

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF GARDEN CITY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES
MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2016**

The following members were present:

Trustee Robert Bolebruch – Chairman
Trustee Richard Silver
Trustee John Delany
Trustee John DeMaro
Commissioner Kenneth Jackson
Robert J. Mangan, P.E. – Director of Public Works

1. Approve Minutes of January 14, 2016 – Approved.
2. Formal Agenda

A. DEFERRED AGENDA

1.LETTER FROM MATTHEW AND JEANNE LUTTINGER OF 11 MERILLON AVENUE.(Letter not dated).

Mr. and Mrs. Luttinger are requesting the installation of “NO RIGHT ON RED WHEN PEDESTRIANS ARE PRESENT” signs at the Merillon Avenue and Nassau Boulevard intersection. They commute to work from the LIRR station at Merillon Ave. They have consistently noticed an increase in traffic at the intersection of Merillon Avenue and Nassau Blvd. These signs would attempt to bring back into the proper balance the rights of Village residents walking to the LIRR at Merillon Avenue. A copy of this letter was sent to the Police Department and the Estates Property Owners’ Association and the POA requested that it be put on the Agenda.

DECISION: The Traffic Commission at its October 15, 2015 meeting approved the request to install a “No Right on Red When Pedestrians are Present” sign. Formal request must be made to Nassau County for approval and installation.

NOTE: Nassau County Department of Public Works was sent a letter dated October 20, 2015 requesting this sign and we are awaiting their response.

DECISION: The Traffic Commission at its November 19, 2015 meeting voted to defer this item as we are awaiting Nassau County’s response to the letter that we sent them regarding this issue.

DECISION: The Traffic Commission at its December 17, 2015 meeting voted to defer this item. Engineering will follow up with Nassau County.

DECISION: Mayor to call Community Outreach Person for Mr. Mangano according to Doug Singer of Estates Property Owners’ Association as per Mr. Luttinger in order to expedite this item.

DECISION: The Traffic Commission at its meeting of March 17, 2016 voted to send letter to Mr. Luttinger about the No Turn on Red sign after construction is completed in the area.

ADDITIONAL LETTER

Letter from Matthew and Jeanne Luttinger of 11 Merillon Avenue (Letter not dated).

Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Luttinger requesting "No Parking" signs on the North side of Merillon Avenue from Brixton Road to Kensington Road.

DECISION: Estates POA approved "No Parking" on North side of Merillon eastbound from Brixton to Kensington at the Traffic Commission meeting of March 17, 2016.

2.LETTER #1 FROM WILLIAM BELLMER AT 156 POPLAR STREET.

Mr. Bellmer states that the LIRR Bridge on Cherry Valley Avenue continues to get hit by unobservant over-height trucks. The bridge is marked for 10-foot, 4-inch clearance, which means that the actual bridge height is 11-foot, 4-inches. A prior proposal to install tell-tales in advance of the bridge was not approved. Warning chevrons attached to the edge of the bridge and flashing bridge-height signs at the sides of the roadway have not eliminated the problem, as evidenced by the damage to the chevrons. Each time an accident occurs, multiple Garden City Police are required to direct traffic and oversee debris clearance. The LIRR is also involved in determining that the bridge has not been damaged. If the actual bridge clearance were to be 14-feet, the Federal Highway Administration standard, no signs would be necessary, and no accidents would occur. Cherry Valley Avenue is a County Road. He states it should be worthwhile to ask the County to investigate whether this proposal is feasible, and if so, to implement it to finally solve this long-term problem. In addition, Mr. Bellmer states that trucks might then be able to be diverted from using Cathedral Avenue. This letter was sent to the Police Department and Central Property Owners' Association. This letter was approved to be put on the Agenda by the Central Property Owners' Association.

DECISION: Chairman Robert Bolebruch is to discuss this issue with Legislator Laura Schaefer.

