

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 16, 2024

Traffic Commission Members:

Present: Trustee Edward T. Finneran, Chairman
Trustee Judy Courtney
Trustee Michele B. Harrington
Trustee Vincent Muldoon
Commissioner Kenneth O. Jackson, Garden City Police Department
John V. Borroni, P.E., Superintendent of Public Works

1. Minutes of November 21, 2024 – Approved

2. FORMAL AGENDA

- DEFERRED AGENDA

1. Speed Hump Evaluation – Magnolia Avenue

Directing (DPW) and (GCPD), in consultation with the Village’s consulting traffic engineers, to evaluate the installation of speed humps on all, or part of, Magnolia Avenue.

December 14, 2023, Meeting: Deferred for evaluation.

January 18, 2024, Meeting: Commissioner Jackson to survey all-way stop signs approved at the January 18, 2024, meeting; wait for response to make a determination on speed hump; Mr. Borroni asked to update residents who signed petition on the status.

March 21, 2024, Meeting: Deferred - Mr. Borroni has submitted a concept plan; Magnolia Avenue from St. James Street So. to Meadow Street; opposition for area of Chestnut Street to St. James Street; Mr. Borroni to send update to residents who signed petition.

May 23, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – Mr. Borroni to follow up with residents.

Following the March meeting, email was sent to Magnolia Street resident advising that a petition to install humps would be required.

July 18, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – Mr. Borroni to follow up final time.

September 19, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – Request Mr. Borroni to follow up the final time.

November 21, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – Mr. Borroni to reach out one more time.

January 16, Meeting: Deferred

2. **Speed Humps – Second Street**

Installation of speed humps on Second Street (Franklin to Hilton Avenues) has been requested by a resident.

March 21, 2024, Meeting: Deferred; petition received from Hamilton Gardens; Commissioner Jackson to conduct accident/speed studies; Mr. Borroni to review crosswalk and also reach out to Creighton Manning for input on grading issue.

May 23, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – Additional signatures were received. Commissioner Jackson to conduct accident/speed studies. The traffic data collector was not operating properly.

Speed Survey: 2nd Street, between Franklin and Hilton Avenues dated June 24, 2024, provided by Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department.

July 18, 2024, Meeting: Deferred

September 19, 2024, Meeting: Deferred for evaluation of petition

November 21, 2024, Meeting: Deferred to the January 2025 meeting at the request of the residents.

January 16, Meeting: Deferred – discussion on installation of two (2) speed humps; meeting to determine placement

3. **Seventh Street Parking Lot 7S**

Review of parking lot 7S on Seventh Street.

May 23, 2024, Meeting: Deferred

July 18, 2024, Meeting: Deferred

September 19, 2024, Meeting: Deferred

November 21, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – will be working through the winter to come up with a design by spring

January 16, Meeting: Deferred

4. Middle School Crosswalk - Cherry Valley Avenue

Request to consider additional measures that can be taken to increase pedestrian safety of this crossing, i.e. traffic light, median island, pedestrian bridge, etc.

July 18, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – some items would need Nassau County approval

September 19, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – Determination of what needs to be done and send to Nassau County for review

November 21, 2024, Meeting: Approved – “Yield to Pedestrian” sign; crosswalk sign and lighting ordered. During discussion, a “Yield to Pedestrian” sign was approved at Cherry Valley and Stewart Avenues.

January 16, Meeting: Deferred

5. Mott Section – Various Traffic Issues

Discussion on traffic calming/speed reduction, and the reduction of cut-through traffic within the Mott Section of the Village (Transverse Road, Huntington Road, Kingsbury Road, Wetherill Road, etc.)

July 18, 2024, Meeting: Deferred

September 19, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – Creighton Manning to refresh its study to make it a more comprehensive study

Creighton Manning is submitting their Mott Section Traffic Calming and Cut Through Mitigations Concept proposal dated November 1, 2024, for an estimated total fee of \$45,850.

November 21, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – review of study

Mr. Borroni submitting a diagram showing no right turns on Washington Avenue.

January 16, Meeting: Deferred; Approved - signs No Right Turns between 4pm-6pm north on Washington Avenue from Eleventh Street to Old Country Road

6. Traffic Light – Washington Avenue and Court House Drive

Mr. Li is requesting consideration for installing a traffic light at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Court House Drive.

September 19, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – review of signage

November 21, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – part of the Mott Section study; note, this is a County Road

January 16, Meeting: Deferred - discussion regarding an engineering study

7. First Street – Left Turn Lane

Request to extend the eastbound left turn lane on First Street, for traffic turning northbound onto Rockaway Avenue.

Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department, provided First Street Traffic and Accident Study dated September 10, 2024.

