

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES MAY 8, 2025

Traffic Commission Members:

Present: Trustee Vincent Muldoon, Chairman
Trustee Judy Courtney
Trustee Richard A. Catalano
Trustee Yvonne Varano
Commissioner Kenneth O. Jackson, Garden City Police Department
John V. Borroni, P.E., Superintendent of Public Works

1. Minutes of March 20, 2025 – Approved

2. FORMAL AGENDA

- DEFERRED AGENDA

1. 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

February 13, 2025, Meeting: Deferred – Trustee Finneran to set up a meeting with Ms. Quinn

Mr. Borroni is providing a sketch for speed humps.

Speed Surveys: 2nd Street, between Franklin and Hilton Avenues, dated March 17, 2025, provided by Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department.

March 20, 2025, Meeting: Deferred – Additional petitions submitted for review

Mrs. Quinn has submitted additional signatures for the petition requesting speed humps.

May 8, 2025, Meeting: Deferred – Final decision to be given on June 26, 2025

2. **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

February 13, 2025, Meeting: Deferred

March 20, 2025, Meeting: Deferred; capital project in 2025-2026 budget

May 8, 2025, Meeting: Deferred – In design, i.e., paving, additional parking spaces, dumpster enclosure

3. **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.

February 13, 2025, Meeting: Deferred; No Right Turn signs approved January 16th are addressed under New Business 4. No Right Turn – Washington Avenue

Traffic Surveys: Transverse Road (between Washington Ave. and Lefferts Blvd.) dated March 7, 2025, provided by Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department.

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

February 13, 2025, Meeting: Traffic Commission requested to combine this item with Deferred Agenda Item 5. Mott Section – Various Traffic Issues

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)

February 13, 2025, Meeting: Traffic Commission requested to combine this item with Deferred Agenda Item 5. Mott Section – Various Traffic Issues

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

February 13, 2025, Meeting: Traffic Commission requested to combine this item with Deferred Agenda Item 5. Mott Section – Various Traffic Issues

March 20, 2025, Meeting: Deferred

May 8, 2025, Meeting: Deferred – Mr. Borroni to reach out to Creighton Manning to get a status update on their Mott Section Traffic Calming and Cut Through Mitigations Concept updated proposal; Commissioner Jackson updated on the truck ban, which is working well with northbound traffic being monitored; Trustee Muldoon requesting installation of a flashing sign to divert and make sure traffic “make a right on Old Country Road for the courts”.

4. 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

February 13, 2025, Meeting: Deferred

Mr. Borroni presenting two (2) proposals for review

March 20, 2025, Meeting: Approve – bollards; Approve – proposal submitted by LaBella Associates, 1 North Broadway, Suite 803, White Plains, New York 10601, i/a/o \$13,350 for feasibility study for a roundabout to be included on the next Board of Trustees agenda for approval; Petition for a gateway going north on Cherry Valley Avenue before Sunset Lane and Garden City Pool submitted for review.

May 8, 2025, Meeting: The LaBella Associates proposal for a feasibility study for a roundabout will be on this evening’s Board of Trustees Agenda for approval; the plan for the gateway (narrowing of the roadway) is in process; permanent bollards received and will be installed within the next few weeks on the island, not in the roadway.

5. 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

February 13, 2025, Meeting: Deferred

March 20, 2025, Meeting: Deferred

May 8, 2025, Meeting: Deferred – No decision has been made yet; Commissioner Jackson advised that the difference between “zones” can be confusing; Cost for signage would be significant and would need Board of Trustees approval; Mr. Borroni to resend study to Traffic Commission for review.

6. 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

February 13, 2025, Meeting: Deferred – Mr. Borroni to submit drawing for two (2) speed humps

March 20, 2025, Meeting: Deferred

May 8, 2025, Meeting: Deferred; installation of additional stop signs from Brompton Road to Nassau Boulevard; Commissioner Jackson to submit speed/accident study between Brompton Road and Nassau Boulevard, and also for South Avenue.

7. Plattdale Road

Maureen Lyons is requesting consideration for a bump out at the end of Plattdale 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)

February 13, 2025, Meeting: Deferred

March 20, 2025, Meeting: Deferred

May 8, 2025, Meeting: Deferred; Engineer meeting with Fire Department and decision to be made at next Traffic Commission meeting.

