



# City of Binghamton Traffic Board

Mayor, Jared M. Kraham  
Chair, Megan Heiman

SUMMARY OF MINUTES CITY OF BINGHAMTON TRAFFIC BOARD	
<b>MEETING DATE:</b> August 15, 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>	
Jennifer Yonkosky	BMTS	
Tito Martinez	City Planning	

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

**Public Comment:**

- Noone present

NEW BUSINESS		
<b>ADDRESS:</b> 14 Market St		
<b>DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA:</b> Request to widen existing curb cut		
<b>APPLICANT:</b> Gerald Motsavage		
<b>DISCUSSION POINTS:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Heiman notes that BPD and Engineering reviewed the application and there were no objections</li> </ul>		
VOTING		
<b>MOTION:</b> Approve		
<b>FIRST:</b> Lake	<b>SECOND:</b> Paludi	<b>VOTE:</b> Carried (4-0-0)

NEW BUSINESS		
<b>ADDRESS:</b> 435 State St		
<b>DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA:</b> Request for No Parking signs adjacent to existing curb cut on State St		
<b>APPLICANT:</b> Binghamton Housing Authority		
<b>DISCUSSION POINTS:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Heiman notes that BPD observed and gave the following comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No parking here to corner not applicable. Recommends No Parking within a certain distance of the driveway entrance.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BMTS stated that the standard for No Parking when dealing with intersections is 30'.</li> </ul>		
<b>VOTING</b>		
<b>MOTION: Approve No Parking signs within 30' of the State St parking lot entrance at 435 State St</b>		
<b>FIRST:</b> Lake	<b>SECOND:</b> Paludi	<b>VOTE:</b> Carried (4-0-0)

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
<b>ADDRESS:</b> Mendelssohn St between Beethoven St/Haendel St		
<b>DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA:</b> Request for No Parking sign to accommodate truck maneuvers		
<b>APPLICANT:</b> Ed Arzouian		
<b>DISCUSSION POINTS:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heiman states that BPD observed missing signage. Most of the block is already No Parking.</li> <li>• For consistency, the entire side of the block should be No Parking</li> <li>• Mativetsky asked which business was making the request</li> <li>• Heiman explained that Bates Troy is making the request and summarized their concerns</li> </ul>		
<b>VOTING</b>		
<b>MOTION: Approve request for NE side of Mendelssohn between Beethoven and Haendel No Parking</b>		
<b>FIRST:</b> Lake	<b>SECOND:</b> Paludi	<b>VOTE:</b> Carried (4-0-0)

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
<b>ADDRESS:</b> Boulevard Terrace		
<b>DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA:</b> Request for year-round Alternate Side Parking		
<b>APPLICANT:</b> Charleen White		
<b>DISCUSSION POINTS:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Heiman states that BPD found that the street is too narrow for parking on both sides. Recommendation was to make south side of the street No Parking. South side was selected because there are fewer houses on that side</li> <li>▪ Mativetsky asked if there are mailboxes on one side of the street</li> <li>▪ Heiman suggest reaching out to Councilwoman Middleton for input</li> <li>▪ Mativetsky asked whether handicap parking spaces are required to follow alternate side parking</li> <li>▪ Heiman will follow up with Mativetsky and Councilamn Cavanaugh</li> <li>▪ Yonkosky notes that there are no on-street mailboxes on Boulevard Terrace</li> </ul>		
<b>VOTING</b>		
<b>MOTION: Tabled until August for input from councilperson</b>		
<b>FIRST:</b> Lake	<b>SECOND:</b> Paludi	<b>VOTE:</b> Carried (5-0-0)

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
<b>ADDRESS:</b> 8 Blanchard Ave		
<b>DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA:</b> Request for curb cut to build a driveway		
<b>APPLICANT:</b> Deborah Sechrist		
<b>DISCUSSION POINTS:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Engineering found that there is enough space for the curb cut. Noted that shrubbery and a catch basin would have to be removed/relocated. Engineering finds no conflict across the street, and recommends approval.</li> </ul>		
<b>VOTING</b>		
<b>MOTION: Approve curb cut</b>		
<b>FIRST:</b> Lake	<b>SECOND:</b> Paludi	<b>VOTE:</b> Carried (5-0-0)

NEW BUSINESS		
<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>▪ Heiman notes that the Fire Dept. determined that emergency vehicles can pass with parking on one side. Recommended that parking be prohibited on east side of Upper Vine St north of Sherwood to allow access to the fire hydrant.</li> <li>▪ Lake notes inconvenience to property owner that is currently parking on Upper Vine St</li> <li>▪ Heiman states that they are trying to weigh the inconvenience to one property owner vs. the benefit to the other. Ultimately, the Board should defer to the Fire Dept. determination.</li> <li>▪ Mativetsky asked about alternate side parking</li> </ul>		
VOTING		
<b>MOTION:</b> No parking on E side of Upper Vine St north of Sherwood		
<b>FIRST:</b> Paludi	<b>SECOND:</b> Mativetsky	<b>VOTE:</b> Carried (4-0-0)

NEW BUSINESS		
<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>▪ Heiman notes that applicant submitted requested information and that the Jarvis St curb cut does not need approval</li> <li>▪ Lake would like more time to review</li> </ul>		
VOTING		
<b>MOTION:</b> Tabled until September		
<b>FIRST:</b> Lake	<b>SECOND:</b> Paludi	<b>VOTE:</b> Carried (4-0-0)

DETERMINATION		
<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 notes that no more feedback has been submitted</li> <li>▪ Mativetsky asked whether Paludi has gotten input from heavy vehicle operators in hilly areas</li> <li>▪ Paludi notes that most of the people he spoke to stated that there are typically not houses at the bottom of the hills where streets terminate</li> <li>▪ Motion to table 4-0</li> </ul>		
<b>MOTION:</b> Tabled until September		
<b>FIRST:</b> Lake	<b>SECOND:</b> Paludi	<b>VOTE:</b> Carried (4-0-0)

OTHER BUSINESS
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- Heiman notes that Phase 2 of the Leroy St Safety Assessment will begin on the eastern half of Leroy St soon after college students return
- Mativetsky mentioned guardrail near Midwood and Mill St. Noted that no vote is needed and that progress is being made. Thanked BPD and BMTS and others involved in the Binghamton Bridge Pedal. It was a good way to see transportation in a different light. Noted that Mirabito signage seems to be encouraging customers to make illegal left turn into their property. Mentioned walking tour on Southside.

**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOTION</b> to adjourn		<b>TIME: 9:42 am</b>	
<b>FIRST:</b> Lake	<b>SECOND:</b> Paludi	<b>VOTE:</b> Carried (4-0-0)	