



City of Binghamton Traffic Board

Mayor, Jared M. Kraham

Chair, Megan Heiman

SUMMARY OF MINUTES CITY OF BINGHAMTON TRAFFIC BOARD	
MEETING DATE: March 9, 2023	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	
Daniel Maerkl		X
Sophia Resciniti	X	
John Ryan	X	
OTHERS PRESENT:	ORGANIZATION:	
Joshua Paludi	DPW	
Sgt. Jasmin Mujcic	BPD	
Cindy Paddick	BMTS	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES		
MOTION to approve the February 9, 2023 meeting minutes as written		
FIRST: Lake	SECOND: Ryan	VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)

NEW BUSINESS	
ADDRESS: 109 Oak St	
DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA: Review results of the new traffic device updates	
APPLICANT: REPRESENTATIVE(S): Kirby Sinclair, Patrick?, Robert ? Attorney, Jessica Polhamus	
DISCUSSION POINTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Discussed stop arm camera program▪ Over 300 buses equipped with cameras, GPS, and other technology for safety. Went live May 31, 2021▪ June 2021 enforcement commenced. \$250 fine for offenders. Multiple offenses lead to increased fines. All processed through VeraMobility. Broome County Security Division is the law enforcement agency the program runs through.▪ 1,205 violations in 2021. 2,705 in 2022. 493 to date, on pace for 3,000 violations by the end of 2023.▪ Goal is to reduce violations. Have identified hotspots for violations. Major hotspot adjacent to Binghamton HS.▪ Fines help prevent recidivism.▪ Propose adding traffic signs notifying drivers that they are in a school bus drop off area.▪ 152 violations in Jan., 257 violations in Feb.▪ Heiman requests signage templates be shared with the board▪ Paddick requests demographic data for violators. Wants to know if offenders in this hotspot are student drivers.	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Smart states that payments are typically online, and that the person receiving the fine is the owner of the vehicle, so there is no clear answer on who the drivers are. ▪ Heiman requests recommended locations. ▪ Mujcic, reported that bus drivers sometimes wave drivers through. Smart states that it has been addressed with bus company.
VOTING
No further action taken

NEW BUSINESS		
ADDRESS: 530 State St		
DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA: Requests review and approval of proposed curb openings in association with new veteran center development		
APPLICANT: Scott Mastin, Tim Bailey		
REPRESENTATIVE(S):		
DISCUSSION POINTS:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bailey describes the proposal for the Veteran’s Facility. New parking lot along Frederick St, resulting in a new curb cut. Also proposing a new curb cut on Beeman St. ▪ Rear parking lot behind facility will use an existing curb cut. 		
VOTING		
MOTION: Approve proposed curb cuts		
FIRST: Lake	SECOND: Ryan	VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)

NEW BUSINESS		
ADDRESS: Pine Street		
DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA: Requests making temporary No Parking zone permanent		
APPLICANT: Councilman John Burns		
DISCUSSION POINTS:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lake states that parking is needed for shift change and residents. Chapman is wide enough to add parking and bike lanes. ▪ Removal of parking on Pine is necessary for truck maneuvers ▪ Paddick asks about DOT permission to stripe Chapman St. Lake says we have permission and maintenance of Chapman St is under City jurisdiction. ▪ Ryan states that Fire Dept. should not be entering on Pine St, and if they don’t, there is no need to remove parking. States that Court St entrance is sufficient. Receives regular complaints from residents. Suggest conversation with BFD. ▪ Heiman will discuss with Chief Gardner regarding entering on Court St ▪ Adding Chapman parking will double amount of parking available. ▪ Heiman suggests tabling Pine St issue and voting on Chapman St parking 		
VOTING		
MOTION: Table Pine Street signage, approve striping of parking on Chapman St		
FIRST: Lake	SECOND: Ryan	VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)

NEW BUSINESS		
ADDRESS: Prospect/Glenwood left turn arrow on eastbound lane of Prospect		
DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA: Requests left turn arrow be added to eastbound light on Prospect St		
APPLICANT: Caela Whetsell		
DISCUSSION POINTS:		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paddick notes traffic count very high on subject lane. Agrees left turns is an issue, but no room for turning lane. Suggests giving eastbound lane a lead, holding westbound light to allow for turns. ▪ Heiman asks DPW to check if the signal is able to have timing changed, left turn arrow added 		
VOTING		
MOTION: Table until April for signal review		
FIRST: Lake	SECOND: Ryan	VOTE: Carried (5-0-0)

NEW BUSINESS	
ADDRESS: Grand Blvd/Helen	
DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA: Requests traffic calming measures at site with multiple vehicular accidents and danger to pedestrians	
APPLICANT: Jamie Brown	
REPRESENTATIVE(S): Sgt. Mujcic	
DISCUSSION POINTS:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mujcic checked accident data. Notes that there is a 4 way and flashing lights. 2 accidents recorded 2022, one DWI, 2nd ran stop sign. Both accidents were driver errors. All stop signs are visible. ▪ Paddick states that on-street parking has been added to calm traffic. Also mentioned proposed roundabout on Crestmont could help. ▪ Paddick notes that there was no crash reported on the date stated on the application ▪ No action taken 	

OTHER BUSINESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curbside management study proposed by BMTS for increased number of deliveries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Study proposed for Washington between Hawley and Court for possibility of changing parking/loading zones. ○ Study will begin this spring. • Paddick raised concerns about stop sign on Henry/Water being missed by drivers. Suggests oversized stop signs. Also suggested all-red flash. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maerkl stated all-red flash is acceptable. Will make the change. • Ryan and Mujcic were excused at 9:47am • Paddick noted that OCCT bus stops at the intersection of Susquehanna and Washington, obstructing Susquehanna St. • Heiman would like to add Henry/Water stop sign issue to the March agenda

ADJOURNMENT		
MOTION to adjourn	TIME: 9:57am	
FIRST: Lake	SECOND: Maerkl	VOTE: Carried (4-0-0)