big of a problem with you, I am going to come an address it with you. I am not going to yap yap yap and then not show up. Councilman Boldizar stated that is what adults do. Dave said you might not like what I say, but at least I am telling you, I am being honest with you. I am not going behind your back and saying what do you think of him parking over there? That happened. Mayor Tarbet stated the other person here tonight is Police Chief McDorman. Kathy said you need to sit on our porch when the golfers go by. Dave stated don't send a cruiser to the church where you can see it from Queen St. Then say we didn't pick up any speeders or stop sign violations. Well, no damn wonder they can see the cruiser. You are wasting your damn time doing that. Mr. Gunderson stated we do recognize the speeding on that road, in fact we picked one up last year going... Mayor Tarbet stated I had a guy last year going golfing on Father's Day and he was clocked in the vicinity of your house going 82 mph. Dave stated some of these mothers in the morning must be doing their hair a little extra before taking the kids to school go like hell to! Theres a problem there, its just not the golfers. What do you do? I got a problem; you have a problem! Mayor Tarbet stated that's what we have to figure out.

Brian Stoudt commented the crazy traffic over there, I know about craze speeders because I live on N. Market. I started riding my bike over there in the afternoons last year and the cemetery and the parking lots, Lutheran Church, because you cant ride your bike anywhere else because you will get killed anywhere else on 183 or 30. So, the first time I went over when school was letting out at elementary & the Jr. High, and I about got killed! I could not believe these mothers, when they picked up their kid (s) and they were coming out the back way through the parking lot and Church of God, that runway and fly out there and part of them are kicking down the alley and cutting over to get where they wanted to go. When I got home I tole Connie I am never going over there again. That's not safe and those people are nuts! That was my impression. Dave stated that's like the school. They complain about my car, but I don't call the school to complain about the busses speeding or running



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the stop sign, which I could. I want you people aware of that. Like I said its easy to complain, but you better look in your own back pocket first. And they have a problem with that. Mayor Tarbet asked Dave, do you think that in reference to the Saltzman's alley, would it help if we put that one way? Sure, it would Tim. You would have all traffic on Line St and then cars shooting out of the alley with no stop sign. Make it so the traffic is going away from there. Away from Line St., not onto Line St. That would be a start. If you are from Michigan and you come up the alley with no stop sign you will go straight onto Line into traffic. Mayor Tarbet asked Jt to check that. Mayor Tarbet stated make it one way South. I appreciate you listening to me stated Dave. If you get that additional 3 ft of roadway that would help.

Chief McDorman stated we are addressing the runners after school.

Marvin Jackson stated that guy made up some good points directly affected. I have seen it at school times and it is crazy congestion. I am guessing everybody speeds everywhere, but when somebody parks there and there are ninety-seven cars and it takes 25 seconds for the first car that has an effect on the last car. Everybody gets bottled up. He said himself the prime time for no parking is school times. Marvin stated he (Dave) spoke to all of his neighbors and none of them are here, who cares if they didn't receive letters, he talked to them and they still didn't come. Don't feel bad about that. Mayor Tarbet stated you know that's true you have been here.

Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Boldizar seconded by Councilman Meadows. All voted yea.

Attest:

Brenda Albaugh Clerk of Council

Timothy N. Tarbet Mayor