

PUBLIC COMMENTS – for the Tuesday, October 22, 2024 Board Meeting

On Tue, Oct 15, 2024, 1:23 PM Chmielewski, Michael wrote:

Hi Mr. Robertson,

I understand you have some concerns over speed enforcement within the Village. I would be happy to meet with you to discuss the issues you have. Unfortunately, these conversations are difficult to have via email, social media, etc. Communication in person is still the most effective way for you to communicate your concerns and for me to provide some information. Please let me know if you would like to meet.

Thank you!

Sergeant Mike Chmielewski <u>17950 Dixie Hwy</u> <u>Homewood, IL 60430</u> Phone: 708-206-3420 Fax: 708-206-3497

From: Bob Robertson
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 7:36 PM
To: Chmielewski, Michael; PublicComments <<u>comments@homewoodil.gov</u>>; pdsocial
<<u>pdsocial@homewoodil.gov</u>
Subject: Re: Speeding Questions

There really isn't a need for a conversation, there's nothing difficult about it. It was a simple question, why aren't you doing ANYTHING about the speeding at 187th and Ashland? Why does Homewood allow so much criminal activity? Meet me at 187th and Ashland at 5pm tomorrow to yell over the speeding traffic. You can make your excuses and first appearance at this dangerous intersection then. All you do is make excuses. How many more people have to die?

From: "Chmielewski, Michael"
Date: October 16, 2024 at 8:09:11 PM CDT
To: Bob Robertson , PublicComments <<u>comments@homewoodil.gov</u>
Subject: Re: Speeding Questions

Mr. Robertson,

I am sorry you feel the Police Department and Village are not making efforts. I will be at 187th and Ashland tomorrow at 5pm, pending a call for service.

Sgt. Michael Chmielewski

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 4:54 PM To: PublicComments <u>comments@homewoodil.gov</u> Subject: Speeding Cars

I am writing to express my deep frustration and anger regarding the ongoing issue of speeding cars in our community. Despite repeated concerns raised by residents, it is clear that little to no action has been taken to address this serious problem. It seems that no actions will be taken at this point. President Hofeld clearly doesn't care how many vehicular homicides happen in our Village. The Village and The Police Department have made so many empty promises over the last decade. You have both failed the residents.

Every day, we witness reckless driving that endangers our children, families, and pets. The lack of speed enforcement, appropriate signage, appropriate street lighting, and lack of sidewalks on 187th Street is unacceptable. We should not have to live in fear for our safety because the village and the police department have failed to prioritize this issue. Students wait in a driveway apron every morning at Reigel and 187th Street, very close to the street, while cars fly by.

I urge you to take immediate steps to implement traffic calming measures, increase police patrols, and communicate with residents about what actions will be taken, and when these will be taken. The community deserves better than empty promises and inaction.

I expect a prompt response outlining how and when you intend to immediately address this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Diane Neher

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 4:01 PM To: PublicComments <u>comments@homewoodil.gov</u> Subject: Urgent Action Needed: Addressing Speeding in Our Community

Dear Homewood Trustees and Employees,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to bring to your attention a pressing issue that affects the safety and well-being of our community: the increasing number of speeding vehicles on our roads. It is especially bad between Dixie Highway and Riegel Road on 187th Street. There are not enough Stop Signs or Police activity.

As a resident of 187th Street in Homewood, I have witnessed firsthand the dangers posed by speeding cars, especially near schools, parks, and residential areas. The lack of adherence to speed limits not only endangers pedestrians and cyclists but also creates an environment of fear among residents, particularly families with children.

I urge the town to consider implementing measures to address this issue, such as:

- 1. **Increased Traffic Enforcement:** More frequent speed monitoring and patrols in high-traffic areas could deter reckless driving.
- 2. **Speed Bumps and Traffic Calming Measures:** Installing speed bumps, roundabouts, or other traffic calming measures can effectively reduce speeding in residential neighborhoods.
- 3. **Improved Signage and Visibility:** Ensuring speed limit signs are clearly visible and possibly adding electronic speed displays can remind drivers to adhere to the limits.
- 4. Speed Cameras: If the Police cannot police, have robots do it.

The safety of our community should be our top priority, and I believe that by taking these steps, we can make a significant difference. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I look forward to seeing our town take action to protect its residents.

Sincerely, Lourdes Concella