

TRAFFIC BOARD MEETING 1025
Minutes
Planning Conference Room, 4th Floor, City Hall
Thursday, January 12, 2017

Call to Order. Called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor

Traffic Board Members Present: William Yeager, Assistant Chief – BPD; Giovanni Scaringi, Councilman; Ray Standish, Engineering; Terry Kellogg, DPW

Traffic Board Members Absent: None

Also Present: Dan Correll, Retired BPD; Dave Petryszyn, BPD Traffic; William Lescault, BPD Traffic; Katherine Hendrickson, Principal Clerk; Cindy Paddick, BMTS, Dan Cullen, Frank Pennisi, Southern Tier Independence Center

Approval of Minutes. Request to approve the minutes **Traffic Board Meeting 1024, held on Thursday, December 8, 2016**

Moved by: G. Scaringi, T. Kellogg

Motion carried. (Vote 4-0-0)

Ayes: G. Scaringi, W. Yeager, R. Standish, T. Kellogg

Nays: None

Absent: None

Items Considered

Riverside Drive/Kneeland Avenue. A request was made to install a left hand turn signal into Lourdes Hospital. Traffic reported that they found there were several accidents at this intersection. Much more than they thought. Most were turning accidents or cars were rear ended. Traffic reported that there were 14 accidents at this location. Considering the peak traffic during rush hour, people are probably trying to hurry and turn into the hospital. Ms. Paddick indicated that a left turn arrow probably would help but she is unsure of the cost of adding the arrow and if the current signal device can handle it. Asst Chief Yeager is concerned about the signal light at Lourdes Rd as well. They do not seem to be synchronized with the one at Kneeland Ave. Ms. Paddick suggested that someone might want to talk to Lourdes about contributing to paying for the signal. Mr. Kellogg will discuss this with his staff to find out the cost of a new turn signal and updating the loop. Mr. Kellogg reported that it is in the \$3,000-\$6,000 range to upgrade the controller. Mr. Kellogg reported that a turn left signal can be installed. Assistant Chief Yeager believes that this should be monitored as well.

Motion to install left turn signal into Lourdes Hospital, at Kneeland Avenue.

Moved by: G. Scaringi, T. Kellogg

Motion carried. (Vote 5-0-0)

Ayes: G. Scaringi, W. Yeager, R. Standish, T. Kellogg, J. Kraham

Nays: None

Absent: None

Beethoven Street and Leroy Street-Four way stop. Asst Chief Yeager expressed concerned about the line of sight because there are so many trees in the way. DPW will cut back the trees so that motorists can see the stop signs better. Mr. Kraham reported that he has received mixed reviews on this location from residents. Traffic reported that they start a count on Tuesday, November 15. C. Paddick wants to make sure it is flashing red on all 4 sides of the corners. Ms. Paddick believes the “all ways” sign should remain even after the signal is removed. Keep on agenda.

80 Front Street. The Traffic Division received the correspondence from Rev. James Washington, Pastor, Our Free Will Baptist Church, 80 Front Street requesting that handicapped parking be inserted in front of the church to accommodate handicapped worshipers attending services. The pastor reports that there is no off street parking at that location for any of his worshipers and that with public on street parking the only available parking, handicapped

worshippers are forced to find open parking, sometimes a distance away. The pastor is requesting two handicapped spaces. *Traffic reported the following:*

“The Traffic Division followed up on an inquiry from the Traffic Board from its December 8, 2016 Meeting to verify the need for the above request with the existing handicapped parking already in place in that immediate area at 65, 93, 70 and 76 Front Street:

65 Front Street – This handicapped parking space was designated on the west side of Front Street adjacent to the former Ramada Inn, (then Days Inn and now Travel Hotel) to facilitate that location. It is no longer required since off-street handicapped parking was designated by those businesses and now exist on that property.

93 – 95 Front Street – This handicapped parking space was designated for a former business, Lawson’s Optical, at that location which no longer exist there. At the present time that location is a Fraternity House and there is no need for that designation at that location.

76 Front Street – This handicapped parking space was requested in March, 1998 by a former senior citizen resident at that location, Mary Frances Conole, who died in March, 2002, and that designation is no longer needed at that location.

