

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF GARDEN CITY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023**

1. Approve Minutes of June 15, 2023
2. FORMAL AGENDA

- DEFERRED AGENDA

1. Children at Play Sign – Wellington Road

Ericalyn O’Connor, 150 Wellington Road, requesting a “Children at Play” sign to be installed on Wellington Road, between Newmarket Road and Stratford Avenue.

Traffic Survey: Wellington Road, between Newmarket Road and Stratford Avenue, dated November 17, 2021, provided by Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department.

The Traffic Commission, at the November 18, 2021, Meeting, deferred this request asking for review by the perspective Property Owners’ Association.

The Traffic Commission, at the January 13, 2022, Meeting, voted to defer this item as it will be included within the Satellite Traffic Calming study.

Deferred until after the Thursday, May 19, 2022, Public Hearing, and a review of report.

Deferred: June 16, 2022, September 15, 2022, November 17, 2022 and January 12, 2023

Ericalyn O’Connor sending a second request for consideration of the “Children at Play” sign on Wellington Road, between Newmarket Road and Stratford Avenue, and traffic monitoring.

March 16, Meeting: Deferred - to be discussed during upcoming final report.

May 4, 2023, Meeting: Trustee Kelly advised that he met with Ms. O’Connor and is working with the Traffic Commission to come up with a solution.

June 15, 2023, Meeting: Deferred - Traffic Commission will review this issue in conjunction with the satellite report being presented at the Board of Trustees Meeting.

2. Trustee Kelly is requesting a review of the following:
 - a. Addition of a crosswalk from the end of the south sidewalk on South Avenue to the north side sidewalk of South Avenue.

January 12, 2023, Meeting: Deferred; request to Engineering Department to study area for determination.

March 16, 2023, Meeting: Deferred - under review by Engineering Department.

Mr. Borroni submitted a concept plan and estimate to the Traffic Commission for review.

May 4, 2023, Meeting: The Traffic Commission voted in favor of moving ahead with this item as Trustee Kelly feels it will complete the connection for Adelphi University students.

As per Mr. Borroni, the plan is in the design phase.

June 15, 2023, Meeting: Mr. Borroni advised the Traffic Commission that an additional two (2) weeks were needed for the final design.

Mr. Borroni has submitted the final plan and is awaiting a determination from the Traffic Commission.

3. Parking Restrictions – 130 Seventh Street

Request from John E. Wilton, President, Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of Seventh Street Café to address the parking restrictions behind their restaurant located at 130 Seventh Street. This request is to extend the one-hour restriction during the week and for no tickets to be issued on Saturdays and Sundays as the current time restrictions are impacting business.

March 16, 2023, Meeting: Deferred - no tickets to be issued on Saturdays and Sundays; Traffic Commission requested Mr. Wilton to come up with a proposal to accommodate this request.

May 4, 2023, Meeting: Deferred – waiting for proposal from business owner.

June 15, 2023, Meeting: Traffic Commission to defer one last time to allow more time for proposal from business owner.

4. Atlantic and Cathedral Avenues – Traffic Light

Request from Mr. Papadimatos asking to retime the light at the intersection of Atlantic and Cathedral Avenues. His feeling is that the light does not provide enough time to get through the intersection.

March 16, 2023, Meeting: Deferred - This is addressed within the Cathedral Diet Study.

May 4, 2023, Meeting: Deferred – This is addressed within the Cathedral Diet Study.

June 15, 2023, Meeting: Deferred until study is finalized.

5. Removal of 2-Hour Parking Signs – Linden Street

Halvor Adams, 31 Linden Street, requesting the removal of the “temporary” 2-hour parking signs that were installed during the 2014 closing of the parking garage at 1 Old Country Road as there is no longer an issue.

March 16, 2023, Meeting: Deferred - Traffic Commission is requesting a response from Linden Street residents regarding this request.

May 4, 2023, Meeting: Traffic Commission requesting Mr. Borroni to follow up and provide an update.

Mr. Borroni followed up with an email to Mr. Adams on June 7, 2023.

June 15, 2023, Meeting: Traffic Commission requesting Mr. Borroni to follow up and provide an update.

6. Truck Restricted Street

Trustee Kelly requesting a map of all truck-restricted streets in the Village to be provided to Traffic Commission as part of the Traffic Commission’s evaluation of the addition of trucking restrictions to roads in the Village that currently have no restrictions; type of each trucking restriction in place shall be included with the map.

March 16, 2023, Meeting: Trustee Kelly asked for Mr. Borroni to provide the requested map.

April 5, 2023, email from Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department, providing 2019 Department of Transportation (DOT) Statistics on truck volume numbers for various Garden City roadways.

