



City of Binghamton Traffic Board

Mayor, Jared M. Kraham
 Chair, Megan Heiman

SUMMARY OF MINUTES CITY OF BINGHAMTON TRAFFIC BOARD	
MEETING DATE: May 9, 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:	
Jennifer Yonkoski	BMTS	
Jasmin Mujcic	BPD	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES		
MOTION to table		
FIRST: Paludi	SECOND: Mativetsky	VOTE: Carried (4-0-0)

Public Comment:

- Jeremiah Brown, 19 Crandall:
 - Excessive speeding and erratic driving on Thorpe St. No stop signs, no speed bumps, no impediment to speeding. Motorcyclists speeding in groups down Thorpe. Many children in neighborhood, including at least 11 on his intersection. Neighbor was struck by vehicle last year. Is requesting traffic calming measures. Mini-bikes are there, but full-size racing motorcycles are biggest danger.
- Danielle Yurka
 - Requesting a No-Parking sign on Upper Vine St. Parked vehicles on segment of street block a hydrant, sight lines, and access for larger vehicles into private property. Biggest concern is access for plows, emergency vehicles, garbage trucks. Heiman stated it will be on next agenda.
- Panagiotis Karvelis, 43 Thorpe St
 - Would like to reiterate what Jeremiah Brown stated earlier. Is requesting speed bump.

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: Hadassah Mativetsky
DISCUSSION POINTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Restated that adding a stop sign on such a steep grade could cause safety issues for drivers moving uphill in inclement weather. BMTS collected data and found only 1 crash in 2023 due to inclement weather, not speed. BMTS recommended denial of the 4-way stop, but noted that the stop sign on Mary St was being

obstructed by vegetation. Noted that vegetation was trimmed and the sight distance issue has been remedied.

- Mativetsky says the street feels scary due to drivers not stopping, and that the lack of crash data does not reflect the experience of actually driving there
- Heiman stated that stop bars and other markings may help and will be done this year
- Deny, Paludi, Ryan, Unanimous

VOTING

MOTION: Deny

FIRST: Paludi

SECOND: Ryan

VOTE: Carried (4-0-0)

NEW BUSINESS

ADDRESS: 127 Walnut

DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA: New curb cut

APPLICANT: DK Development

DISCUSSION POINTS:

- Heiman would like further review from relevant departments

VOTING

MOTION: Tabled until June for review

FIRST: Paludi

SECOND: Ryan

VOTE: Carried (4-0-0)

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:

- Heiman stated that public input was solicited after the February meeting and that more than 30 letters were received. Because it's no longer winter, there is less urgency, and this warrants further review.
- Mativetsky noted that public comment was almost 50/50, but that generally people would be satisfied with a seasonal solution for the winter. Also wants to know if traffic modeling could be done to determine the potential impact to Mary St.
- Lake does not believe that vehicles could easily back out of driveways and drive uphill in the winter.
- Heiman reiterated that further review is required
- Mativetsky asked about prioritization of plowing/salting in the winter
- Paludi stated that this is one of the first streets plowed. Notes that plow trucks would have to ignore one-way when plowing

VOTING

MOTION: Table until June

FIRST: Paludi

SECOND: Lake

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:

- Lake believes there's enough room.
- Mujcic no objection

VOTING

MOTION: Approve		
FIRST: Paludi	SECOND: Lake	VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)

DETERMINATION		
ADDRESS: Crandall & Thorpe		
DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA: Discuss possible traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures		
APPLICANT:		
DISCUSSION POINTS:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Heiman would like to continue to review this between now and June. Would like BMTS and BPD to assess the area. 		
VOTING		
MOTION: Table until June		
FIRST: Paludi	SECOND: Lake	VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)

OTHER BUSINESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake asked about Kane Ave • Mativetsky stated that a number of parkers are ignoring the No Parking signs. There is additional confusion between No Parking Here to Corner signs and No Parking Anytime signs. People are still adjusting, and Mativetsky requests BPD enforcement to help people learn the new rules. Most violators are there after 8:00pm. Also mentioned BHS issue and asked about a meeting. Heiman states that there was a meeting between BSD, BMTS, BPD. There are changes that can be made in the short term including striping. Stated that BSD is considering taking over responsibility of ensuring pedestrian safety . • Lake stated that there is a 6' fence obstructing visibility at the intersection at Kane and Woodland • Heiman gave an update on Oak St safety measures adjacent to BHS • Mativetsky stated that she continues to receive complaints from the crossing guard stationed on S. Washington St. Also stated that residents on the bottom of Mary St would like a speed bump.

ADJOURNMENT		
MOTION to adjourn		TIME: 9:48 am
FIRST: Lake	SECOND: Paludi	VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)