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**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Monday, October 11, 2021 at 4:15 PM**  
**Caledonia Village Hall – 5043 Chester Lane**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. 5 ½ Mile Road Charles Street Intersection Additional Signage Request
4. Adjournment

October 8, 2021

Joslyn Hoeffert  
Village Clerk

Only committee members are expected to attend. However, attendance by all Board members (including non-members of the committee) is permitted. If additional (non-committee) Board members attend, three or more Board members may be in attendance. Section 19.82(2), Wisconsin Statutes, states as follows:

If one-half or more of the members of a governmental body are present, the meeting is rebuttably presumed to be for the purposes of exercising the responsibilities, authority, power or duties delegated to or vested in the body.

To the extent that three or more members of the Caledonia Village Board actually attend, this meeting may be rebuttably presumed to be a “meeting” within the meaning of Wisconsin’s open meeting law. Nevertheless, only the committee’s agenda will be discussed. Only committee members will vote. Board members who attend the committee meeting do so for the purpose of gathering information and possible discussion regarding the agenda. No votes or other action will be taken by the Village Board at this meeting.

**1. Call to Order**

Trustee Weatherston called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Village Hall, 5043 Chester Lane, Racine, Wisconsin.

Present: Trustee Weatherston and Trustee McManus. Trustee Stillman, Trustee Wishau and President Dobbs were also present.

Absent: None

Staff present: Utility Director Anthony Bunkelman, HR Manager Michelle Tucker and Village Administrator Kathy Kasper.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Trustee McManus to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Trustee Weatherston. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. 5 ½ Mile Road Charles Street Intersection Additional Signage Request**

Troy Carriveau has requested additional signage on the corner of 5 ½ Mile Road and Charles Street. His email indicated the request for additional signage but was not clear on the proposal of signs. Staff reached out for clarification and was told that there is not enough signage and too many cars either miss the turn entirely or end up in the residential yard on that corner. There has been one incident at that intersection that has been verified with the Police Department but the driver was impaired. Staff further reviewed the signage and explained the current signs that indicate the approaching turn. Speed limits were also look at and verified with the NATC handbook. Staff does not recommend additional signage.

Trustee McManus felt this should be tabled so that that Mr. Carriveau has an opportunity to clarify his request as he was not present to do so.

Motion by Trustee McManus to lay this over until the next meeting. Seconded by Trustee Weatherston.

Discussion occurred about if this should be tabled or not.

Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Pedestrian Crossing Signage on Erie St/Kentwood Drive**

Trustee Weatherston had lived near this intersection for many years but also took the time to investigate this past weekend. He determined that the area was busy and that there were a lot of people crossing the street.

Ron Coutts, 609 Kentwood Dr., was present and had previously come before the Board to request that this sign be placed and was forwarded to the Public Works Committee for consideration. He placed the sign under the deer crossing sign and the Village took it down. Mr. Coutts brought a petition with 41 signatures that are asking this sign to be put back up. There has been an increase of recreational use in the area and thought that traffic would only increase with the development on Erie St. There was an instance where a neighbor girl was nearly hit by a vehicle, and it brings him much concern. Neighbors plan on attending the Board meeting to speak on their support of the sign.

Trustee McManus did not understand why a deer crossing sign was more important than a pedestrian sign and wondered why there couldn't be both.

Motion by Trustee McManus to approve the sign. Seconded by Trustee Weatherston.

President Dobbs spoke about attending the Public Works meeting and understood that the sign was put up prior to approval. The Committee had denied a child at play sign. He explained that too many signs create the opposite of awareness, and people wouldn't pay attention.

Coutts thought this was important for the safety of this area. There was discussion of how traffic has historically impacted the area.

Trustee Wanggaard has studied and gauged the area. He explained that there are many people that use the area recreationally and wanted something that would provide guidance to people. He further spoke of false senses of security provided by child at play signs.

Trustee Wishau thought the intention is good but agreed that too many signs can be ignored. He spoke of personal experience and how ignored signs can be counterproductive and potentially dangerous.

Trustee Stillman suggested the deer crossing sign could be replaced with the pedestrian crossing sign.

Motion by Trustee McManus to remove the deer crossing sign and replace with a pedestrian crossing sign and forward to the Village Board. Seconded by Trustee Weatherston. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **5. Temporary No Parking Sign Request From The HOA For Jamestown Holiday Lights, 10/18 Through 10/31 and 11/26 Through 1/1**

This request was received originally from one member of the HOA. Further correspondence from the HOA indicated that they are not in full support of this request because they must represent the entire neighborhood. It has been recommended to not pass this temporary no parking sign. There is a resident that puts on a lightshow and brings a lot of people to the area. There is someone that intentionally parks there to impede the traffic of this show. The Board discussed if this is something they have the authority to impose. They speculated if there needed

to be signage placed on one side, to assist the Police Department in controlling traffic. Trustee McManus proposed separating the two request dates to see how the regulation plays out. Letters were read that further explained the position of the request.

Motion by Trustee McManus to approve the temporary no parking sign from 10/18-10/31. No second.

Motion dies.

