

The Traffic Committee meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Lower Level Conference Room of Troy City Hall on October 21, 1998 by Vice-Chairman Michael Palchesko.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT: Michael Culpepper
Ted Halsey
John Diefenbaker
Michael Palchesko

ABSENT: Arthur Cotsonika
Jan Hubbell
Charles Solis

Also present were the following:

Lt. Robert Matlick, Fire Dept.
Sgt. David Swanson, Police Dept.
John Abraham, Traffic Engineer

2. Minutes - September 16, 1998

Moved by Halsey
Supported by Culpepper

That the minutes of September 16, 1998 be accepted as printed.

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 3

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Excuse

Moved by Diefenbaker
Supported by Culpepper

That Mr. Cotsonika, Mr. Solis and Ms. Hubbell be excused.

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 3

MOTION CARRIED

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3. Visitors' Time

No one appeared to address the Committee on any items not on the agenda.

4. "No Parking" on Witherbee between Graefield and Norwich

Ms. Virginia Hehn of 1654 Witherbee requests that the section of Witherbee between Graefield and Norwich in Section 30 be posted NO PARKING on both sides. Ms. Hehn indicated that with cars parked on the roadway, there are vision obstructions making it very difficult to pull out of her driveway. Ms. Hehn is concerned for traffic safety and safety of pedestrians who may have vision obstructed by the parked cars. Site visits indicate that the visibility conditions are comparable to a majority of all residential streets in the City.

Ms. Hehn indicated that she would like to request partial restriction of parking on the south side, say between midnight and 6:00 AM. Her concern is that there are vans, trucks, and cars parked on the south side of the road which is already narrow. She indicated 2 cars cannot pass in the available space and that the parked cars are an eyesore giving the neighborhood a "ghetto" look.

Joe Buese of 1664 Witherbee said he sympathizes with the concerns raised, but does not see parking restriction to be the solution.

Abe Boumediene of 1517 Witherbee feels such an action would be too restrictive and that he would not support it.

Mr. Culpepper indicated that most residences have a single driveway and that it may not be possible to park all cars in driveways.

Mr. Halsey suggested that the homeowners association send letters to the residents regarding the concern. Since there is no active homeowners association, Mr. Buese and Mr. Boumediene volunteered to write letters.

Moved by Halsey
Supported by Diefenbaker

Recommend no changes be made.

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 3

MOTION CARRIED

5. Install "YIELD" Sign on Prince at English

Thomas Rosewame of the Department of Public Works, City of Troy, requests a YIELD sign on southbound Prince at English. He noted that there has been increased traffic due to a new residential subdivision that opened north of English, and that the intersection sight distances are not adequate.

A traffic volume study at the intersection indicated that Prince carried 456 vehicles per day, north of English. English Street is the major roadway that connects to Dequindre Road and serves as entrance to a number of residential subdivisions. English carries close to 1500 vehicles per day.

A sight distance study indicates that for safe traffic conditions, vehicles on Prince have to reduce their speeds to less than 15 miles per hour. Due to trees and shrubs planted at regular intervals, motorists on English cannot see Prince Street until they are very close, resulting in some conflicts. There is also right-of-way confusion. It is felt that the conditions on site may be improved by a YIELD sign on Prince at English. The subdivision to the north of English has a construction entry/exit via Santia Street onto Dequindre. However, once all construction is complete this will be closed, forcing all traffic to enter and exit either through Prince, to the south, or Shale, to the north.

Randy Peterson of 2838 English indicated that English, being a major entrance to the subdivision, carries a high volume of traffic, and he supports the YIELD sign on Prince, considering that Santia Street will be closed, taking more traffic onto English.

Lisa Harrison, 3850 English, also voiced concerns about children's safety and that she is in favor of the YIELD sign.

Moved by Culpepper
Supported by Diefenbaker

Recommend that a YIELD sign be installed on Prince at English.