70 Front Street – The Hoyt Foundation is still in existence at that location and still in need of handicapped parking access to its facility.

The Traffic Division therefore request that the above aforementioned request for Handicapped Parking for 80 Front Street be inserted and the Traffic Code be amended to reflect that and the following indicated changes:

DELETE: Section 22.3c (1) - Handicapped Parking Meter Zone

Front Street (76) – East Side – From 575 feet south of Main Street to 595 feet south.

Front Street (65) – West Side – From 208 feet north of Eaton Place to 232 feet north

Front Street (93) – West Side – From 703 feet north of Eaton Place to 724 feet north.

DELETE: Section 45 - Two Hour Parking Meter Zones

Front Street (65) – West Side – From 232 feet north of Eaton Place to 367 feet north.

Front Street (93) - West Side – From 677 feet north of Eaton Place to 703 feet north.

INSERT: Section 45 - Two Hour Parking Meter Zones

Front Street (65) – West Side – From 208 feet north of Eaton Place to 367 feet north.

Front Street (93) - West Side – From 677 feet north of Eaton Place to 724 feet North

Front Street – East Side - from 1,082 feet north of the north extended curb line of Leroy Street to 1,184 feet north.

INSERT: Section 23 – No Parking Anytime Zone

Front Street – West Side From - 724 feet north of Eaton Place to 746 feet north.

Front Street – East Side - From 175 feet north of Leroy Street to 262 feet north.

Front Street – East Side - from 1,018 feet north of the north extended curb line of Leroy Street to 1,082 feet north.

AMEND Section 44 – One Hour Parking Meter Zone

Front Street – East Side - from 94 feet south of Main Street to 194 feet south to read from 194 feet south of Main Street to 1,184 north of Leroy Street.”

Motion for removal of 3 handicapped spaces per the recommendation above.

Moved by: R. Standish, G. Scaringi

Motion carried. (Vote 5-0-0)

Ayes: G. Scaringi, W. Yeager, R. Standish, T. Kellogg, J. Kraham

Nays: None

Absent: None

Susquehanna Street - Additional parking. Mr. Kraham suggested that there may be additional parking available on Susquehanna Street between Isbell and Exchange Streets. Traffic reported that the “right on red lane” should remain in place. Traffic is going to look into this further. Traffic reported that there a bus zone so if parking is added there will be fewer spaces due to the bus zone. The inspection is state controlled so they have a say too. Mr. Kellogg also has a concern about plowing during the winter months. The plows will have limited space to place the snow and it could start to accumulate causing problems. Traffic will look into this to see how many parking spaces can be found on the north side of Susquehanna Street between Exchange and Isbell streets. **Hold until February 9, 2016 Traffic Board Meeting.**

Seymour Avenue. Mr. Scaringi is requesting that Seymour Avenue residents would like this street exempt from alternate side parking. Traffic reported that there are not that many houses and not a lot of traffic. Mr. Scaringi reported that the residents said that Binghamton University students are parking and leaving their cars on the street all winter long. **Item Complete.**

Handicapped Parking-Binghamton. Mr. Cullen reported that he is concerned about the handicapped parking and kiosks throughout Binghamton. Mr. Correll indicated that the handicapped parking meters will remain so that people don't have to go to the kiosks to pay. Mr. Kraham noted that the downtown parking study showed that there were too many handicapped parking spaces placed haphazardly throughout Binghamton. The city is going to try and place the handicapped parking spaces in better locations as they go through the new parking kiosk process. Mr. Cullen and Mr. Pennisi are also concerned about the snow removal in a timely manner. Mr. Kraham told them to contact Code to help in enforcing the snow removal.

Holland Street. Mr. Scaringi reported that residents on Holland Street would like parking to be on the odd side of the street rather than the even side. Mr. Scaringi will take a petition down to all the residents and find out how everyone feels before a decision is made. . **Hold until February 9, 2016 Traffic Board Meeting.**

Adjournment at 9:49 a.m.

Moved by: G. Scaringi, W. Yeager

Motion carried. (Vote 5-0-0)

Ayes: G. Scaringi, W. Yeager, R. Standish, T. Kellogg, J. Kraham

Nays: None

Absent: None