1. Call to Order

Chair Gelfund called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Pledge to the Flag

Chair Gelfund led the Commission in the Pledge to the Flag.

3. Roll Call

Commissioners Antonio Costantino, Donald Gelfund, Georjean Nickell, Claude Petit, and Assistant to the Public Works Director Ashley Engelmann, Officer Michael Knapp, Village Engineer James Amelio, and Chief Robert LaMantia were present.

Commissioners Mark Bonner, James Lee and Scott Troiani were absent.

4. Report by Chair

No report

5. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Nickell moved to approve the minutes of September 18, 2014. Commissioner Costantino seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Unfinished Business

None

7. New Business

Review of a Request for a Four-way Stop Sign at Pratt Ave. and Navajo Ave.

Chief LaMantia reviewed the Pratt Ave. and Navajo Ave. Residential All-Way Stop Control Warrant Worksheet dated September 18, 2014, and the “Summary of Pratt and Navajo Traffic Counts” dated May 19, 2014 prepared by Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. Steven Berecz. (attached)

Mr. James Amelio recommended the following:
a. Increase the line of sight and eliminate parking on the north side of Pratt Ave. from 5110 to 5042.

b. Trim the parkway trees and shrubs on the south side of Pratt Ave.

c. Consider traffic calming including a raised crosswalk at a nearby cross street.

Following a review and discussion, Commissioner Nickell made a motion to table the discussion regarding the four-way stop, request speed enforcement, and implement temporary no parking per Mr. Ameilo’s recommendation. Commissioner Costantino seconded. Chair Gelfund indicated he would like to remove the four-way stop from the motion. He felt the stop signs are not warranted. Commissioner Petit and Chair Gelfund voted nay, Commissioner Nickell voted aye, and Commissioner Costantino abstained. The motion failed.

Commissioner Nickell made a motion to table the request for a four-way stop indefinitely. There was no second. The motion failed.

Commissioner Petit made a motion to deny the request for a four-way stop sign. Chair Gelfund seconded. There was no discussion. Commissioners Petit, Costantino and Gelfund voted aye. Commissioner Nickell voted nay. The motion passed.

Commissioner Nickell made a motion to recommend the Police Department utilize the speed display trailer to educate the motoring public, temporarily restrict parking on the north side of Pratt Ave. between 5042 and 5110. Commissioner Petit seconded. Commissioners Petit, Costantino, Nickell and Gelfund voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion passed.

8. Public Forum

None

9. Report by Staff

a. Ms. Engelmann reported that Crawford Ave. construction was ahead of schedule. The Village has received very few complaints. The staff appreciates the support from the community. Once the construction season concludes for the winter, all lanes will reopen.

b. Ms. Engelmann reported that the Pratt Ave. and Central Ave. signal and upgrade intersection is in its final stages. The project should be completed by December. There have not been too many problems.
c. Chief LaMantia reported on an $18,000 Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Bike Shelter grant. The project should be completed by the spring, 2015.

d. Chief LaMantia reported on IDOT’s response to the Village’s request to review the intersection of Devon Ave. and Ridgeway Ave. IDOT indicated in a letter to the Village that the number of motor vehicle traffic crashes is within the norm.

10. Good of the Order

   Commissioner Petit requested the staff review the line-of-sight for eastbound Harding Ave. at Lincoln Ave. Mr. Amelio agreed to review the matter.

11. Adjournment

   Commissioner Nickell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Commissioner Costantino seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.