Meeting Minutes (Draft)
Bloomfield Local Road Safety Committee

A regular meeting of the Bloomfield Local Road Safety Committee was held on August 4, 2022, commencing at 11:00 a.m. using the Zoom web platform.

Members present: Chief Paul Hammick, Police Department, Captain Stephen Hajdasz, Police Department, Dan Carter, Director of Public Works, and Jonathan Thiesse, Town Engineer

Also present: Bill Riley, Bloomfield Center Fire District, Sarah Cote, Deputy Town Engineer

Acceptance of Minutes

The minutes for the July 7, 2022 meeting were accepted as submitted.

Recent Traffic Calming Related Activities

The Committee reviewed the speed data collected for Sharon Street and High Hill Road. The Committee determined that neither of these locations would not move forward with the traffic calming process due to the speed data and the volume data not meeting the thresholds to qualify. Mr. Thiesse informed the Committee that letters would be sent to the residents who had submitted the initial requests informing them of this outcome.

The existing speed data for Privilege Road was also reviewed. The Committee determined that that new data should be collected and re-evaluated since the existing data was collected more than one year ago. It was also unclear if the speed data met the threshold of the 85th percentile speed exceeding 5 mph over the posted speed limit because the location of the data collection was not indicated.

The Committee discussed the status of the speed hump installation on Elizabeth Avenue and Merriam Avenue. Two speed humps have been installed on each street.

Mr. Thiesse informed the Committee that a new traffic calming request had recently been received for Jackson Road.

Future Activities

The Committee discussed the status of the proposed traffic calming strategy at Prospect Street. It was decided that the strategy would be presented to the Town Council as part of the Public Safety Committee meeting on August 8, 2022.

The Committee discussed upcoming road closures and detours due to state bridge replacement projects.

Engineering will continue to work on proposed strategies for Woodland Avenue, Daniel Boulevard, Maple Avenue, and School Street.

Mr. Thiesse informed the Committee that the notices for the August 24th Neighborhood Information Session for Burr Road and Gabb Road had been mailed.
Police Department will schedule speed shield deployment on Jackson Road, Sharon Street, High Hill Road, and other requested streets as appropriate.

Dan Carter informed the Committee that Public Works may implement the temporary speed tables in the parking lot at 330 Park Avenue.

Bill Riley informed the Committee that he would be retiring at the end of the month, but may stay on the Committee as a liaison.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.