



City of Binghamton Traffic Board

Mayor, Jared M. Kraham
Chair, Megan Heiman

SUMMARY OF MINUTES CITY OF BINGHAMTON TRAFFIC BOARD	
MEETING DATE: October 12, 2023	LOCATION: Council Chambers, City Hall
CALLED TO ORDER: 9:15 AM	RECORDER OF MINUTES: Tito Martinez

ROLL CALL		
MEMBERS PRESENT:	PRESENT:	ABSENT:
Megan Heiman (chair)	X	
Ron Lake	X	
Joshua Paludi	X	
Sophia Resciniti	X	
John Ryan	X	
OTHERS PRESENT:	ORGANIZATION:	
Kevin Brown	BPD	
Cindy Paddick	BMTS	
Sgt. Jasmin Mujcic	BPD	

Approval of Minutes: September minutes approved unanimously. Lake, Paludi

Public Comment:

- Maureen Wilson and Trevor Jones of Pyramid Brokerage:
 - Represent current owner of 489 Court St and 4 Berwick Ave. Have a contract for sale for properties. Here to discuss 4 Berwick Ave specifically, which is inaccessible except through a neighboring lot. Rear lot will be used for overflow or vehicles waiting for repair, not for impoundment of towed vehicles.
- Rob Wandell:
 - Owner of Imagicka, here for parking enforcement comments. Noticed overnight tickets issued last weekend, and thanks BPD for improving enforcement. Did note, that there were no other tickets suggesting there is no parking enforcement on Saturday. Hoping for Saturday enforcement, especially during Christmas shopping season, particularly Black Friday and Small Business Saturday. Business/property owners park all day in spite of 2 Hr signage. Mercedes and Black Sienna from Adook Food Mart are frequent offenders.
- Kevin Richmond, 31 Main St
 - Principal of BHS. It is our collective responsibility to ensure safety of students. Urges Traffic Board to add crosswalk and convert Oak St to 1-way during school hours. Thanks Sgt. Mujcic for meeting with him earlier this month. Discussed Stop Arm Camera Program which showed that Oak St had the highest number of violations in Broome County. Has seen students hit, or narrowly avoid being hit, and is a major concern. No crosswalk significantly increases likelihood of an accident. Congestion during dropoff and pickup. One-way would help with chaos/congestion. Would also allow better visibility of stop arm from buses. Added cones to alert drivers to crossing area, but was told to remove them. Reiterates request for crosswalk and one-way.

NEW BUSINESS		
ADDRESS: 4 Berwick Ave		
DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA: Remove No U-Turns sign in northbound lane		
APPLICANT: EZMK LLC		
DISCUSSION POINTS:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Heiman states that residential properties nearby makes it appropriate to flag for input from Councilman Scanlon 		
VOTING		
MOTION: Approve subject to review and approval by district Councilman and that perimeter of lot be fenced		
FIRST: Mucic	SECOND: Lake	VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)

NEW BUSINESS		
ADDRESS: Jefferson Ave		
DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA:		
APPLICANT: Sophia Resciniti		
DISCUSSION POINTS:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Heiman states that changing the speed limit is not possible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Signage can be added at Rotary and Beethoven crosswalks ○ Speed trailer will be placed on street as available ▪ Mujcic states that during dropoff/pickup, speeding is not an issue because of number of parked cars. Speed trailer can be installed at off-hours to prevent speeding during those times. ▪ Resciniti thanks BPD and reiterates important of safety ▪ Mujcic states that a radar speed sign can be added in future 		
VOTING		
MOTION: Approve pedestrian crossing sign at Rotary and Beethoven intersections with Jefferson Ave		
FIRST: Lake	SECOND: Paludi	VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)

NEW BUSINESS		
ADDRESS: 62 S Washington St		
DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA:		
Request for new curb cut on Stone St frontage behind building		
APPLICANT: Chloe Jones		
DISCUSSION POINTS:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Heiman states that this is the only available off-street parking for the property. Allowing the curb cut would get a vehicle off the street, improving snow removal. 		
VOTING		
MOTION: Approve requested curb cut		
FIRST: Lake	SECOND: Paludi	VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)

