

**Public Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2021**

Kim Chamberland called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Present: Kim Chamberland and Ted Haskins, Amy Vilaro

Staff: City Manager Michael Doss; Finance Director Pat Wirthlin and Administrative Assistant Jackie Bain

Visitors: Jon Lenihan, Tina and Scott Humphries and Judy Adkins

Proceedings: *Approved the proceedings from the March 11, 2021 Public Services Committee Minutes. All yes*

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 339.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MILFORD REGARDING USE OF LOCAL STREETS

Ms. Chamberland presented information to the committee for the discussion of the proposed ordinance 2021-81. There was discussion regarding operating a vehicle exceeding a size specified in section 339.03 or exceeding a gross vehicle weight rating (gvwr) of 14,000 pounds upon any street in the City other than a State route, except those local streets designated as a truck route and marked as such by appropriate signage indicating "No Thru Trucks."

Mr. Jon Lenihan discussed that busses whether they be yellow or blue, commercial or school still exceed 14,000 pounds.

Additional information in the regarding the proposed ordinance was also discussed in length including trucks, metro busses, and being consistent.

The safety of the Scenic River Canoe busses was discussed. They have been using that route since 1999. And there have been no accidents involving their buses since 2017 (two incidents).

More discussion regarding the safety concerns on Cleveland Avenue followed. Along with the policies that will apply to the City of Milford and not just one or two streets.

Tina Humphries-Cleveland Ave Milford Ohio

Discussed how this has to do with Scenic Bus Canoes and previous discussions at meetings.

Scott Humphries-Cleveland Ave Milford Ohio

He wanted to point out that not only is this a legal issue but also a safety issue to be cutting thru and there are signs posted stating a 5-ton limit/No Thru Trucks. The Scenic River Busses travel

every 8-10 minutes on Cleveland for 6-8 months out of the year. The alternate route thru Chamber Drive was discussed. Mr. Humphries had copies of the web addresses for his statistics which he handed out to each committee member.

Mr. Doss discussed how the ordinance only allows the additional pounds for vehicles dropping off and delivering and conducting business within the city. It does define the school busses as exempt and also busses as being exempt. The Ordinance is still not allowing those commercial trucks to go through that area. It is only carving out and defining school busses and busses.

Ms. Chamberland added that this is an ordinance across the board. Cleveland Avenue is a thru street that connects Round Bottom to Milford.

Judy Adkins Hickory Street Milford Ohio brought to the committee's attention how the heavy trucks and busses will erode the roads over time.

Mr. Haskins would like to move forward and at least take this to council for debate and discussion.

Ms. Vilardo agreed with Mr. Haskins. We have an ordinance before us to go before council.

Ms. Chamberland agreed and read the following to be discussed with council at tomorrow's City Council meeting (April 6, 2021):

The Committee Agreed to Recommend that the Law Director Draft an Ordinance Amending Section 339.02 Of the Codified Ordinances of The City of Milford Regarding Use of Local Streets

Mr. Doss brought to the committee's attention how the High Street Storm project will have to go out for bid. His intention is to speak to Mr. Ditchen and where we go from there as far as any cost sharing. This project will exceed \$40,000.

Ms. Chamberland spoke about Ms. Rebecca Geiger who just gave us a plug on WVXU 91.7 for all that we have done to make pedestrian crossing safe in the city.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:42pm with a motion from Mr. Haskins. Seconded by Ms. Vilardo All agreed

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Bain, Administrative Assistant

"These minutes have been approved and adopted by Ms. Chamberland, Ms. Vilardo and Mr. Haskins on April 6, 2021"