



# CITY of FOSTORIA

213 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
FOSTORIA, OHIO 44830

Chair: Thomas Lake  
Secretary: Ed Logsdon

## LAW & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES February 16, 2022

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by Councilperson Lake at 6:00 pm.

**Attendees**                      Chair - Councilperson Thomas Lake  
   Secretary - Councilperson Ed Logsdon  
   Councilperson Mike Shaffer

2. **Meeting Minutes of Previous Meeting**

January 19, 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed and motion passed to approve.

3. **Old Business**

- a. Proposed Resolution #1 – Let it be resolved that the last remaining stoplight in downtown Fostoria, at the corner of Tiffin and Main Street, be removed and stop signs installed to create a four-way stop. Mayor Keckler commented during the February 1, 2022 Council Meeting that this as being considered along with other changes to the downtown streets.

*L&O to follow up to determine status.*

- b. Proposed Resolution #2 – Let it be resolved that the stoplight at the intersection of Countyline Street and Thomas Street be removed and that a stop sign be installed at Thomas Street. Let it be further resolved that the lanes on Countyline Street be marked such that the center lane becomes a turn lane for either direction, east or west. Rationale, this stoplight was installed so that children living the area could cross Countyline to attend Riley School. The school is no longer there. Mayor Keckler commented during the February 1, 2022 Council Meeting that this as being considered but will require a Traffic Study, Public notices and temporary signage before it can be implemented since it is a State highway.

*L&O to follow up to determine status.*

- c. Thomas Lake has received complaints from residents in his ward, near Lytle Street, complaining about a noise nuisance caused by large trucks using engine retarders for braking, i.e., “jake brakes” within City limits. Ordinances #337.30 (a) Use of Engine Retarders AND 509.08 b(6) Unlawful Noise, specifically prohibits this. Signs identifying the Ordinance and restricted use of engine braking are either missing or unreadable. This committee recommends new signage be installed.

*L&O to follow up to determine status.*

- d. Don Mennel – would like to see the installation of bicycle lanes in Fostoria when restriping streets. He suggested a bike lane going one-way on Main Street and another going one-way on Union Street as a possibility.

*The Mayor mentioned during the Feb. 1, 2022 Council Meeting that bike lanes are part of the plan for restriping the downtown streets. No comments concerning bike lanes on Union and Main beyond downtown.*

- e. Don Mennel – suggested a moratorium on fees for the installation of sidewalks or other upgrades from Memorial Day to Labor Day, for example. This could be a way to encourage property owners to upgrade their residences.

*The Mayor didn't comment but noted the suggestion during the Feb 1, 2022 Council Meeting.*

#### 4. **New Business:**

- a. The Committee reviewed a July 26, 20' 10 list of existing ordinances provided by Paul Allison, that needed to be reviewed. Of the eleven included in the list, the committee revised seven ordinances.
- b. The Law & Ordinance Committee “Objectives” were reviewed and approved. They are posted on the Committee webpage for public to view.
- c. The Law & Ordinance Committee requests the Law Director to review and bring forth revisions to the Parks and Recreation Ordinance Section 153.02 passed 10-15-96 of the Codified Ordinances titled “Composition”. A summary of the proposed changes are as follows:
  - i. Amend Section 153.02 (a) to state, “Three members shall be appointed by the Mayor whose terms shall be of two years, three years and four years so that the terms of these individuals will be staggered.”
  - ii. Amend Section 153.02 (c) to state, “Once Council person shall be appointed by Council. The term shall correspond to terms of Council.
  - iii. Delete section 153.02 (f).
  - iv. Amend Section 153.02 (g) to (f) due to removal of current section.

*A digital copy of the above changes will be forwarded to the Law Director.*

#### 5. **Public Comments:**

Mike Shaffer – provided proposed amendments to Ordinance 96-98 Section 153.02 concerning the Composition of the Parks and Recreation Board. The changes were reviewed and this Committee voted that we forward the proposal to the Law Director for review with the goal of presenting the revisions at the next City Council meeting. *See New Business.*

#### 6. **Communications:**

Thomas Lake – Mentioned that he sees auto Handicap Signs being abused. It was confirmed that the Safety Service Director is who issues the signs and in charge of managing them. He will discuss his concerns about abuse of Handicap Signs with City Administration.

**7. Adjournment:**

With no other business to come before the Law & Ordinance Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.

The next regular Law & Ordinance meeting is scheduled for *Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm in Conference Room 2 in the City Building.*

Signed:

Attest:

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Councilperson Lake, Committee Chair

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Tamara L Drake Clerk of Council

Date \_\_\_\_\_