September 19, 2024, Meeting: Deferred

November 21, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – Nassau County to look into installing a traffic light at Cambridge Avenue and First Street; Bob Baker to circulate a petition to address traffic calming steps

January 16, Meeting: Deferred for determination for items to address speeding; suggested to go to the County with the accident numbers; Approved - bollards

8. Speed Limit Evaluation

Creighton Manning is submitting their Summary of Speed Limit Evaluation for the Village of Garden City for review.

November 21, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – The Village can reduce the entire Village speed limit except for certain roads that need further review

January 16, Meeting: Deferred

9. Clinton Road Traffic Calming Assessment

Creighton Manning is submitting the following proposal for the Clinton Road Traffic Calming Assessment:

Task 013a – Speed Sign Placement

Dynamic speed sign placement for the Clinton Road corridor for an estimated fee of \$1750 plus travel expenses

Task 013b – Gateway Concepts

Gateway treatments for side streets approaching Clinton Road for an estimated fee of \$3,000 plus travel expenses

November 21, 2024, Meeting: Deferred

January 16, Meeting: Approved

10. Portable Variable Message Signs

Trustee Finneran requests consideration for purchasing two (2) Portable Variable Message Signs (PVMS) to assist with traffic calming at various locations throughout the Village at an estimated cost of \$50,000.

November 21, 2024, Meeting: Deferred for discussion

Request to purchase two (2) Trailer-Mounted Variable Message Boards from Glenco Supply, Inc., at a cost of \$39,690 is on the January 16, 2025, Board of Trustees agenda for approval. A copy of the quote is included for reference.

January 16, Meeting: Approved

11. **Permanent Speed Humps – Kilburn Road**

John Kutner, 9 Kilburn Road, submitted a petition requesting speed humps on Kilburn Road between Cambridge and Chester Avenues.

November 21, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – need approval from 9 and 10 Kilburn for installation of one (1) speed hump for Cambridge to Salisbury Avenues.

Mr. Borroni advised that resident at 10 Kilburn Road did not approve and is submitting plan to place speed hump in front of 11 and 12 Kilburn Road.

January 16, Meeting: Approved

12. **St. James Street South**

Meg and Terence Cremins and concerned residents of St. James Street South are requesting a traffic study for their street.

Petition of Resident to Request Traffic Calming Device submitted by Patricia and John Gentile, 88 St. James Street South requesting the installation of speed humps on St. James Street South between Clinton Road and Prospect Avenue.

Traffic and Accident Surveys: St. James Street South @ Prospect Avenue dated November 1, 2024, provided by Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department.

November 21, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – Petition submitted for review

Mr. Borroni is submitting traffic calming options for St. James Street South between Washington and Clinton Avenues.

January 16, Meeting: Approved – installation of temporary speed humps for 3 months and a review after

13. **Left Turn Restriction – Washington Avenue at Kenwood Road**

Steve Schnupp, 4 Kenwood Road, requesting consideration for the restriction of left turns on southbound Washington Avenue at Kenwood Road.

November 21, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – Petition submitted for review

January 16, Meeting: Deferred (part of Mott Section study)

14. Safety Concerns – Eleventh Street

James Bauer is raising safety concerns for people crossing Eleventh Street between Franklin and Washington Avenues across from NYU Langone and requesting signs to be posted and a possible crosswalk mid-block.

November 21, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – Mr. Borroni and Commissioner Jackson to submit diagram for advisory signs/no u-turn.

Mr. Borroni is submitting a drawing for new yield to pedestrian signs at the intersection of Eleventh Street and Washington Avenue.

January 16, Meeting: Approved – put back the “No Left Turn” sign that was knocked down

15. Speed Humps – South Avenue

Request consideration for the installation of speed humps on South Avenue between Adelphi University and Rockaway Avenue.

November 21, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – issue of public safety

Mr. Borroni is submitting a drawing for review

January 16, Meeting: Deferred

16. Golf Club Lane Crosswalk

Mrs. Dowling, 67 Hilton Avenue, bringing up a concern for the crosswalk/stop sign in front of the Senior Center and requesting consideration of a change/solution.

Mr. Borroni is submitting plans to install a raised crosswalk on Golf Club Lane connecting the Senior Center to Parking Field No. 11.

January 16, Meeting: Approved - lighting, striping, push button

- **STATUS UPDATE ON ISSUES REFERRED TO NASSAU COUNTY FOR STUDY/ACTION**
Mr. Borroni, Superintendent of Public Works, has been in contact with Kenneth Arnold, P.E., Commissioner, and Harold Lutz, P.E., Nassau County Department of Public Works, and any updates are noted under pending items.

1. 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 anticipated 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. Topic: National Grid Water Main Repaving.

Traffic volume data has been collected - traffic signal warrants analysis; the study is ongoing, and the County will share the results once completed.

This is being evaluated as part of the Clinton Road reconstruction. No update has been provided by Nassau County.