Motion by Trustee McManus to table this matter and forward to the Board for a presentation from the HOA with solutions. Seconded by Trustee Weatherston. Motion carried unanimously.

## **6. Adjournment**

Trustee McManus motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Weatherston. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

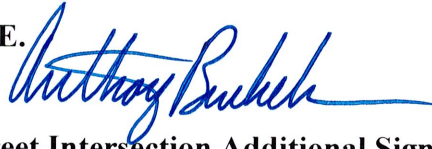
Respectfully submitted,  
Joslyn Hoeffert  
Village Clerk

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** Monday, August 30, 2021

**TO:** Public Works Committee  
Village Board

**FROM:** Anthony A. Bunkelman P.E.  
Utility Director



**RE:** 5 ½ Mile Road Charles Street Intersection Additional Signage Request

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On August 18, 2021, an email was received, via website, from Troy Carriveau. Mr. Carriveau indicated in the email that he was instructed by the Highway Department to go to the Public Works Committee to ask for additional signage for the corner of 5 ½ Mile Road and Charles Street. See attached email.

In reaching out to Mr. Carriveau to provide some clarification to what is being sought, he indicated/claims the following:

- There is not enough signage on Charles Street for Northbound traffic to indicate that the road turns to the West.
- There are too many cars that drive on Charles Street North of 5 ½ Mile Road that have missed the turn and then turn around in the private driveways.
- Numerous cars attempt to negotiate the corner at too high a rate of speed and end up in the yard of the home on the Northwest corner of the intersection. This creates a safety concern for the homeowner on the Northwest corner who has 4 children.

To see what was actually signed in the field, an inspection was performed going Northbound on Charles Street to the intersection of 5 ½ Mile Road. At approximately 475' South of the intersection there is a sign for an upcoming "T" intersection.





When approaching the intersection, there are additional signs on the North side of the road that indicate a turn. There is an “arrow” indicating a left hand turn and a “Dead End” sign on Charles Street.



The property on the Northwest corner of the intersection has significant plantings along 5 ½ Mile Road and at the corner. There is a Utility pole with guy wires, a Utility pedestal, and a Street Light pole located at the Northwest corner.



Charles Street (South of 5 ½ Mile Road) has a speed limit of 35 miles per hour. Charles Street (North of 5 ½ Mile Road) is not marked for a speed limit, but by Ordinance should be 35 miles per hour. 5 ½ Mile Road has a speed limit of 30 miles per hour.

5 ½ Mile Road Eastbound to Charles Street Northbound is controlled by a Stop Sign.

5 ½ Mile Road Eastbound to Charles Street Southbound is controlled by a Yield Sign.

Charles Street Southbound to Charles Street Southbound is controlled by a Stop Sign.

Charles Street Southbound to 5 ½ Mile Road Westbound is controlled by a Stop Sign.

Charles Street Northbound to 5 ½ Mile Road Westbound is uncontrolled and has Right of Way.

Charles Street Northbound to Charles Street Northbound is uncontrolled and has Right of Way.

Based on the above information it is not clear exactly what and where Mr. Carriveau would like additional signage. Any additional signage which may be considered will need to be in conformance with the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

So the Public Works Committee is aware, any signage that is proposed to be installed should meet the following from the MUTCD.

*To be effective, a traffic control device should meet five basic requirements:*

*A. Fulfill a need;*

*B. Command attention;*

*C. Convey a clear, simple meaning;*

*D. Command respect from road users; and*

*E. Give adequate time for proper response.*

*Design, placement, operation, maintenance, and uniformity are aspects that should be carefully considered in order to maximize the ability of a traffic control device to meet the five requirements listed in the previous paragraph. Vehicle speed should be carefully considered as an element that governs the design, operation, placement, and location of various traffic control devices.*

*Regulatory and warning signs should be used conservatively because these signs, if used to excess, tend to lose their effectiveness. If used, route signs and directional guide signs should be used frequently because their use promotes efficient operations by keeping road users informed of their location.*

It appears that the intersection has the appropriate signage for a “T” intersection.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Move to deny the request for additional signage, unless a clear proposal is submitted for review.







## Tony Bunkelman

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**From:** Diane Penzkowski  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 18, 2021 10:20 AM  
**To:** Tony Bunkelman  
**Subject:** FW: Form submission from: Contact

Good morning Tony,

The message below was submitted via our website. Thank you.

Diane M. Penzkowski  
Village of Caledonia  
5043 Chester Lane  
Racine, WI 53402  
262-835-6459  
dpenzkowski@caledonia-wi.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: sites@imgmgmt.com <sites@imgmgmt.com> On Behalf Of Troy Carriveau  
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 7:39 PM  
To: Diane Penzkowski <DPenzkowski@caledonia-wi.gov>  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact

Submitted on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 - 19:38 Submitted by anonymous user: [24.167.249.186] Submitted values are:

Name: Troy Carriveau  
Email: tjcarriveau@wi.rr.com  
Phone: 262-515-6520

Message:

I live on Charles street north of 5 1/2 mile. I was told by our HWY. department go to public works meeting to ask for more signage for the corner. Who do I contact?

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://caledonia-wi.gov/node/15/submission/1733>