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 3

MOTION CARRIED

6. Establish Fire Lanes at Wheel to Wheel, 570 Executive

The Troy Fire Department requests establishment of the proposed fire lanes at Wheel to Wheel, 570 Executive. Section 8.28, Chapter 106, Troy City Code, provides for the establishment of fire lanes on private property. The Fire Department recommends that the fire lanes shown on the attached sketch be provided to allow proper deployment of and travel by emergency vehicles (fire, police, medical).

Richard Giles of Wheel to Wheel explained that they are making arrangements to comply with the regulation. There is a high compression gas fueling station at the corner of the lane, and it is being removed now to accommodate the fire lane.

Mr. Halsey asked if the owners needed more time. Mr. Giles indicated that the changes would be completed by the first part of December, and therefore there is no need for tabling this item.

Moved by Diefenbaker
Supported by Culpepper

Recommend that the fire lanes/tow away zones shown in the attached sketch be established for 570 Executive.

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 3

MOTION CARRIED

7. Establish Fire Lanes at 5850 New King Street

The Troy Fire Department requests establishment of the proposed fire lanes at 5850 New King Street. Section 8.28, Chapter 106, Troy City Code, provides for the establishment of fire lanes on private property. The Fire Department recommends that the fire lanes shown on the attached sketch be provided to allow proper deployment of and travel by emergency vehicles (fire, police, medical).

Moved by Halsey
Supported by Diefenbaker

Recommend that the fire lanes/tow away zones shown in the attached sketch be established for 5850 New King Street.

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 3

MOTION CARRIED

8. Other Business

Lt. Matlick brought in a letter from a resident about configuration of NO PARKING signs on Quail Run near Strawberry. The water main changes direction on Quail Run, and the signs also change sides. Mr. Rourke, resident of Quail Run feels the parking situation increases congestion and that the configuration should be changed. The Traffic Engineer was requested to take a look at the area and make recommendations.

9. Adjourn

Moved by Halsey
Supported by Diefenbaker

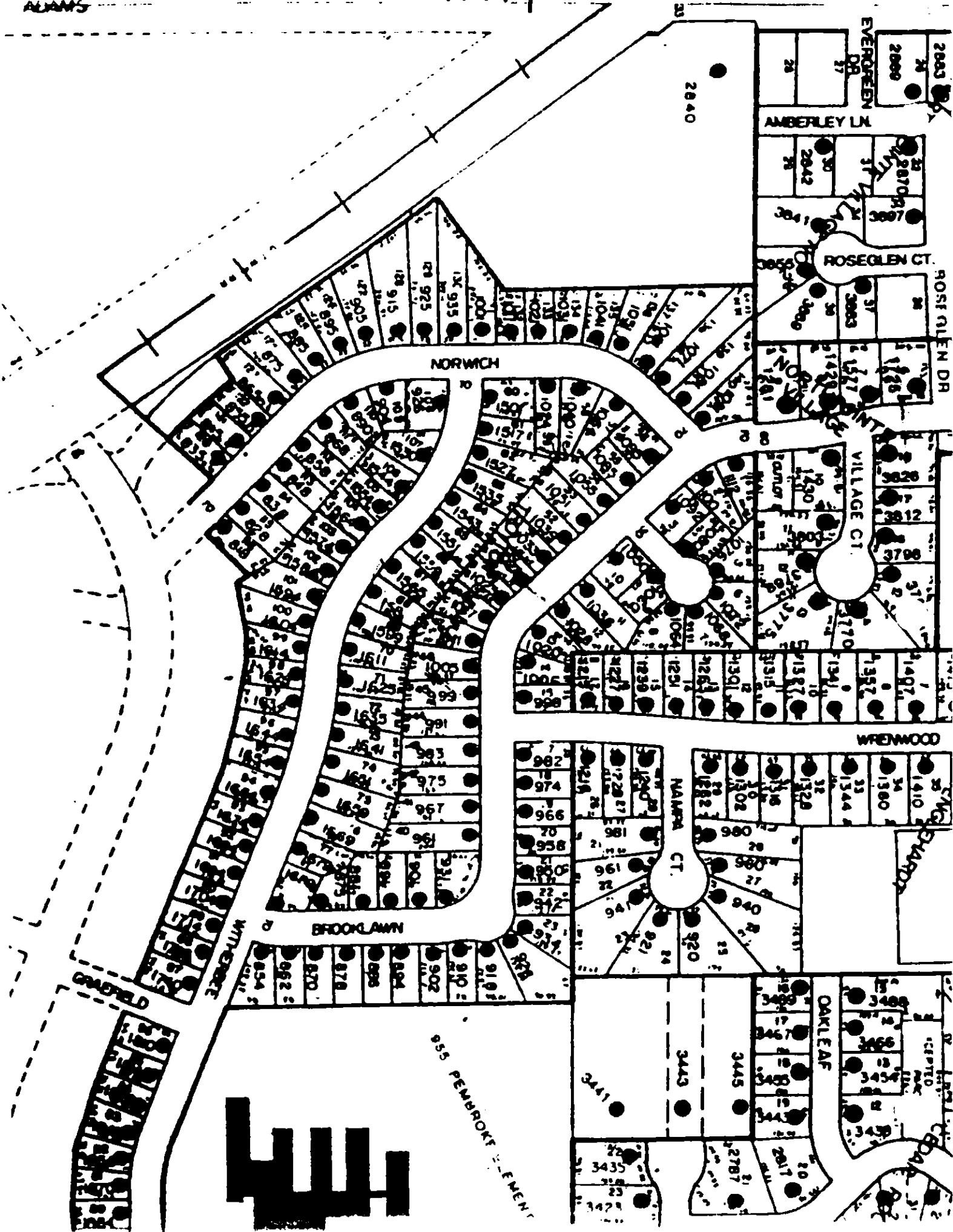
Motion to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 18, 1998.