Trustee Kelly is requesting to implement 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. prohibition of truck traffic on both Clinton Road and Washington Avenue with further study.

May 4, 2023, Meeting: Approved - Restriction of truck traffic on both Clinton Road and Washington Avenue from Old Country Road to Meadow Street for southbound traffic only; further review needed for northbound restriction.

Mr. Borroni submitted the Village-approved drawing of sign placement to Nassau County and Village of Mineola for approval via email on May 17, 2023.

June 15, 2023, Meeting: Mr. Borroni advised Nassau County approval was received on June 14, 2023, and is waiting for Village of Mineola response. The Traffic Commission requested that he follow up with them.

Mr. Borroni has advised that the signs have been installed.

7. Parking Lot Signage – Kings Food Markets

Permit application submitted by C2Construction Services, 8076 Flannery Court, Manassas, Virginia 20109, on behalf of Kings Food Markets, 870 Franklin Avenue, to install parking spot signage for online ordering program in Parking Field No. 8.

Note, if approved by the Traffic Commission, this request will require review and determination from both the Architectural Design Review Board (ADRB) and Village Counsel.

May 4, 2023, Meeting: Deferred

June 15, 2023, Meeting: Deferred - Mr. Borroni to follow up with Kings regarding the justification for needing six (6) spots.

8. Tanners Pond Road Underpass

Email request from Arnold Finamore to consider adding a mirror or other visual aid to assist those entering Tanners Pond Road underpass in seeing approaching traffic.

May 4, 2023, Meeting: Deferred - Mr. Borroni to submit suggestions to the Traffic Commission for review.

June 15, 2023, Meeting: Deferred - The Traffic Commission requested Mr. Borroni to reach out to the MTA and submit a design plan for review.

9. “Wildlife Crossing” Signs – Rockaway Avenue

Trustee Kelly requesting the addition of signs on Rockaway Avenue upon entrance(s) from Old Country Road and on the north side opposite football stands to alert drivers to the frequent road crossings of wildlife.

June 15, 2023, Meeting: Deferred - Mr. Borroni to reach out to DEC regarding signage.

Mr. Borroni submitting signage and locations for Traffic Commission approval.

10. “Children at Play” Sign – 79 Poplar Street

Request received via SeeClickFix for a “Children at Play” sign to be installed in front of 79 Poplar Street.

June 15, 2023, Meeting: Deferred - pending determination of Deferred Item 1.

11. Commercial Avenue

Trustee Kelly requesting consideration of posting signs on Commercial Avenue indicating “No Buses Allowed”.

June 15, 2023, Meeting: Deferred - Mr. Borroni to find out whose permission is needed to do this.

June 21, 2023, email from Mr. Borroni advising that “the road jurisdiction falls under Nassau County for Commercial Avenue from the Village Line to Oak Street”.

- **STATUS UPDATE ON ISSUES REFERRED TO NASSAU COUNTY FOR STUDY/ACTION**
Mr. Borroni, Superintendent of Public Works, advised that Item No. 11 (Stop Bar Relocation) has been completed. On August 29, 2023, Mr. Borroni emailed Kenneth Arnold, P.E., Commissioner, Nassau County Department of Public Works, to follow up on the status of updates/determinations.

1. Clinton Road – Intersection Humps

At the October 18, 2018, Meeting, the Traffic Commission voted to refer to Nassau County asking them to smooth out the intersection humps along Clinton Road.

Nassau County, Department of Public Works, has agreed to meet with the Village to discuss solutions to this issue. A meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 24, 2020.

January 24, 2020, meeting with Village Officials, Members of the Nassau County Legislature and Nassau County Department of Public Works to discuss a plan of action to address the intersection humps along Clinton Road. It was decided that the Village would initiate a study of the area, funded by Nassau County.

December 8, 2020, email from Nassau County Department of Public Works requesting to “meet with the Village and revisit an Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA)”.

At the January 14, 2021, Traffic Commission Meeting, Trustee Minuto requested the Department of Public Works to reach out to Nassau County Department of Public Works regarding their December 8, 2020, email.

March 24, 2021, email from Kenneth Arnold, P.E., Commissioner, Nassau County Department of Public Works, advising that Nassau County has completed its traffic analysis and will be contacting the Village sometime in the next few weeks to go over the findings, pending nothing major redirects their resources.

Kenneth Arnold, P.E., Commissioner, Nassau County Department of Public Works, has advised the Village that a design document has been issued by Nassau County.

Nassau County Department of Public Works to update the Village by the end of July 2022.

Status: Nassau County is waiting for any comments from the Village.

A meeting was held on March 6, 2023, at the Garden City Casino, 51 Cathedral Avenue, to discuss the County's proposal for Clinton Road.

