

**East Hempfield Township
Traffic Commission Minutes**

Date and Time: January 18, 2017

6:15 p.m.

Commission members in attendance: Scott Russell, John Bingham, Stephen Skiles and Ed LeFevre.

Others present: Robert Krimmel, Perry Madonna, Jon Beck and Cindy Schweitzer.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Mr. Russell, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

Sara Brubaker, was present to discuss her concerns about the speeding and accidents in the 700 Block of Church Street. She indicated that she has lived in the area for 3 years and has had to replace 5 mailboxes due to accidents. She noted that they typically occur just after or during a rain event. Chief Skiles noted that his research into the accident history of this area dating back to 2011 generally indicates about 2 reportable accidents a year. He and the rest of the Commission understand there are more that are not reportable police incidents. Suggestions from the Commission included making sure the appropriate speed limit signage is in place and possibly asking PennDOT, since Church Street is a PennDOT roadway, to conduct a safety study, suggesting a friction course be added and possibly a ball bank analysis.

Motioned by Mr. Bingham, seconded by Mr. LeFevre and unanimously carried to authorize staff to work with McCormick Taylor and staff to submit a letter to PennDOT requesting a safety study. Mr. Beck will spearhead the initiative. Mrs. Brubaker was also encouraged to provide a letter of support with any picture documentation of past accidents.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Truck inspection pull off – Chief Skiles discussed his desire to create a pull-off area along Rt. 283 (near the State Road ramp) or possibly beneath the Flory Mill Road bridge to allow the truck inspection team to pull trucks off the roadway safely and have a firm surface to be able to view the under-carriage of the rigs. He is seeking support of the idea from the Commission so that he can confidently pursue these areas with PennDOT. The Commission indicated their support and Chief Skiles will pursue.

Minutes:

Motioned by Chief Skiles, seconded by Mr. Bingham and unanimously carried to approve the November 16, 2016 minutes as corrected.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

Submitted by: Robert Krimmel,
Township Manager/Secretary