NEW BUSINESS		
ADDRESS: 30 Lourdes Rd		
DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA:		
Request to remove No Parking M-F sign and a Delayed Green Light sign for traffic signal at Lourdes Rd and Riverside Dr		
APPLICANT: Jennifer Dennison		
DISCUSSION POINTS:		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Heiman states that entire street is no parking during business hours. Mayor’s Office received call in opposition. Did not see a compelling reason to approve request, given that all residences have off-street parking. ▪ Traffic signal timing may be incorrect. Will table until November and review. 		
VOTING		
MOTION: deny request		
FIRST: Lake	SECOND: Paludi	VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)

DETERMINATION		
ADDRESS: 135 E Frederick St		
DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA: Request for crosswalk from building to parking lot across street, No Parking Here to Corner sign moved approximately 115’ W to ADA ramp on N side of E Frederick St, Loading Zone immediately W of ADA ramp on N Side of E Frederick St		
APPLICANT: Sue Hoyt		
DISCUSSION POINTS:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Traffic Div. has no objections to request. ▪ Crosswalk will improve safety ▪ Martinez asked whether signage will be installed or striping will be painted on the street. ▪ Ryan states that both are appropriate 		
VOTING		
MOTION: Approve all requests		
FIRST: Lake	SECOND: Paludi	VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)

DETERMINATION		
ADDRESS: Oak St at BHS		
DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA: Children at Play signs at 6 locations surrounding Carlisle Apts.		
APPLICANT: DPW		
DISCUSSION POINTS:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Heiman noted that the proposed signage is not MUTCD compliant, will get an opinion from Corp. Counsel. ▪ A raised crosswalk has been discussed, Emergency Services will seek funding to implement from the BC Health Dept. ▪ Mujcic stated that all existing signage has been updated to improve visibility. ▪ Heiman displayed the signage proposed by Office of Emergency Services ▪ Paddick explained the purpose of guidelines and how they apply to the proposed signage. Met with Health Dept. Cost of crosswalk will not meet minimum for federal TAP funding. ▪ Resciniti asked about making the street one-way. ▪ Heiman stated that converting the street to one-way would have a significant impact on emergency vehicle response. Crosswalk makes more sense to implement first. ▪ Ryan stated that a mid-block crosswalk would require removal of several parking spots to ensure visibility of crossing for approaching traffic. ▪ Paddick mentioned possibly funneling students to crosswalk with fencing on curb 		
VOTING		
MOTION: Approve proposed signage subject to Corp. Counsel approval, continue to pursue funding with Office of Emergency Services for raised crosswalk. Table remainder of issue until November.		
FIRST: Lake	SECOND: Resciniti	VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)

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ADDRESS: Carlisle Apartments		
DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA: Children at Play signs at 6 locations surrounding Carlisle Apts.		
APPLICANT: DPW		
DISCUSSION POINTS:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Heiman noted that BMTS reviewed. The configuration of parking areas, specifically angled parking, warrants comprehensive review of pedestrian safety enhancements. We can move forward with signage and continue review. 		
VOTING		
MOTION: approve requested Children at Play signs		
FIRST: Lake	SECOND: Paludi	VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)

DETERMINATION		
ADDRESS: 261 Main St; 264-266 Main St		
DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA: crosswalk connecting the properties		
APPLICANT: The Family & Children’s Society		
DISCUSSION POINTS:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Part of Main St improvement project. Will move forward in the next few months. ▪ Needs more review by Barton & Loguidice 		
MOTION: Table		
FIRST: Lake	SECOND: Paludi	VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)

Other business:

Resciniti:

- Speeding on Park St near intersection with Grand Blvd.
- Speeding on Leroy St. A child was nearly hit near a median.
 - Heiman noted that we have heard complaints about Helen and Leroy. Oversized stop signs can be added at this intersection and additional enforcement as available.

ADJOURNMENT		
MOTION to adjourn		TIME: 10:05 am
FIRST: Lake	SECOND: Ryan	VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)

Send decisions to Josh Paludi