September 19, 2024, Meeting – Data collection has been completed, and the study is under review for final determination.

Paving is in process. Traffic signal at Garden Street is still under review.

2. 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.

Mr. Borroni received a draft plan before the meeting; current design includes some modifications to the draft plan and will be shared once the County receives them from its consultant.

Traffic Commission to review Creighton Manning's input and then meet with them to discuss the study; no objection for added crosswalk which will need additional study; Commissioner Jackson suggests a signalized (only activated by pedestrians) crosswalk is warranted just north of the traffic circle.

July 18, 2024 - no update has been provided by Nassau County. Mr. Borroni spoke with Mr. Lutz regarding the consideration of a traffic circle during design.

September 19, 2024, Meeting – The County will send a Draft Final for review within the next few weeks.

On November 14, 2024, the County presented its design; meeting and documentation of proposed plan is posted on the website.

3. 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.

Traffic volume data has been collected – traffic signal warrants analysis and is ongoing; the County to share results once completed.

No update has been provided by Nassau County.

September 19, 2024, Meeting – Data collection has been completed, and the study is under review for final determination.

4. Crosswalk – North Avenue at Nassau Boulevard LIRR Station

Construction of crosswalk on north side of LIRR tracks east of LIRR Nassau Boulevard train station from North Avenue sidewalk to sidewalk on west side of Nassau Boulevard.

January 18, 2024, Meeting: Approved; Mr. Borroni to send sketch to Nassau County for review.

March 21, 2024, Meeting - Mr. Borroni sent to County on January 26, 2024; under review.

No update has been provided by Nassau County.

September 19, 2024, Meeting – Under review

5. Turn Arrow – Rockaway Avenue and First Street

Request from Hanah Sanasie for consideration of a turn arrow at Rockaway Avenue and First Street and providing photos from an April 15, 2024, auto accident involving a school bus.

May 23, 2024, Meeting: Approved and sent to Nassau County for review

September 19, 2024, Meeting – A traffic study will be performed to determine if the northbound left turn arrow is appropriate. The southbound approach was studied and no changes will be made to the current configuration.

6. First Street – Left Turn Lane (Reference Deferred Item No. 6)
Request to extend the eastbound left turn lane on First Street, for traffic turning northbound onto Rockaway Avenue.

November 21, 2024, Meeting: Request for Nassau County to look into installing a traffic light at Cambridge Avenue and First Street.

7. Eleventh Street and Washington Avenue
Commissioner Jackson has requested to ask Nassau County to “add 10 seconds to the Washington/11th crossing when the button is pushed as we had done on NHP road and Stratford Avenue a couple of years ago” in response to resident suggestion.

November 21, 2024, Meeting: Defer to Nassau County for review.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Stewart and Cherry Valley Avenues – Pavement Markings
 - a. Request made through SeeClickFix to add pavement markings for the two (2) right turn lanes from southbound Cherry Valley Avenue to westbound Stewart Avenue to guide cars to the correct lanes after they make the right turns.
 - b. Trustee Finneran is requesting the addition of pavement markings on Stewart Avenue, westbound across Cherry Valley Avenue.

January 16, 2025, Meeting: Defer to Nassau County for review

2. Fifth Street and Hilton Avenue – Four-Way Stop
Ivonne Dersch, 93 Fifth Street, is requesting consideration of a four-way stop at the intersection of Fifth Street and Hilton Avenue.

Traffic Surveys: Hilton Avenue @ 5th Street dated January 9, 2025, provided by Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department.

January 16, 2025, Meeting: Approved - stop signs on Hilton Avenue

3. Parking Field No. 12 – ADA Handicap Parking Space
Addition of ADA parking space in Parking Field No. 12 to meet the parking lot compliance requirement.

January 16, 2025, Meeting: Approved - 4 handicap spots; lot by Fourteenth Street

4. Plattsdale Road

Maureen Lyons is requesting consideration for a bump out at the end of Plattsdale Road to deter traffic from entering in the wrong direction from New Hyde Park Road.

January 16, 2025, Meeting: Deferred - consult w/FD and then provide a diagram

5. Stop Signs – Mulberry Avenue and Bayberry Avenue Cross Streets

John O. Williams, Jr., resident of Russell Road, requesting consideration for stop signs to be added to every intersection of the referenced roads, among others, within the Eastern Section of the Village.

January 16, 2025, Meeting: Deferred

6. No Right Turn On Red While Pedestrians Are Present Sign – Sixth Street and Cathedral Avenue

William Bellmer is requesting consideration to add a “While Pedestrians Are Present” sign to the existing “No Right on Red” sign, westbound at Sixth Street and Cathedral Avenue.

January 16, 2025, Meeting: Denied

January 16, 2025, Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted by the Department of Public Works.