

**MINUTES**  
**TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**  
**April 20, 2016**  
**City Council Chambers**

A meeting of the Transportation Commission was called to order by Commission Chairman, Andrew Celentano at 7:01 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 in the Council Chambers at Woodstock City Hall.

A roll call was taken.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Caron Wenzel, Mark Indyke, Susan Hudson, and Chairman Andrew Celantano.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jason Osborne.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Public Works Director Jeff Van Landuyt and Chief Deputy Clerk Jane Howie

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by C. Wenzel, second by M. Indyke to accept the February 17, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Ayes: Mark Indyke, Caron Wenzel, and Chairman Andrew Celantano. Nays: None. Absentees: Jason Osborne. Abstentions: Susan Hudson. Motion carried.

Motion by S. Hudson, second by C. Wenzel to accept the March 16, 2016 Meeting Minutes as presented. Ayes: Caron Wenzel, Susan Hudson, and Chairman Andrew Celantano. Nays: None. Absentees: Jason Osborne. Abstentions: Mark Indyke. Motion carried.

**FLOOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Public Comments: None.
2. Commission Comments: Chairman Celentano talked a bit about the possible roundabout at Charles & Raffel Road, outside Woodstock city limits.

**TRANSMITTALS:**

1. Jacking up price of driving in Illinois – Northwest Herald, April 13, 2016.  
The Commission briefly discussed the increase in fees; however, they agree that the State of IL doesn't have funds to put monitors in roads to begin something like this.
2. MDRide Ridership Report Calendar Year 2016.  
Chairman Celentano said it appears to be growing, which is a good thing. The Report is prepared by McHenry County.
3. Chargepoint – level 2 commercial charging stations.  
With regard to commercial car charging stations, M. Indyke said this appears to be a marketing tool. He wonders how long it takes for something like this to

charge. Chairman Celentano said it depends on the amperage at the charging station. M. Indyke said his Hybrid vehicle, which has a fuel backup, doesn't hold a charge as well when the weather is cold. C. Wenzel said some quick-charge batteries are being made that have a longer life than current batteries.

4. Smarter Cars are already here – Time Magazine, March 7, 2016.  
The Commission didn't discuss this article.
5. From Horseless to Driverless – Economist, August, 1, 2015.  
The Commission briefly discussed this article. Chairman Celentano mentioned that this could put a lot of people out of work, ie, auto dealerships, auto insurance companies/ agencies. C. Wenzel talked about sustainability. There has to be an evolution that everyone can agree on for these things to happen. Such as, where is all the electricity going to come from? This needs to be discussed and decided upon. Cost of disposing of waste; it's very expensive. There needs to be an advance on solar panels and delivery, for example.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Meeting Minutes from transmittal of Transportation Plan to the City Council.  
A. Celentano updated the Commission on the WHS students' presentation to City Council last night, April 19<sup>th</sup>, regarding the 'Divvy' bikes plan in Woodstock.
2. Discussion about Student Presentation to the City Council  
Students from Woodstock High School will be at the May 11<sup>th</sup> Transportation meeting to present their information.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Roundabout – Charles & Raffel – ABOVE  
Mayor Sager sent a letter to the McHenry County Board members supporting the roundabout and its safety.
2. Potential High School Projects – ABOVE  
Chairman Celentano asked the Commission members to review this information. Add / subtract / change information to discuss at a later date. The project started with 4 or 5 students over 4 years ago. There are approximately 17 students involved in the program now.

C. Wenzel asked about the Diecast site. What's going on with this area? Across from Newell Street, adjacent to the homes are. City Council had discussed this site as a possible event pavilion.

Snow Removal, S. Hudson, said the Commission would like a recommendation or a plan; such as driving a bobcat around to clear sidewalks. Exploring opportunities to increase safety & recreation. Options such as heaters, products that repel ice from forming. J. Osborne added looking into other chemicals other than salt. Find out what other

countries do to maintain safe sidewalks. S. Hudson mentioned the Safe Routes to School project and said this needs to include safe sidewalks during the winter season.

J. Osborne wonders if the students can come up with 2 or 3 things that they can implement to encourage walking and biking to school on safer sidewalks.

Jason Osborne arrived at 7:30 PM.

Chairman Celentano asked that Commission members review the City of Woodstock Master Bicycle Plan from September 2009. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

J. Van Landuyt mentioned that the path along Rte. 14 will be connected to the path around Centegra Hospital.

Chairman Celentano asked if the Commission should create a snow ordinance. S. Hudson said they should create a comprehensive plan. This should be handled by the Commission if the students don't wish to take on the task.

C. Wenzel asked if they should ask for a pothole report. M. Indyke said pothole repair is very costly. Chairman Celentano talked about his involvement on the Pavement Management Task Force. Communities are still researching products and their longevity, wear & tear. Some materials are too new still to know if they work better than others.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Presentation of Bike Path Plan to Parks & Recreation Commission – May 10, 2016
2. Presentation of Bike Rental Plan & Bike Rack to Transportation Commission May 11, 2016
3. Microbus – June 2016  
Chairman Celentano asked Commission members to come up with a plan. J. Van Landuyt will contact PACE to gather some information to share with the Commission.
4. Discussion about pedestrian crossing on IL Rte. 47 and bicycle crossing, July 16

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by M. Indyke, second by C. Wenzel to adjourn the Meeting of the Transportation Commission. Ayes: Caron Wenzel, Mark Indyke, Susan Hudson, Jason Osborne and Chairman A. Celentano. Nays: None. Absentees: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

The next Regular Meeting of the Transportation Commission will meet on May 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Howie, Chief Deputy Clerk