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**Streets and Roads Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, July 29, 2025**

**7:00 p.m. – In Person at Town Hall**

**I. Call to Order and Pledge**

- a. Meeting called to Order at 6:56 PM; motioned by Luci Riegel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ted Stathis.

Present for the meeting were Commission Chair Luci Riegel, and members Michael Shippen, Zachary Fanning, and Ted Stathis. Also attending were Council Liaison Karl Munder, Councilman Steve Domotor, Erich Stockdale from Public Works, and Sgt. Brooks.

**II. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from last meeting reviewed. Michael Shippen motioned to approve the minutes; Luci Riegel seconded.

**III. Public Comment Pertaining to Non-Agenda Items:**

- a. Councilman Steve Domotor presented a PowerPoint presentation titled "Paving the Way to Safe Streets". In summary, this was a comprehensive overview of what has been accomplished and credited those who contributed.

1. Ted mentioned that the Town's DPW should be included as a significant contributor.

- b. Resident Michael Propst addressed the Commission.

1. Mr. Propst lives in the house on the corner of Park and Merridale. He has placed two (2) "SLOW DOWN" signs at his own expense because he believes motorists are routinely speeding, in either direction; they also do not come to a full stop at either STOP sign.
2. Ted asked Sgt. Brooks about police enforcement activity at that location. He cited the issue with safety of the motorist and the officer, when stopping violators, as there are no shoulders on either roadway and another street joins Park, close to that corner.
3. There was a discussion about conducting a speed study in both directions and the optimum placement of the recording devices.

4. Resolution: 1. Chair Luci will issue a “Slow Down for Your Hometown” sign and 2. A speed study will be conducted.
5. Town resident Gary Fry suggested installing a speed bump at that intersection, across Park Ave., similar to those on Rising Ridge Road. Luci reminded all of us that those are not speed bumps but instead raised crosswalks.

#### IV. Staff Updates

- a. Sgt. Brooks, of the Mount Airy Police Department (MAPD) reviewed some items from the May and June reports to the Town Council:
  1. Many Mt. Airy Police officers were involved with the recent gas leak at the corner of S. Main St. and Ridgeville Blvd., for more than five (5) hours.
  2. It took fifty-two (52) minutes to reopen all the closed roads to traffic, following the July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks event. This is a noteworthy accomplishment, since all parking areas were cleared during that time.
  3. Upcoming events which will require police resources:
    - a. Mt. Airy Mile, Aug 9<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM to 10 AM.
    - b. Celebrate Mt. Airy, Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3 PM to 10 PM.
    - c. Oktoberfest, Sep 27<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM to 8 PM.
- b. Erich Stockdale, from Mount Airy Public Works, reviewed these items from his report:
  1. The following traffic studies were conducted:
    - a. S. Main St., Northbound
    - b. S. Main St., Southbound
    - c. N. Main St. and Candice Dr., Northbound
    - d. N. Main St. and Candice Dr., Southbound

Hard copies of the reports, generated by Sgt. Brooks were handed out during the meeting.

Summary snapshots are shown below:



Start: 2025-07-15  
End: 2025-07-20  
Times: 0:00:00-23:59:59

## Speed Summary

1105 S.Main st, NB

Speed Range: 1 to 150

### Overall Summary

Total Days of Data: 6  
Speed Limit: 25  
Average Speed: 30.84  
50th Percentile Speed: 30.17  
85th Percentile Speed: 34.68  
Pace Speed Range: 25-35

Minimum Speed: 25  
Maximum Speed: 68  
Display Mode: Single Message  
Average Volume per Day: 3113.5  
Total Volume: 18681



Start: 2025-07-15  
End: 2025-07-23  
Times: 0:00:00-23:59:59

## Speed Summary

1009 S. Main st, SB

Speed Range: 1 to 150

### Overall Summary

Total Days of Data: 9  
Speed Limit: 25  
Average Speed: 31.73  
50th Percentile Speed: 31.41  
85th Percentile Speed: 35.73  
Pace Speed Range: 26-36

Minimum Speed: 25  
Maximum Speed: 60  
Display Mode: Single Message  
Average Volume per Day: 3755.6  
Total Volume: 33800



Start: 2025-05-28  
End: 2025-06-06  
Times: 0:00:00-23:59:59

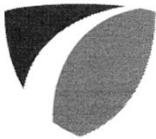
## Speed Summary

N. Main @ Candice, NB

Speed Range: 1 to 150

### Overall Summary

Total Days of Data: 10	Minimum Speed: 25
Speed Limit: 25	Maximum Speed: 66
Average Speed: 31.62	Display Mode: Unknown
50th Percentile Speed: 30.9	Average Volume per Day: 1973.5
85th Percentile Speed: 36.56	Total Volume: 19735
Pace Speed Range: 25-35	



Start: 2025-05-28  
End: 2025-06-06  
Times: 0:00:00-23:59:59

## Speed Summary

N. main st @ candice, SB

Speed Range: 1 to 150

### Overall Summary

Total Days of Data: 10	Minimum Speed: 25
Speed Limit: 25	Maximum Speed: 66
Average Speed: 31.66	Display Mode: Single Message, Unknown
50th Percentile Speed: 30.93	Average Volume per Day: 2426.3
85th Percentile Speed: 36.54	Total Volume: 24263
Pace Speed Range: 25-35	

- V. Councilman Munder presented the Council Liaison report.
- There were no S&R issues noted during the June Town Council meeting.
  - Two (2) S&R-related issues were noted during the July Town Council meeting:

1. Ordinance 2025-17, emergency budget amendment to add \$110k for “Rails to Trails”.
2. Annexation petition 2025-47 for around Fifty-One (51) acres on the North side of Watersville Road, to build a sports complex. Karl explained this is the beginning of the planning process and that S&R would be engaged after annexation approval.