March 16, 2023, email from Harold Lutz, Director of Traffic Engineering, Nassau County Department of Public Works, advising that they are coordinating with the Village to determine the next steps for entering into an Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA).

2. Intersection at Franklin and Stewart Avenues – Light Timing/Signal Changes

At the May 23, 2019, Meeting, the Traffic Commission voted to refer to Nassau County asking them to review the light timing/signal changes at the eastbound intersection at Franklin and Stewart Avenues.

December 8, 2020, email from Nassau County Department of Public Works advising they have “no record of recent requests for timing/signal changes at the intersection of Franklin Avenue.” They will “contact Commissioner Ken Jackson to coordinate and further discuss the Village's concerns”.

At the January 14, 2021, Traffic Commission Meeting, Commissioner Jackson advised that Nassau County Department of Public Works has not reached out to him regarding their December 8, 2020, email; Trustee Minuto requested he reach out to them.

January 28, 2021, email from Commissioner Jackson to Mary Studdert, Nassau County Department of Public Works requesting a review to determine if this request is warranted.

March 24, 2021, email from Kenneth Arnold, P.E., Commissioner, Nassau County Department of Public Works advising “We did field review the signal but did not observe anything out of the ordinary – possibly due to lower Covid volumes”. Commissioner Jackson will be contacted by Nassau County to discuss. Commissioner Jackson would like a follow up of this request since traffic is picking up after the lower volumes that were possibly due to Covid.

May 12, 2022, email from Joseph G. Pecora, P.E., Deputy Commissioner, County of Nassau, Department of Public Works, advising Commissioner Jackson that this request is being reviewed to determine what changes/improvements may be warranted.

Commissioner Jackson is in contact with Joseph G. Pecora, P.E., Deputy Commissioner, County of Nassau, Department of Public Works. This request is being revisited by Nassau County.

Status: Under consideration by Nassau County; awaiting results of study.

3. Merillon Avenue and Rockaway Avenue Design

At the June 16, 2022, Meeting, the Traffic Commission requested this item be added to the list of items referred to Nassau County for study/action.

Mr. Suozzi was asked by the Traffic Commission to reach out to Kenneth Arnold, P.E., Commissioner, Nassau County Department of Public Works for an update.

Status: Study ongoing.

March 16, 2023, email from Harold Lutz, Director of Traffic Engineering, Nassau County Department of Public Works, advising the design plan for this project is currently underway, and they look to schedule a follow-up meeting with the Village in the upcoming months to present the plans.

Mr. Borroni has requested a copy of the draft.

4. Clinton Road Issues and Traffic Study on Clinton Road from Meadow Street to Commercial Avenue

At the June 16, 2022, Meeting, and again at the September 15, 2022, Meeting, requests for a complete traffic study on Clinton Road between Meadow Street and Commercial Avenue; Trustee Kelly discussed the feasibility of asking Nassau County to install a traffic light at the intersection with Garden Street or Poplar Street.

Status: Under review; Village is requesting Garden, not Poplar Street.

A meeting was held on March 6, 2023, at the Garden City Casino, 51 Cathedral Avenue, to discuss the County's proposal for Clinton Road.

March 16, 2023, email from Harold Lutz, Director of Traffic Engineering, Nassau County Department of Public Works, advising the study is underway and anticipate completion in the upcoming months.

Ralph V. Suozzi, Village Administrator, John V. Borroni, P.E., Superintendent of Public Works, and Bart A. DiCostanzo, Highway General Supervisor, attended a meeting on July 11, 2023, with Nassau County to discuss utility coordination.

5. Left Turn Signal – Washington Avenue and Eleventh Street

At the September 15, 2022, Meeting, the Traffic Commission to request consideration of having the left turn signal activated from 2:00 pm-5:00 pm.

Status: Under review.

6. Rockaway Avenue at First Street

At the November 17, 2022, Meeting, the Traffic Commission referred the request for consideration of a "Right Turn Only" sign on the right-hand lane going south on Rockaway Avenue and the addition of two to three arrows painted on the street.

Status: Under review.

7. Nassau Boulevard

At the November 17, 2022, Meeting, the Traffic Commission requested Nassau County consideration of the addition of “Left Turn” signals on Nassau Boulevard, southbound and westbound at Stewart Avenue, to be consistent with eastbound and northbound “left turn” signals at that intersection; addition of grid box for the intersection.

Status: No update.

March 16, 2023, email from Harold Lutz, Director of Traffic Engineering, Nassau County Department of Public Works, advising an evaluation is underway with anticipated completion in the upcoming months; also, the installation of a grid box will be evaluated at this time.

