



# City of Binghamton Traffic Board

Mayor, Jared M. Kraham  
Chair, Megan Heiman

SUMMARY OF MINUTES CITY OF BINGHAMTON TRAFFIC BOARD	
<b>MEETING DATE:</b> June 13, 2024	<b>LOCATION:</b> Council Chambers, City Hall
<b>CALLED TO ORDER:</b> 9:15 AM	<b>RECORDER OF MINUTES:</b> Tito Martinez

ROLL CALL		
MEMBERS PRESENT:	PRESENT:	ABSENT:
Megan Heiman (chair)	X	
Ron Lake	X	
Joshua Paludi	X	
Hadassah Mativetsky	X	
John Ryan	X	
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION:</b>	
Brian Cohen	BMTS	
Jasmin Mujcic	BPD	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES		
<b>MOTION</b> to approve March and May minutes		
<b>FIRST:</b> Lake	<b>SECOND:</b> Paludi	<b>VOTE:</b> Carried (4-0-0)

## Public Comment:

- Tom McNamara, 13 Woodland Ave:
  - Wants to address the change of Woodland Ave to one way. There have been many accidents on the corner of Woodland and Mary. Thinks it's strange to change the direction of a portion of the street for one property and one season. Believes speeding is the issue. There are no speed limit signs. Need speed limit signs and enforcement. Changing the direction of the street will be a hardship to local traffic. Has never had a problem over the winter. Believes the change will cause more accidents when drivers are caught off guard by the change to one-way.
- James Zervos, 74 Woodland Ave
  - Lifelong resident that has lived on Woodland for over 30 years. The bigger problem is the intersection of Woodland and Mary. Has personally responded to many accidents as a firefighter. Does not believe plowing and salting is sufficient. Thinks a Stop Ahead sign would be helpful.
- Lucy Durlam, 4 Pratt Court
  - Is opposed to the change of Woodland Ave to one-way. Woodland is a major thoroughfare to get down the hill, and all of the drivers that use it would be greatly inconvenienced. There are already limited options to get off the hill, changing the direction of Woodland Ave would make matters worse. Does not believe that 5 accidents is a justification for the change, given the large number of vehicles that move down the street daily. Change would adversely affect mail delivery and other services, most of which are done going downhill. Would also adversely affect emergency services. Does not believe that City can fix bad judgement of some drivers in the winter by changing traffic patterns.
- Diane Durlam

- How will emergency services get to people in the event of an emergency? If the change adds 5 minutes to their travel, it could cost a life. Would like to know what alternatives have been reviewed; e.g. slower speed limit, clearing brush, etc.
- Richard Durlam, 4 Pratt Court
  - Has lived in the area for several decades and understands that one has to drive cautiously in the winter. Believes speeding is the problem. Mail is delivered going down the hill. Changing the direction of the street would require residents to move their mailboxes.
- Jeremiah Brown, 43 Thorpe St
  - Noted an improvement in enforcement since the last meeting, but it has tapered off. Would like the Board to consider alternatives to increased enforcement.
- Amanda Giannone, S. Washington St
  - Appreciates neighbors' concerns. Wants to note that there are more accidents than what is reported. Has had the guardrail and mailbox multiple times in the past 2 years. It is difficult to preemptively salt the road, and understands that it cannot always be done before a snow event. Agrees that speeding is a concern, however, has seen multiple instances of cars sliding down the hill at slow speeds.
- James and Mary Bernarde, 41 Morgan Rd (via letter)
  - Opposed to change on Woodland Ave

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
<b>ADDRESS:</b> DECO District		
<b>DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA:</b> Review of DECO District Phase II infrastructure project		
<b>APPLICANT:</b> Jeff Nadge (Barton & Loguidice)		
<b>DISCUSSION POINTS:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Summarized proposed changes to public streets and sidewalks in DECO District area.</li> </ul>		
<b>VOTING</b>		
<b>MOTION:</b> Approve		
<b>FIRST:</b> Lake	<b>SECOND:</b> Paludi	<b>VOTE:</b> Carried (5-0-0)

<b>DETERMINATION</b>		
<b>ADDRESS:</b> Crandall Ave & Thorp St		
<b>DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA:</b> Request for curb cut and apron for residential property.		
<b>APPLICANT:</b> Jeremiah Brown		
<b>DISCUSSION POINTS:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Heiman notes that BPD increased enforcement around Memorial Day and is happy to hear that it was helpful. States that BMTS found that the crash data doesn't support a 4-way stop and recommended denial of the request. Thinks there may be striping that can help, including stop bars and crosswalks. Have also used oversized stop signs in the past, and does not require Traffic Board approval. Speed radar signs are an option, as well. Would recommend speed radar signs. Heiman states that a review of what signs may be missing, including speed limit signs, will happen.</li> <li>▪ Ryan is in favor of a solar speed radar sign being installed in this area. Agrees that there is a speed problem, but enforcement manpower isn't always available. Reiterates that speed trailer would help.</li> <li>▪ Jeremiah Brown asks whether speed cameras are an option.</li> <li>▪ Ryan states that there is not a current speed camera program in place.</li> </ul>		
<b>VOTING</b>		
<b>MOTION:</b> Deny requested stop sign and advance painting of crosswalks and inclusion of Thorp St on the list of streets to receive speed radar signs		
<b>FIRST:</b> Lake	<b>SECOND:</b> Paludi	<b>VOTE:</b> Carried (5-0-0)

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
<b>ADDRESS:</b> 83 Upper Vine St		

