

**DRAFT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 27, 2025, at 5:15 PM**  
**Village Hall - 740 Hillgrove Avenue - Board Room**  
**Western Springs, IL 60558**

**Present:**

Chair Lewis, Member Chen, President Rudolph, Manager Baer, Director Scott, Director Koza, Director Valone, and Director Gilhooley.

**Call to Order:**

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM following a motion by Chair Lewis, seconded by Member Chen.

**Agenda Items:**

1. **Approval of Minutes (February 6, 2025)**

Member Chen moved to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2025 meeting as presented, seconded by Chair Lewis.

2. **Public Comment:**

No public comment was received.

3. **New Business:**

**Proposed Ordinance Amending Title 7 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 4 (Traffic Schedules), Section 3 (Schedule III: Parking Limitations and Prohibitions) of the Western Springs Municipal Code**

Director Koza explained that the building at 1219 Chestnut, previously the Masonic Lodge, has been demolished after being sold to a private developer. The site will now host a single-family home. As a result, staff recommended removing the parking restriction on the south side of Chestnut, between Central Avenue and Grove Avenue, in front of the property. The Village Attorney reviewed and drafted the necessary changes to the Municipal Code. Chair Lewis moved, seconded by Member Chen, to recommend the ordinance.

**Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 of the Village of Western Springs Municipal Code Regarding Bicycles**

Sergeant Ficke presented proposed amendments to Chapter 6 that would permit low-speed electric bicycles, low-speed electric scooters, and personal mobility devices (PMDs) to share roadways and sidewalks were safe, subject to specific restrictions. The amendments address concerns raised by businesses regarding pedestrian safety. Sergeant Ficke clarified that PMDs equipped with an electric motor of 750w or greater would be prohibited on the public way, must follow the rules

of the road, and are restricted from riding on sidewalks. President Rudolph inquired about the legality of youth operating electric scooters on streets or sidewalks. Sergeant Ficke clarified that while the devices themselves are not illegal, safety concerns such as helmet use, device lights, and scooter speed all factor into the legality. The Traffic and Safety Commission reviewed and supported the changes on February 18, 2025. Chair Lewis moved, seconded by Member Chen, to recommend the ordinance.

#### **Recommendation for Updated Parking Signs at the Post Office and Village Hall**

Director Gilhooley recommended replacing the six 15-minute parking signs at the Post Office (4479 Lawn Avenue) and the four 15-minute parking signs at Village Hall (740 Hillgrove Avenue) with updated signage indicating "15-Minute Parking Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM." Additionally, staff proposed adding three 30-minute parking spaces at 901 Burlington Avenue near BMO Harris, 835 Burlington Avenue near Village True Value, and 825 Burlington Avenue near Kirschbaum's Bakery, with updated signage stating "30-Minute Parking Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM." While the Transportation and Safety Commission recommended 30-minute parking until 7:00 PM, staff suggested maintaining the 5:00 PM cutoff. These changes would improve the turnover of parking spaces during business hours, ensuring easier access for customers. Director Koza discussed the new handicap-accessible parking spot on the south side of the 900 block of Burlington Avenue, in front of 929 Burlington (Oberweis Ice Cream), as part of the Burlington Avenue resurfacing project. Permanent markings for this spot will be installed later this spring. Each of these changes requires an ordinance to amend the Village Code. Chair Lewis moved, seconded by Member Chen, to recommend the ordinance amending the parking as presented by Staff.

#### **4. Other Business:**

No additional business was discussed.

#### **5. Adjournment:**

Member Chen moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 PM, seconded by Chair Lewis. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Sean Gilhooley

Director of Law Enforcement Services