

TRAFFIC BOARD MEETING 1047
Minutes
Planning Conference Room, 4th Floor, City Hall
January 10, 2019

Call to Order. Called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor

Traffic Board Members Present: Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; DPW; William Yeager, Assistant Chief-BPD; Ray Standish, Engineering; Bernice St. Clair, DPW

Traffic Board Members Absent: Conrad Taylor, Councilman

Also Present: Dan Correll, Retired BPD-Traffic; Katherine Hendrickson, BPD; William Lescault, BPD; Cindy Paddick, BMTS; Mr. Bob Rabert, resident

Approval of Minutes. Request to approve the minutes from Traffic Board Meeting 1046, held on **Thursday, December 13, 2018**

Moved by: R. Standish, W. Yeager

Motion carried. (Vote 4-0-1)

Ayes J. Kraham, W. Yeager, R. Standish, B. St. Clair

Nays: None

Absent: C. Taylor

Items Considered

No Parking Overnight Parking on Washington St. Councilman Taylor is requesting that the No Overnight Parking be removed from Washington Street. He stated that several business owners are complaining that their clients have having difficulty in parking early in the morning due to the overnight parking rules. He also stated that it would benefit the students. Mr. Correll and Mr. Kraham indicated that the reason it was set up this way was because of the students. They were constantly leaving their cars there overnight and into the day. Traffic will look into this further and report back in January 2018. Mr. Wandall suggested that this should not be allowed because students will leave their cars over the weekend and no parking spaces will be available for the customers going into the shops on the street. Both Traffic and Mr. Kraham thinks there perhaps the 2am to 6am No Parking rule may work. There are some concerns about new business coming into the area. Traffic feels that any changes should be on hold until the completion of the Hawley Street project. Mr. Kraham reported that Broome County took the traffic count at Tompkins and Webster. Ms. Paddick will report the results at the next traffic board meeting at which time she will also be able to report back on if the signal meets warrants.
Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting, February 14, 2019.

Signal at Tompkins Street and Webster Street. Mr. Standish will request BMTS to perform warrant checks on this signal. If warranted, he will submit an IPP to BMTS for TIP funding for signal upgrade. Ms. Paddick is waiting for the accident reports on this intersection. She also reported that this was not originally on the list for removal but she will look into it again. Mr. Standish suggested upgrading the light at this intersection. Ms. Paddick reported that there aren't a lot of problems at this intersection. There are some bikes lanes but at the end just south of Webster Street. Ms. Paddick does not have any more to report at this point. Broome County will take counts once school starts in September. Ms. Paddick will have counts by the January meeting. **Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting, February 14, 2019.**

Road Study for streets near Ben Franklin. Ms. Paddick reported that the Southside Group wants a road study done near Ben Franklin school. Ms. Paddick reported that they visited the site for about an hour. She will report more by the end of the summer. Ms. Paddick will look into this matter further and report back in September. Ms. Paddick will have the information by the January meeting. **Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting, February 14, 2019.**

Fairview and Robinson. Mr. Standish is requesting the removal of the signal at this location. Mr. Correll will report back accident report counts. Traffic reported that there was only one incident in 2017. Someone ran a red light. Therefore it is not necessary. Mr. Kraham spoke with Tom Scanlon briefly and they agreed that the old signals need to be phased out. **Item Complete.**

Schubert and Beethoven. Mr. Correll will report back accident report counts. Traffic reported only one incident and it was a rear end incident. Ms. Paddick suggested that the tree be trimmed back every spring. **Item Complete.**

7 Grace Street. Mr. Scaringi is requesting that the resident at this location is requesting a handicapped parking space be placed in front of his house. Traffic reported that they don't have any contact information on this item. They reported that there is a driveway available for this house and therefore there is no need for a handicapped park space. To proceed, they will need the contact information for the person. **Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting, February 14, 2019.**

BU Bus stop on Washington. Ms. Paddick reported that Tonya Husick, Director of BU Transportation and Parking Services is looking into relocating this bus stop. She is suggesting that the bus stop be moved just south of Susquehanna on Washington. Mr. Kraham reported that he has not heard anymore from Binghamton University. However, he did speak with Chris Marion. Mr. Marion gave him more details about the issues people are having when turning right. **Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting, February 14, 2019.**

Riverside Drive Crosswalk. Ms. Paddick reported that the crosswalk from Rotary Ave across Riverside to Lourdes Hospital isn't very visible and the signage is not suitable. Ms. Paddick suggested that it have new striping in the spring. **Item Complete.**

Clinton Street and Crandall Street crosswalk. David Brand is requesting that a high visibly crosswalk be painted and that flashing red lights should be installed. Pedestrians can press a button to stop traffic so they can safely cross the street. He is legally blind and is afraid of being hit by a car. Mr. Bob Rabert attended the meeting to represent his neighbor David Brand. Traffic reported that there are currently no traffic lights at this location. There is a crosswalk at St. Cyril. It should be a zebra crosswalk instead of a parallel crosswalk. Also, the tree does need to be trimmed back. Due to a storm sewer there cannot be a crosswalk at the requested location. There is also a driveway at the same location which prevents there from being a crosswalk installed. Mr. Standish indicated that a crosswalk at a storm sewer is a tripping hazard. Mr. Kraham noted that changes can be made at the crosswalk at St. Cyril will be helpful for crossing. Mr. Correll tried to contact Mr. Brand on January 3rd and there was no response from him. **Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting, February 14, 2019.**

Leroy and Laurel. Installation of 4 way stop. **Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting, February 14, 2019.**

Market Street. Mr. Correll reported that after speaking with the Town of Dickinson did not have a preliminary plan for this intersection. **Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting, February 14, 2019.**

State and Henry Streets. Ms. Paddick reported that the entire signal got bagged rather than just the left turn light. Traffic will get the number of accidents and report back in February. **Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting, February 14, 2019.**

Crosswalk at Court Street. Mr. Standish reported that DOT said they will install a crosswalk and in actuated light. **Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting, February 14, 2019.**

Motion to Adjourn at 9:31 am.

Moved by: R. Standish, W. Yeager

Motion carried. (Vote 4-0-1)

Ayes J. Kraham, W. Yeager, R. Standish, B. St. Clair

Nays: None

Absent: C. Taylor