



City of Binghamton Traffic Board

Mayor, Jared M. Kraham
Chair, Megan Heiman

SUMMARY OF MINUTES CITY OF BINGHAMTON TRAFFIC BOARD	
MEETING DATE: March 14, 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	
Jasmin Mujcic	BPD	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES		
MOTION to approve the Feb. 8, 2024 minutes		
FIRST: Ryan	SECOND: Paludi	VOTE: Carried ([4-0-0] Lake not present)

Public Comment:

- Rob Wandell:
 - Owner of Imagicka, stating that increase in parking enforcement in Court St 2 hour parking zone seems to be having an impact. Wants to know if vacant parking officer position has been filled. (Mujcic states that BPD is still conducting interviews). Noted that only one officer is currently writing tickets, and would like additional officers to write tickets. (Ryan states that other officers assigned to that post are able to write tickets, but that there are priorities in their duties that are above parking enforcement). Would like the City to fix the loophole in the kiosk app; spaces are 2 hour maximum, but the app lets users add an additional 2 consecutive hours repeatedly all day. (Heiman noted that the City is in discussions with the vendor, Flobird, on this issue). Repeated that the issues are improving, but wants to encourage continued enforcement. (Ryan states that BPD is aware of his concerns and they are being addressed).
- Kevin Richman, Principal of BHS
 - Wants to discuss safety around dismissal procedures, and noted that the issue was first raised over a year ago. Noted that Oak St has the most school bus stop arm violations in the County. Wants a crosswalk as soon as possible, and despite new high-visibility sign, a crosswalk is still needed. Believes that students are at risk due to chaotic conditions at dismissal. Believes that delaying the installation of a crosswalk further will lead to more incidents.

NEW BUSINESS
ADDRESS: Kane Ave
DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA: Request to move No Parking signs to the W side of the street to not obstruct mailboxes located on the E side of the street

APPLICANT: Hadassah Mativetsky

DISCUSSION POINTS:

- Mativetsky summarized the concern, stating that the no parking signs are moving cars to the side of the street where mailboxes are located, preventing mail delivery. Stated that the no parking signs were originally installed due to the street being too narrow for emergency vehicle access when cars were parked on both sides. Did outreach among residents on Kane Ave. Read one letter which reiterated mail delivery problem and would like the signs moved to the opposite of the street immediately. Noted that one resident had to move his mailbox. Talled 8 votes in favor of moving signs, 2 against moving signs. Noted that those opposed to moving the signs want them to remain because there would be less parking available if parking were switched to the opposite side, due to the presence of fire hydrants.
- Heiman noted that the Mayor's Office has gotten one request to move the signs. Has no objection to moving the signs, and noted that DPW has stated that moving the signs would make snow removal easier on Kane Ave.
- Mativetsky stated that there is confusion regarding no parking signs and alternate side parking.
- Mujcic noted that there is an existing City ordinance that prohibits parking in front of mailboxes. Also noted that constituents should be aware that available parking will be reduced by moving the signs.
- Heiman asked Mativetsky if constituents would generally be ok with reduced parking
- Mativetsky responded that properties have driveways, the block is not densely populated, and that the consensus is that moving the signs is more important than maximizing on-street parking.

VOTING

MOTION: Approve request to move No Parking signs to west side of the street

FIRST: Lake

SECOND: Mativetsky

VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)

NEW BUSINESS

ADDRESS: Kane Ave / Woodland Ave

DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA: Request for No Parking Here to Corner sign on Woodland Ave at the SW corner to allow visibility when turning left onto Woodland Ave from Kane Ave

APPLICANT: Gordon Bloom

DISCUSSION POINTS:

- Mujcic stated BPD's support.

VOTING

MOTION: Approve request to install No Parking Here to Corner sign on Woodland Ave

FIRST: Lake

SECOND: Mativetsky

VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)

NEW BUSINESS

ADDRESS: Mary St / Sherwood Ave

DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA: Request for a 4-way Stop Sign due to high speed of vehicles coming down Sherwood Ave and turning N on to Mary St

APPLICANT: Margaret Davis

DISCUSSION POINTS:

- Heiman stated that discussions with BMTS and BPD determined that the traffic volumes at the intersection do not warrant a 4-way stop, and that adding a stop sign on such a steep grade could cause safety issues for drivers moving uphill in inclement weather. Would like to collect more data before voting.

VOTING

MOTION: Table until April for public input

FIRST: Lake

SECOND: Paludi

VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)

DETERMINATION

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"> ▪ Heiman noted that public input was solicited after the February meeting and that more than 30 letters were received. Thanked residents for input. Will need more time for review of public comment in addition to crash data. 		
VOTING		
MOTION: Table until April		
FIRST: Lake	SECOND: Paludi	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"> ▪ Lake requested time to review. 		
VOTING		
MOTION: Table until April		
FIRST: Lake	SECOND: Paludi	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 organize a meeting with Binghamton School District personnel, the Office of Emergency Services, BMTS, and the Health Dept, along with members of the Traffic Board. Noted that the area and request for a midblock crosswalk warrants a comprehensive review and warrants a discussion with all the above-named parties at the same table. 		
VOTING		
MOTION: Table until April		
FIRST: Lake	SECOND: Ryan	VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)

ADJOURNMENT		
MOTION to adjourn		TIME: 9:45 am
FIRST: Lake	SECOND: Ryan	VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)