8. No Parking Signs – Greenridge Avenue

Harry Chohan is requesting that either 2-hour parking limit signs or no parking between 9am-5pm be installed all along Greenridge Avenue to prevent long-term commuter parking.

February 13, 2025, Meeting: Deferred – Mr. Borroni will contact the resident for a petition. (19 Greenridge Avenue has a sign in front of home.)

March 20, 2025, Meeting: Deferred

May 8, 2025, Meeting: Removed

9. Fifth Street and Hilton Avenue

Discussion on the new stop signs installed on Fifth Street and Hilton Avenue following January 16, 2025, approval.

December 2024 - A petition was received from Ivonne Dersch, requesting the installation of stop signs.

Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department, provided Traffic Studies: S/B Hilton Avenue @ 5th Street dated March 17, 2025.

March 20, 2025, Meeting: Deferred; Mrs. Walsh read a letter from Mr. Walsh; petition and photos submitted for review

May 8, 2025 Mr. Borroni received a petition to remove new stop signs on Hilton Avenue at Fifth Street from Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. Lattuca and Mr. and Mrs. Hester.

May 8, 2025, Meeting: Deferred; all opinions will be considered for a possible solution

10. Parking Field 9E Issues

Lisa Grant, Albanese Organization, Inc., requesting two (2) handicapped parking spaces and relocation of loading zone in Parking Field 9E.

Mr. Borroni providing a sketch showing locations.

March 20, 2025, Meeting: Deferred

May 8, 2025, Meeting: Approved

- **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.

Bid out second quarter in 2026

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.

Waiting for revised plans

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

Mr. Borroni was asked to look into this

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.

8. 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

9. Do Not Block the Box – Clinton Road and Brook Street

Trustee Muldoon is requesting “Do Not Block the Box” signage at the intersection of Clinton Road and Brook Street.

February 13, 2025, Meeting: Approved to install signage to not block intersection at Clinton Road and Brook Street; send to Nassau County for review

10. **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

February 13, 2025, Meeting: Deferred

March 20, 2025, Meeting: Deferred to Nassau County for review

• **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Traffic Commission Meetings**

Requested to set Traffic Commission Meetings at 5:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Room:

<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
May 8 th	January 22 nd
June 19 th	March 5 th
July 17 th	
September 10 th	
October 23 rd	
December 11 th	

All meetings are held on Thursdays except for September, which is on a Wednesday.

May 8, 2025, Meeting: Approved

2. **Stop Signs – North Avenue**

Discussion to review the installation of stop signs on North Avenue from Nassau Boulevard to Westminster Road.

Traffic and Accident Surveys: North Avenue at Brompton Road dated February 11, 2025, and April 8, 2025, and North Avenue, between Nassau Boulevard and

Kilburn Road dated April 28, 2025, provided by Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department.

Existing and recommended stop sign locations provided by Craig T. Bandini, P.E., Village Engineer.

May 8, 2025, Meeting: Deferred

3. Do Not Block the Box – Stewart Avenue

The Garden City Fire Department is requesting consideration for a grid box to be installed outside the employee lot and the Fire Department entrance/exit on Stewart Avenue.

Mr. Borroni is providing a proposed plan for the installation of the grid box.

May 8, 2025, Meeting: Approved

4. Lydia Lane

Jon and Diane Konow, 4 Woodoak Place, are writing to have the traffic problems in their neighborhood addressed, i.e., stop sign, one-way street.

Information provided shows Traffic Commission decisions from October 15, 2015, and November 19, 2015.

May 1, 2025, email from Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department, providing accident analysis for the intersection of Lydia Lane and Woodoak Place.

May 8, 2025, Meeting: Deferred

5. Manor Road

Ryan Waelti, 70 Monroe Street, providing a signed petition and supporting evidence to support the request for a “No Commercial Vehicles Except Delivery” sign to be installed along Manor Road between Monroe and Harrison Streets.

May 2, 2025, email from Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department, advising he “sent an Officer today to the UPS terminal to speak with the business manager regarding their truck creating a safety hazard by parking on Manor Road. The manager then notified the driver to not park at that location”.

May 8, 2025, Meeting: Deferred; Commissioner Jackson to have the Police monitor this issue.

May 8, 2025, Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted by the Department of Public Works.