

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES JUNE 16, 1997

THE COMMISSIONERS MET IN THE COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 301 S. BRANSON STREET, MARION, INDIANA 46953 ON JUNE 16, 1997 AT 8:30 A.M.

IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONERS DICK PUCKETT AND DAVID GLICKFIELD, COUNTY AUDITOR JUDY CARMICHAEL, COUNTY ENGINEER IRVING MILLER, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT JOHN WEBSTER, COUNTY ASSESSOR JAY WALTERS, COUNCILMEN JOE ISAACS AND PAUL BAKER, JAMES A. GROSS OF MATTHEWS TOWN COUNCIL, DAVID LOER, MATTHEWS TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT, AREA PLAN DIRECTOR CLAY GILLEY, RANDY McPIKE OF WBAT, AND MARIA ROCCO OF WGOM.

DICK PUCKETT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 8:52 A.M.

DAVID GLICKFIELD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 1997 AND OF JUNE 9TH, 1997, AND TO APPROVE THE CURRENT CLAIMS AND THE CURRENT PAYROLL. DICK PUCKETT SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

JAMES GROSS AND DAVID LOER SPOKE REPRESENTING THE TOWN COUNCIL OF MATTHEWS IN REGARD TO MAKING THE INTERSECTION OF WHEELING PIKE AND MASSACHUSETTS STREET A 4-WAY STOP. MR. GROSS EXPLAINED THAT COMING INTO MATTHEWS GOING NORTH, THE INTERSECTION WAS VERY HARD TO SEE, AND THAT GOING SOUTH THERE IS A FILLING STATION THAT CREATES A BLIND SPOT. HE EXPLAINED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A FATALITY AT THAT INTERSECTION LAST MONTH AND THAT THE COUNCIL HAD DECIDED SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE TO MAKE IT A SAFER INTERSECTION. HE STATED THERE IS CURRENTLY A PETITION GOING AROUND TO MAKE IT INTO A 4-WAY STOP.

DAVID LOER STATED IT IS NOT A PURE INTERSECTION DUE TO THE OFFSET, AND THAT IT'S BOTH BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL ON BOTH SIDES.

JOHN STATED HE HAD LOOKED AT THE INTERSECTION SEVERAL TIMES. HE EXPLAINED THE CRITERIA FOR A 4-WAY STOP IS TO HAVE EQUAL TRAFFIC AND THAT THIS PARTICULAR INTERSECTION WAS CHECKED AT 2000 VEHICLES ONE WAY WHILE AT THE SAME TIME ONLY 1400 VEHICLES PASSED THROUGH. HE ALSO STATED THAT IN 1993 THERE WERE NO ACCIDENTS AT THAT INTERSECTION, IN 1994 THERE WAS 1 ACCIDENT, IN 1995 THERE WERE NO ACCIDENTS, IN 1996 THERE WAS 1 ACCIDENT AND THEN THE FATALITY IN MAY OF 1997. HE STATED IT WOULD BE AN INCONVENIENCE TO THOSE ON WHEELING PIKE TO HAVE TO STOP, AND WOULD COST THEM TIME AND MONEY.

DAVID LOER STATED THEY DEFINITELY WANT SOMETHING DONE. HE STATED THAT IF IT'S THE FIRST TIME THRU MATTHEWS FOR A DRIVER, THEY DON'T KNOW THAT THE INTERSECTION IS THERE. HE SUGGESTED THAT HE WOULD AT LEAST LIKE TO SEE A FLASHER AND A LOWER SPEED LIMIT. HE ASKED IF THERE WERE A CERTAIN "NUMBER" OF ACCIDENTS THAT WERE REQUIRED BEFORE ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN.

MR. WEBSTER STATED THAT USUALLY IT TOOK 5 ACCIDENTS TO MAKE A CHANGE.

JAMES GROSS REPLIED THAT "IT SEEMS LIKE WE'RE PUTTING INCONVENIENCE OVER CHANCE OF LIFE".

JOHN WAS CONCERNED WITH THE WAY THE ROAD IS LAID OUT, WITH THE OFFSET, AND THE LIABILITY. HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT WOULD TRY TO WORK OUT SOMETHING, BUT DID NOT THINK IT SHOULD BE A 4-WAY STOP, AND THAT COST WAS A FACTOR WITH A FLASHING LIGHT.

DICK PUCKETT SUGGESTED THAT IRVING AND JOHN HAVE SOME TIME TO WORK ON THE PROBLEM AND GET BACK WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMISSIONERS AT NEXT MONDAYS MEETING.

DAVID GLICKFIELD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURERS REPORT FOR MAY, 1997. DICK PUCKETT SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

DAVID GLICKFIELD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #15-1997, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC UPON THE PUBLIC ROADS OF GRANT COUNTY READING, "TO AMEND THE SPEED LIMIT ON VAL LANE, FROM STATE ROAD 9 TO DEAD END, IN WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TO 30 M.P.H. DICK PUCKETT SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

DAVID GLICKFIELD MADE A MOTION TO SUPPORT A POOR RELIEF LOAN FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP. DICK PUCKETT SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 9:10 A.M.