8. Franklin Avenue

At the November 17, 2022, Meeting, the Traffic Commission advised that the request for the addition of a “Left Turn” signal on northbound Franklin Avenue at Seventh Street to relieve congestion and enhance pedestrian safety in crosswalks would be referred to Nassau County for review.

Status: No update.

March 16, 2023, email from Harold Lutz, Director of Traffic Engineering, Nassau County Department of Public Works, advising an evaluation is underway with anticipated completion in the Spring.

9. Pedestrian Crossing – Seventh Street and Cathedral Avenue

Trustee Flanagan on behalf of a resident’s request for consideration of red traffic lights for all directions when the pedestrian crossing button is activated at the intersection of Seventh Street and Cathedral Avenue; also requesting a crossing guard at the intersection of Seventh Street and Cathedral Avenue because of student safety concerns.

February 3, 2023, email from Dr. Sinha, Superintendent of Schools, Garden City Public Schools, supporting request for a crossing guard at the intersection of Seventh Street and Cathedral Avenue.

February 10, 2023, email from Commissioner Jackson advising that with the assistance of Mr. Borroni, Bart DiCostanzo and DPW, the old sign that was blocking the Walk signal on Cathedral Avenue was moved to make it more visible to westbound traffic turning left from Seventh Street; also, a large visible fluorescent sign was added at the intersection warning westbound drivers from Seventh Street to yield to pedestrian traffic.

March 16, 2023, Meeting: Deferred - This needs to be requested from the County as they control traffic signals; Traffic Commission requested Mr. Borroni to include this in his letter to Mr. Arnold, Commissioner, Nassau County Department of Public Works.

May 4, 2023, Meeting: Deferred – Further discussion included the possible addition of “No Right Turn on Red” signage.

10. Traffic Light – Stewart Avenue and Tullamore Road

September 15, 2022, request for a traffic light to be installed at the intersection of Stewart Avenue and Tullamore Road.

March 16, 2023, email from Harold Lutz, Director of Traffic Engineering, Nassau County Department of Public Works, advising that this location has been added to their existing traffic signal survey review list with anticipated completion in the upcoming months.

11. Traffic Light – New Hyde Park Road at Chester Avenue and Fairmount Boulevard

Mrs. O’Connor voicing her concern over the traffic light on New Hyde Park Road at Chester Avenue and Fairmount Boulevard. Mr. Suozzi called the resident on March 3, 2023, leaving a voicemail asking for further detail on this request.

March 16, 2023, Meeting: Deferred - This was discussed in the Traffic Calming Study; Traffic Commission is asking to extend the timing eastbound Chester Avenue to New Hyde Park Road to assist both pedestrians and vehicles.

12. Nassau Boulevard and Merillon Avenue

Email request from Robert Vassalotti for a review of the Nassau Boulevard and Merillon Avenue intersection.

May 4, 2023, Meeting: Deferred to Nassau County for review; request to Nassau County will include looking at crosswalks, ramps and lighting.

Mr. Borroni sent an email to Harold Lutz, on May 22, 2023, requesting to have the pedestrian route evaluated at the intersection of Nassau Boulevard and Merillon Avenue which is to include crosswalks, ramps, signal timing and lighting. The Village is going to review the lighting as well.

- NEW BUSINESS

1. Four-Way Stop Sign – Wickham Road and Newmarket Road

Christina Magrini requesting consideration of a four-way stop sign to be installed at the corner of Wickham and Newmarket Roads.

Traffic Surveys: Newmarket Road at Wickham Road dated August 15, 2023, provided by Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department.

2. Stop Sign – Kenwood Road and Wetherill Road

Annmarie Ucinski requesting consideration for a stop sign to be installed at the corner of Kenwood and Wetherill Roads.

Traffic Surveys: Wetherill Road at Kenwood Road dated August 17, 2023, provided by Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department.

3. Parking Restrictions – Euston Road to Weyford Terrace
Philip Botti, 180 Roxbury Road, requesting consideration of a No Parking Sign in the vicinity of Somerset and Roxbury, approximately 100 feet in each direction of Mr. Botti's home.

Trustee Kelly requesting a review of parking restrictions for the following streets from Somerset Avenue to Newmarket Road: Euston Road, Wellington Road, Roxbury Road, Meadbrook Road and Weyford Terrace.

4. No Parking Signage – First Avenue
Hamburger Woolen Co., Inc., 99 Second Avenue, requesting consideration of No Parking signage by their loading dock located on First Avenue so their trucks can back into the loading dock.
5. Temporary Speed Humps – Third Street
Install three temporary speed humps at the proposed locations on Third Street between Franklin and Hilton Avenues.
6. Overnight Parking of Commercial Vehicles – Village Parking Lots
Addition of "No Commercial Vehicle Parking in Field 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m." in Parking Lots 6E and 9E.