



City of Binghamton Traffic Board

Mayor, Jared M. Kraham
Chair, Megan Heiman

SUMMARY OF MINUTES CITY OF BINGHAMTON TRAFFIC BOARD	
MEETING DATE: February 8, 2024	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	
Hadassah Mativetsky	X	
John Ryan	X	
OTHERS PRESENT:	ORGANIZATION:	
Brian Cohen	BMTS	
Kevin Brown	BPD	
Jennifer Yonkoski	BMTS	

Approval of Minutes: Lake, Paludi, unanimous

Public Comment:

- MariAnne Kretz
 - Is a crossing guard at S Washington and Vestal Ave. Green turn light at the same time as a crossing light. School children almost get hit when they cross into traffic.
- Rob Wandell:
 - Owner of Imagicka, requesting increase in parking enforcement on Court St. Would like an increased fine to discourage violations. Same violators consistently. Fix the loophole in the kiosk app; spaces are 2 hour maximum, but the app lets you add an additional 2 consecutive hours repeatedly all day. Also, users can lie in parking app, choosing a different parking location that's not limited to 2 hours.
- Kinya Middleton
 - Drivers running stop signs on Leroy St has been an issue. Requesting police presence or radar sign. Particularly West End Ave, Beethoven St intersections.

NEW BUSINESS	
ADDRESS: Liberty St & Frederick St	
DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA: Request for a stop sign and discussion on speeding on Liberty St, Doubleday St, and Way St	
APPLICANT: Nate Hotchkiss	
DISCUSSION POINTS:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hotchkiss mentioned confusing intersection at Frederick St. Speeding on Liberty, Doubleday and Way Streets. Would like to see Doubleday St narrowed. ▪ Heiman asked BPD to add the above-named areas to mobile speed trailer list. Noted recent pedestrian improvements on Liberty St. Would like to add Frederick St to pedestrian safety improvement list. Notes 	

existing curb cuts on Frederick/Liberty, asks BMTS, DPW and BPD to determine where crosswalks are possible.

- Mativetsky asked about the speed trailer list.
- Kevin Brown notes that the trailer is in for the winter but will be brought out again in the spring.
- Hotchkiss asked about temporary speed bumps.
- Heiman noted that there is a high bar to meet for speedbumps, but that a raised crosswalk may be an option.

NEW BUSINESS		
ADDRESS: 30 Mary St		
DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA: Requests 2 Handicap Parking Spaces be made available at municipal lot to accommodate Post Office.		
APPLICANT: Carol Breehey		
DISCUSSION POINTS:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Heiman summarized request and noted adding 1 Handicap Parking Space to the municipal lot makes sense ▪ Lake noted that the hardship is self-created because owner won't move handicap signage to available spaces. States that Breehey should move sign in exchange for municipal space. 		
VOTING		
MOTION: Create 1 Handicap Space in municipal lot, subject to the moving of the existing handicap sign to an accessible location on-site		
FIRST: Lake	SECOND: Paludi	VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)

NEW BUSINESS		
ADDRESS: Woodland Ave between S. Washington St & Mary St		
DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA: Request that Woodland Ave be one-way eastbound between S Washington St and Mary St		
APPLICANT: Amanda Giannone; Annette Goughary		
DISCUSSION POINTS:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giannone noted the hazards of the intersection because of the extremely steep grade. Visibility is limited and traction is dangerous in inclement weather. Noted that her house is at the base of the hill facing oncoming traffic. There is also a bus stop at base of hill where riders wait. 4 cars have slid into her property since November, including one that collided with her house. Guardrails, fencing and mailbox have been destroyed. House and property have been hit an additional 5 times since 2022. Suggests a seasonal closure, or conversion to a one-way. • Paludi noted that guardrail will be repaired soon, as parts have just come in. • Heiman noted that there have been 6 crashes since 2023, all of which were attributable to snow and ice. Noted that public outreach would be an important part of considering conversion of Woodland Ave to a one-way. 		
VOTING		
MOTION: Table until March for public input		
FIRST: Lake	SECOND: Mativetsky	VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)

DETERMINATION		
ADDRESS: Oak St		
DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA: Discuss possible traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures		
APPLICANT: Binghamton HS		
DISCUSSION POINTS:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Heiman would like to do neighborhood outreach before making a decision. 		

VOTING		
MOTION: Table		
FIRST: Lake	SECOND: Ryan	VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)

DETERMINATION		
ADDRESS: 61 Rotary Ave		
DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA: On-street handicap parking space		
APPLICANT: Timothy Cleary		
DISCUSSION POINTS:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Heiman stated that BPD reported that both residents of the building are handicapped and that on-street parking is limited. Is in favor of installing handicap parking sign 84' S of existing curb line of Seminary Ave. ▪ Lake noted that alternate side parking will limit availability of space in the winter. 		
VOTING		
MOTION: Approve		
FIRST: Lake	SECOND: Ryan	VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)

DETERMINATION		
ADDRESS:		
DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA: Amendment to Section 400-78.B.(7) of the Traffic Code regarding fines.		
APPLICANT: Mayor's Office		
DISCUSSION POINTS:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Heiman noted conflicting information in the code. ▪ Martinez asked if all dollar amounts should be removed from Ch. 400. ▪ Heiman stated that the vote will be to authorize Corp. Counsel and City Clerk to review all dollar amounts from Ch. 400. 		
VOTING		
MOTION: Approve review and replacement of dollar amounts in Chapter 400 of Code of Ordinances		
FIRST: Lake	SECOND: Mativetsky	VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)

DETERMINATION		
ADDRESS: 65 Pine St		
DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA: Request for curb cut and apron for residential property.		
APPLICANT: Pablo Saavedra		
DISCUSSION POINTS:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Martinez noted that the driveway would be appropriate. ▪ Lake requested time to review. 		
VOTING		
MOTION: Table		
FIRST: Lake	SECOND: Mativetsky	VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)

ADJOURNMENT		
MOTION to adjourn		TIME: 9:59 am
FIRST: Ryan	SECOND: Lake	VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)