#### VI. Main Street Safety Report.

- a. S&R member Michael Shippen had nothing new to report.

#### VII. Old Business

##### a. Pedestrian Crossing Sign at N. Main Street – OPEN

1. Councilman Domotor reported that MDOT approved the installation of a pedestrian crossing sign/flashing amber lights at this location, and they will perform the installation. He stated that, even though the Town has allocated funding for this work, we cannot perform it on Main St. (MD 808), as it is a State road.
2. He also mentioned that MDOT has agreed to install similar signage/flashing lights near the caboose and at the corner, in front of St. James Thrift shop.
3. The timeline for all this work, however, has been pushed forward to July 2026.
4. Ted inquired if we are allowed to paint white lines on the roadway to indicate the pedestrian crossings; the answer was negative.

##### b. Traffic Circle - OPEN

- a. Councilman Munder reported the civil works to create the traffic circle (or roundabout) will begin at the end of July. It is projected to be a seven (7) month effort.
- b. A “field” change for around \$40k, from a \$75k project contingency fund, was effected to the Contract for the installation of an 8-inch wide by 8-inch high concrete median, from the Chick-fil-A to the traffic circle. This will prevent drivers exiting the strip mall near the Chick-fil-A who wish to go to Route 27 to make a U-turn on Ridgeville Blvd., but rather, encourage them to drive the short distance and blend into the traffic circle, thus able to turn Eastbound,

toward Route 27, without impeding traffic.

c. Guard Rail at Ridgeville – CLOSED

1. Chair Luci reported that MDOT directed the Town not to replace the guard rail. The concrete barrier will be replaced when MDOT schedules other work.

d. Teen Driving Event - CLOSED

1. Despite slightly inclement weather, 200 people attended, per chair Luci. The teens asked very good questions.
2. Adele Conolly from MAST has suggested the Town sponsor a similar event for older drivers.

e. N. Main St. & Rt. 27 - OPEN

1. Chair Luci reported that Planning Commission Chairman Ralph Ghent is continuing to pursue the creation of a dedicated left-hand turn lane for traffic on Northbound Rt. 27 to Candice Dr., despite MDOT's previous rejection. MDOT is reviewing our comments. The Planning Commission will henceforth follow this item.
2. Sgt. Brooks stated, as he did during the previous meeting, that once the Greentree development begins, MDOT is planning to redesign the Rt. 27/Candice Dr. intersection.

f. Speed Study So. Main St. - CLOSED

(see item 4b).

g. White Line Stripping on So. Main St. - CLOSED

1. Steve stated that it seems the white lines on either side of Main St. have not significantly caused drivers to reduce their vehicular speeds. This is based on a comparison of the study results before (see the May 2025 minutes) and after the lines were painted (as indicated herein, item 4b).

h. Sean Kelly's Comments - CLOSED

1. The Commission agreed that most, if not all, of Sean Kelly's comments, before he departed the Commission, have been addressed.

i. Manhole on Southbound Main St., just before Prospect Rd. – CLOSED

1. Erich reported this has been addressed.

## VIII. New Business

### a. Buffalo Road Speeding

1. Mr. Becker, a resident on Buffalo Road near Candice Dr., has sent multiple emails to the Mayor, the County Commissioners about speeding vehicles.
2. A 90-day speed study revealed there were around 100,834 vehicles, whose average speed was 33 MPH; the posted limit is 30 MPH.
3. Chair Luci will contact the homeowner to advise him that this location is not within Town limits, thus the Town cannot conduct enforcement. Furthermore, that portion of Buffalo Road is on the Frederick County-Carroll County border, and Frederick County prefers to conduct enforcement in that area.
4. Additionally, since the posted limit increases from 30 MPH to 40 MPH further North, near that location, Councilman Munder will ask both counties if the posted limit can be dropped to 30 MPH.

### b. Westridge Stop Sign

1. A homeowner complained that vehicles are not stopping at the STOP sign.
2. He requested a larger STOP sign and an illuminated crosswalk.
3. Sgt. Brooks noted this will be an August enforcement item.

### c. S&R Liaison to MDOT

1. Councilman Karl Munder will henceforth perform this role. Previously, Steve Domotor acted as the MDOT liaison.

### d. Disaster Alert Siren

1. A short discussion ensued, touching on the Pros and Cons of a Town siren, as suggested by a Town resident (Note: His Letter to the Carroll County Times was published a few weeks before the meeting).

### e. August "Slow Down for Your Town" Sign Blast

1. Has to start before school start (Late August in Frederick County, beginning of September in Carroll County).

f. MDOT In-Motion

1. Councilman Munder reported on various seminars conducted by MDOT.
2. Ted asked if there are any on speeding, traffic enforcement
  - a. Karl to look into it.

g. Celebrate Mount Airy

1. S&R will have a booth, near the old train station.
2. Chair Luci asked for volunteers.

h. Buffalo Road Ridge Development – NEW ITEM

1. Councilman Munder reported this will be an eight (8) home subdivision on the property formerly owned by the Riegler family.
2. The developer will install sidewalks.
3. The developer will also “soften” the curve on Buffalo Road, thus eliminating the need for dedicated left-hand turn and acceleration lanes.

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM, motioned by Zach, seconded by Ted.
- b. The next meeting will be held on 9/30/25 at 7 pm in Town Hall.