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 3

MOTION CARRIED





OPEN
TO
TRAFFIC
EXPECTED
TO BE CLOSED
SOON.



Troy Fire Department

500 West Big Beaver Road, Troy, Michigan 48084
248-524-3419

September 18, 1998

Rich Niles
Wheel to Wheel
570 Executive
Troy MI 48083

RE: 570 Executive

Dear Mr. Niles:

In accordance with Chapter 106 of the Troy City Code, the above captioned property has been surveyed by the Troy Fire Department for the purpose of establishing additional fire lanes.

It is requested that you or your representative attend the Traffic Committee meeting on October 21, 1998, at 7:30 p.m., which is held at the Troy City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy.

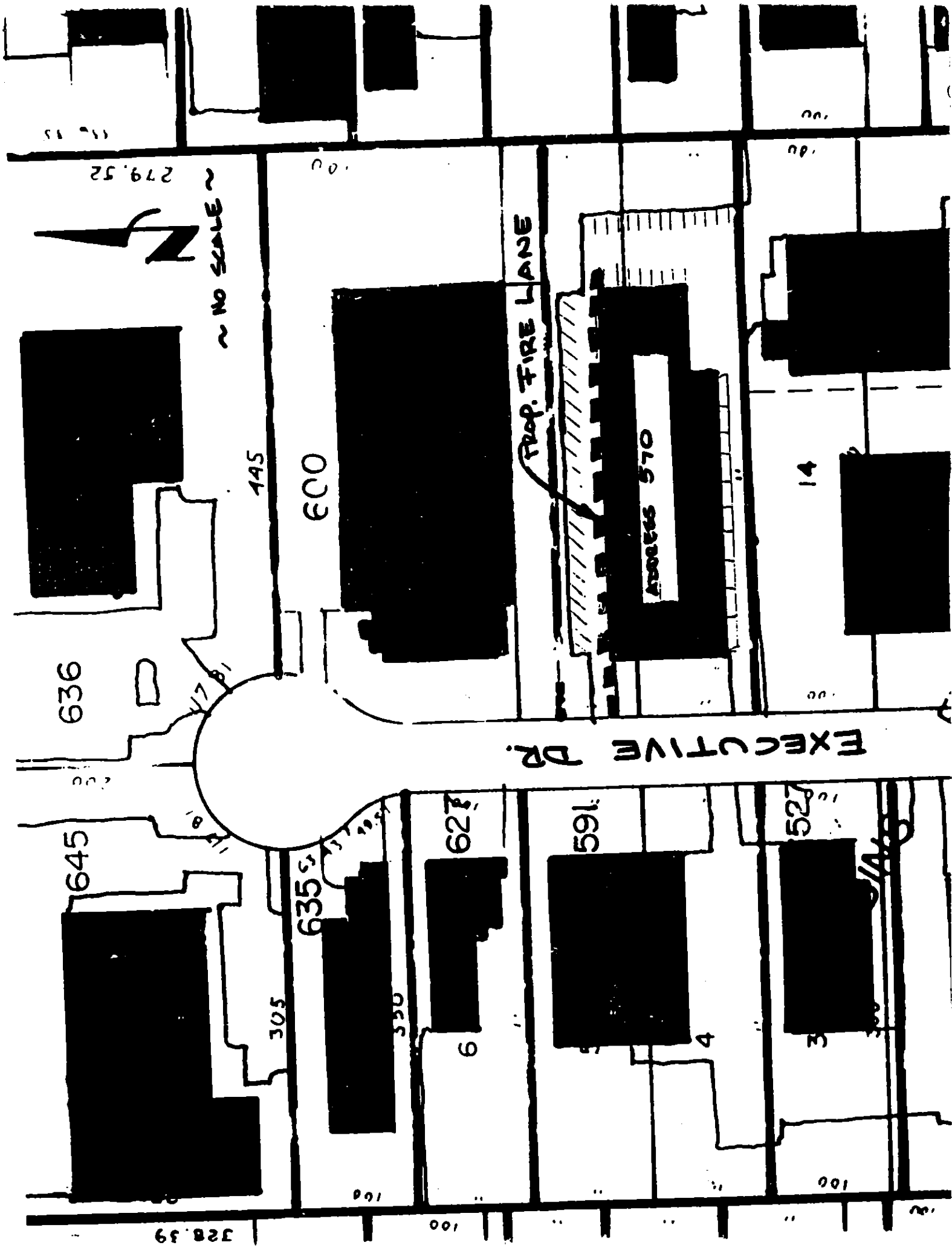
If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

TROY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Robert Matlick
Lieutenant

RM/cz



EXECUTIVE DR.

PROP. FIRE LANE

~ NO SCALE

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636

645

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627

591

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Troy Fire Department

500 West Big Beaver Road, Troy, Michigan 48084
248-524-3419

September 18, 1998

David Childers
Synergy
100 W Big Beaver Rd Ste 580
Troy MI 48084

RE: 5850 New King

Dear Mr. Childers:

In accordance with Chapter 106 of the Troy City Code, the above captioned property has been surveyed by the Troy Fire Department for the purpose of establishing additional fire lanes.

It is requested that you or your representative attend the Traffic Committee meeting on October 21, 1998, at 7:30 p.m., which is held at the Troy City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

TROY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Robert Matlick
Lieutenant

RM/cz

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FROM THE DESK OF

Paul M. O'Rourke

Mr Pat Mallock 10-20-98
Troy Fire Dept.
Dear Mr. Mallock

Per our phone conversation
of today I am enclosing photographs
of the congested parking conditions
that exist on Quail Run
at Strawberry. The City
Traffic Dept has changed the
parking situation so that it
is impossible for a fire
truck to make the corner
to attend a fire, should one
occur, at houses down the
street. These conditions
were existed before the
parking signs were put up.

FROM THE DESK OF

Paul M. O'Rourke

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As a resident of Quail
Run and that of the other
residents of that street we
don't want these signs in
our front yards and it has
created a major concern
should a fire develop.

Your support in this
matter is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul M O'Rourke
2910 Quail Run

Troy -

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