<b>DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA:</b> No Parking sign along Upper Vine St		
<b>APPLICANT:</b> Danielle Yurka		
<b>DISCUSSION POINTS:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Paludi, Lake, and Martinez define paper street</li> <li>▪ Martinez notes that street is currently paved</li> <li>▪ Paludi explains trash pickup in area</li> <li>▪ Heiman would like further review from fire department</li> <li>▪ Lake notes that a curblane should be installed to clarify where property/street meet</li> </ul>		
<b>VOTING</b>		
<b>MOTION:</b> Tabled until July for review by Fire Dept.		
<b>FIRST:</b> Lake	<b>SECOND:</b> Paludi	<b>VOTE:</b> Carried (5-0-0)

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
<b>ADDRESS:</b> Vine St / Curran Ave		
<b>DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA:</b> Request for a Stop Sign		
<b>APPLICANT:</b> Hadassah Mativetsky		
<b>DISCUSSION POINTS:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mativetsky states that the 4-way stop was requested to address speeding. Noted that there is currently a mobile speed trailer in place.</li> </ul>		
<b>VOTING</b>		
<b>MOTION:</b> Deny request		
<b>FIRST:</b> Lake	<b>SECOND:</b> Paludi	<b>VOTE:</b> Carried (5-0-0)

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
<b>ADDRESS:</b> 187 Clinton St		
<b>DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA:</b> Various curb cuts on Clinton St, Jarvis St, Hudson St, and Slauson Ave		
<b>APPLICANT:</b> Planning Department		
<b>DISCUSSION POINTS:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Martinez states that this is a proposed project to construct 2 mixed-use buildings with over 280 dwelling units, ground floor commercial and multiple parking areas. The proposed site plan shows 5 curb cuts, one on Clinton, one on Jarvis, two on Hudson and one on Crandall. The Planning Commission approved this site plan last week and concluded SEQR, so Traffic Board approval is the last board approval.</li> <li>▪ Ryan has concerns about the grade change and concrete island making access via Jarvis difficult</li> <li>▪ Heiman would like feedback from the applicant</li> </ul>		
<b>VOTING</b>		
<b>MOTION:</b> Tabled until July		
<b>FIRST:</b> Paludi	<b>SECOND:</b> Ryan	<b>VOTE:</b> Carried (5-0-0)

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
<b>ADDRESS:</b> Duffy Ct		
<b>DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA:</b> No Parking sign on cul-de-sac		
<b>APPLICANT:</b> BPD		
<b>DISCUSSION POINTS:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Paludi notes that the parked vehicles obstruct garbage pickup and plowing</li> <li>▪ Heiman would like to contact property owner before next meeting</li> </ul>		
<b>VOTING</b>		
<b>MOTION:</b> Tabled until July		
<b>FIRST:</b> Lake	<b>SECOND:</b> Paludi	<b>VOTE:</b> Carried (5-0-0)

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
<b>ADDRESS:</b> Leroy St	
<b>DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA:</b> Safety Review	
<b>APPLICANT:</b> Traffic Board	
<b>DISCUSSION POINTS:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Heiman stated that changes have been made in recent years to address safety concerns, but crashes continue. City is asking BMTS to assist City in an assessment of safety measures along the length of Leroy St. Has included City Council members. Assessment will be conducted in two phases.</li> <li>▪ Council President Mativetsky expressed thanks for City Council being included in the process.</li> </ul>	

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
<b>ADDRESS:</b> 37 S Washington St	
<b>DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA:</b> Do Not Enter sign below existing No Left Turn sign	
<b>APPLICANT:</b> Traffic Board	
<b>DISCUSSION POINTS:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Heiman states that southbound traffic often makes illegal turns into this lot, creating multiple traffic issues. Would like to add additional signage as a first step to try to improve the issue.</li> <li>▪ Mativetsky notes that she has received complaints about the issue</li> </ul>	
<b>VOTING</b>	
<b>MOTION: Approve installation of sign</b>	
<b>FIRST:</b> Paludi	<b>SECOND:</b> Lake
<b>VOTE:</b> Carried (5-0-0)	

<b>DETERMINATION</b>	
<b>ADDRESS:</b> 127 Walnut St	
<b>DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA:</b> Request for curb cut and apron for residential property.	
<b>APPLICANT:</b> DK1 Development Corp	
<b>DISCUSSION POINTS:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Martinez explains the request and gives information on the requested driveway</li> <li>▪ Heiman would like to ensure that there will not be any encroachment on railroad ROW</li> <li>▪ Lake would prefer a sketch showing the proposed driveway location</li> </ul>	
<b>VOTING</b>	
<b>MOTION: Approve subject to the submission of a sketch with dimensions showing that the driveway will be contained to their property</b>	
<b>FIRST:</b> Paludi	<b>SECOND:</b> Lake
<b>VOTE:</b> Carried (5-0-0)	

<b>DETERMINATION</b>	
<b>ADDRESS:</b> Woodland Ave between S. Washington St & Mary St	
<b>DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA:</b> Request that Woodland Ave be one-way eastbound between S Washington St and Mary St	
<b>APPLICANT:</b> Amanda Giannone; Annette Goughary	
<b>DISCUSSION POINTS:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Heiman would like to continue to review until winter</li> </ul>	

<b>DETERMINATION</b>	
<b>ADDRESS:</b> Oak St	
<b>DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA:</b> Discuss possible traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures	
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	
<b>DISCUSSION POINTS:</b>	

- Heiman would like to continue to review with BSD over the course of the summer

ADJOURNMENT		
MOTION to adjourn	TIME: 10:31 am	
FIRST: Lake	SECOND: Paludi	VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)