

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

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 16, 2023**

Traffic Commission Members:

Present: Trustee Charles P. Kelly, Chairman  
Trustee Lawrence N. Marciano, Jr.  
Trustee Mary Carter Flanagan  
Trustee Terry Digan  
Commissioner Kenneth O. Jackson, Garden City Police Department  
John V. Borroni, P.E., Superintendent of Public Works

1. Minutes of January 12, 2023 – Approved

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

2. **Do Not Enter Sign – Wetherill Road**

Nicholas Acquavito, 215 Wetherill Road, between Bayberry Avenue and Old Country Road, requesting consideration of “Do Not Enter” signs, for weekdays during rush hour, to be installed on Wetherill Road at Old Country Road and Bayberry Avenue at Washington Avenue.

Traffic Survey: Wetherill Road, between Old Country Road and Bayberry Avenue, dated November 17, 2021, provided by Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department.

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January 12, 2023, Meeting: Removed - “Do Not Enter” signs on Wetherill Road at Old Country Road - included under New Business 1. c.; Deferred - “Do Not Enter” signs for Bayberry Avenue at Washington Avenue.

**March 16, 2023, Meeting:** Rejected - Request for Mr. Acquavito to present a petition for “Do Not Enter” signs for Bayberry Avenue at Washington Avenue and the Traffic Commission will reconsider the request at that time.

3. **Raymond Court - Parking Lot Sign**

Discuss restoring the Raymond Court parking lot sign that was removed last week as the parking lot is closed except for events that are expected to draw more than 135 vehicles, involve parking school buses or for other special circumstances.

September 15, 2022, Meeting: Deferred for a review of signage.

November 17, 2022, Meeting: Deferred; requesting Public Works and Building Departments to design a plan for Clinton Road to Raymond Court Parking Field.

January 12, 2023, Meeting: Deferred - waiting for design plan from Public Works and Building Departments.

Mr. Borroni, Superintendent of Public Works, provided a conceptual plan and a cost estimate to the Traffic Commission Members regarding this request.

**March 16, 2023**: Deferred - Traffic Commission to review the plan submitted by Mr. Borroni.

4. Trustee Kelly requested review of the following:
  - a. Reduction of Village-wide speed limit to 25mph and school speed limit to 15mph.

November 17, 2022, Meeting: Deferred; this item requires legal review.

January 12, 2023, Meeting: Deferred - waiting for legal determination.

February 1, 2023, email from Gerard Fishberg, Esq., Village Counsel, advising that the law requires that a traffic engineer make a study as a pre-requisite to reducing the Village-wide speed limit to 25 mph; Mr. Suozzi has requested a proposal from Creighton Manning to do a traffic study on Village-wide and school speed limits.

**March 16, 2023**: Deferred for review of proposals from Creighton Manning.

5. 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**: Deferred - under review by Engineering Department.

- **STATUS UPDATE ON ISSUES REFERRED TO NASSAU COUNTY FOR STUDY/ACTION**  
**Mr. Suozzi, Village Administrator, received a DRAFT letter dated January 11, 2023, from Kenneth Arnold, P.E., Commissioner, Nassau County Department of Public Works, providing updates/determinations on pending issues.**

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.**

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. New Hyde Park Road Intersections

At the September 16, 2021, Meeting, the Traffic Commission voted to request Nassau County to a) install “No Turn on Red” signs in all directions on New Hyde Park Road and Stewart Avenue, add pedestrian crossing signals in all directions and review the location for possible installation of red-light cameras and b) install a traffic light on New Hyde Park Road at Dartmouth Street with an east/west crosswalk on the north side of the intersection as well as a blinking “Traffic Light Ahead” sign for northbound traffic on New Hyde Park Road approaching the intersection.

a. Stewart Avenue and New Hyde Park Road

- Installation of cameras to monitor the intersection.

**Status:** No comment from Nassau County.

September 28, 2021, letter to Kenneth Arnold, P.E., Commissioner, County of Nassau, Department of Public Works, requesting review of the above-referenced items for Stewart Avenue and New Hyde Park Road and New Hyde Park and Dartmouth Roads.

November 22, 2021, email from Joseph G. Pecora, P.E., Deputy Commissioner, County of Nassau, Department of Public Works, advising that “we will schedule studies for both New Hyde Park Road at Stewart Avenue and at Dartmouth Street to evaluate your requests.”

Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department, will study the area and data will be forwarded to Kenneth Arnold, P.E., Commissioner, County of Nassau, Department of Public Works, by Mr. Suozzi, Village Administrator.

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

4. 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.

5. 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.**

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

- NEW BUSINESS

1. 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:** Approved - one-hour parking during the week be extended to two-hours; also, change two-hour parking to three-hour parking in the back row, adjacent to the railroad, located between the second and third driveway behind the building.

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.

2. All-Way Stop Sign – Linden Street and Bayberry Avenue

Del Melford, a 9-year old resident of Linden Street, requesting to place an all-way stop sign at the intersection of Linden Street and Bayberry Avenue. Also, corner house has hedges that block the view of cars coming from both streets.

**March 16, 2023, Meeting:** Deferred - Commissioner Jackson advised that he would have a speed survey done at this location.

Commissioner Jackson provided that the hedges at the northeast corner have been cut back, however, the hedges at the northwest corner have not as yet.

3. 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.

4. No Turn on Red Sign – Stewart and Rockaway Avenues

Kamrun Neahar, 301 Stewart Avenue, requesting consideration of the installation of a “No Turn on Red” sign at the intersection of Stewart and Rockaway Avenues for westbound traffic turning north onto Rockaway Avenue due to pedestrian crossing safety concerns.

**March 16, 2023, Meeting:** Approved - “No Turn on Red When Pedestrian Present” sign at the intersection of Stewart and Rockaway Avenues.

5. Pedestrian Crossing – Seventh Street and Cathedral Avenue

Trustee Flanagan on behalf of 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. No Turn on Red Sign – Seventh Street and Cathedral Avenue

Trustee Kelly requesting consideration of installing a “No Turn on Red” sign for northbound traffic on Cathedral Avenue.



**March 16, 2023, Meeting:** Approved - “No Turn on Red” for northbound traffic on Cathedral Avenue.

9. Stop Signs – Oxford Boulevard and St. Paul’s Place

Trustee Kelly requesting to review addition of three (3) stop signs at the “T” intersection of Oxford Boulevard and St. Paul’s Place.

**March 16, 2023, Meeting:** Traffic Surveys: Oxford Boulevard at St. Paul’s Place, dated March 16, 2023, provided by Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department.

Deferred - Trustee Kelly will try to speak with residents to determine their position on this request.

10. 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.

March 16, 2023, Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted by the Department of Public Works.