NOTE: Letter was sent to Mr. Kevin Davitt of LIRR from Trustee Bolebruch stating that this matter was discussed with Legislator Laura Schaefer who referred it to the LIRR to coordinate this issue with Nassau County Department of Public Works.

DECISION: At the Traffic Commission meeting of December 17, 2015 this item was deferred, awaiting response.

DECISION: Trustee Bolebruch indicated that Kevin Davitt/LIRR letter indicated that LIRR Engineering reviewed the letter and indicated that this would be a major project and not budgeted. Mr. Bellmer to write a new letter to the Traffic Commission, which the Village will forward to the LIRR and Nassau County.

DECISION: Letter sent to Nassau County Commissioner of Public Works on January 29, 2016.

3.LETTER FROM PETER SAMAAN, ESQ. ABOUT ROCKAWAY AVENUE.

Mr. Samaan writes to ask for an opportunity to discuss the deplorable conditions on Rockaway Avenue, which are added to by the Garden City School buses and students at the High School, who like virtually everyone else, ignore stop signs and the posted Village speed limit and the school zone speed limit. He requests that the school corridor between the Middle School and High School and St. Paul's be made safer. This letter was forwarded to the Police Department and the Central Property Owners' Association. Trustee Bolebruch approved it to be put on the Agenda for discussion at this meeting.

DECISION: The Traffic Commission at its November 19, 2015 meeting voted to defer this item.

DECISION: Legislator Laura Schaefer indicated to Chairman Bolebruch that Nassau County will not begin traffic study until February, 2016. At the Traffic Commission meeting of December 17, 2015 this item was voted to be deferred.

DECISION: At the Traffic Commission Meeting of January 14, 2016 this item was voted to be deferred.

DECISION: The Traffic Commission voted to defer this item and referred to the Nassau County Memo of 3/17/16 (copy included). Send letter to Mr. Samaan with the memo. Traffic Commission requested that this item be taken off the Agenda and put back in the Fall.

B. NEW BUSINESS.

1. E-Mail from Craig Bandini concerning No U Turn Signs on Seventh St.
Attached please find e-mail from Craig Bandini concerning No U-Turn signs on Seventh Street.

Chairman Bolebruch has authorized this item to be put on the Agenda.

DECISION: Chamber of Commerce requested deferral. The Traffic Commission voted to install No U Turn signs, two on south side before the cut thru and two on the north side prior to Parking Field Exit/Entrances.

2. E-Mail from Angela LoRusso concerned about Stewart Avenue Intersection.
Attached please find e-mail from Angela LoRusso regarding the traffic danger at the corner of New Hyde Park Road and Stewart Avenue.

Chairman Bolebruch has authorized this item to be put on the Agenda.

DECISION: Defer to Western Property Owners' Association with recommendation of No Right Turn on Red East/West on Stewart. Letter to Nassau County to check the timing of light.

3. Letter from William Bellmer regarding Chestnut Street on the east side of Franklin Ave.
Attached please find letter from William Bellmer regarding issues on Chestnut Street on the east side of Franklin Avenue.

Chairman Bolebruch has authorized this item to be put on the Agenda.

DECISION: At the Traffic Commission Meeting of March 17, 2016, the Traffic Commission voted for a Do Not Block Driveway sign for 1st driveway and stripe.

4. E-mail from Geraldine Olsen of 211 Sackville Road.
Ms. Olsen writes regarding a parking problem that she is having in front of her house at the corner of Sackville Road and Main Avenue.

Chairman Bolebruch has authorized this item to be put on the Agenda.

DECISION: At the Traffic Commission Meeting of March 17, 2016, the Traffic Commission approved a No Parking Sign in front of 211 Sackville Road.

5. Letters from Patricia Donnelly and Ann Compton of Cherry Valley Apartments.
Ms. Donnelly and Ms. Compton are writing about the Cherry Valley Apartments Traffic Problems on West Street, 15th Street and Cherry Valley Avenue.

Chairman Bolebruch has authorized this item to be put on the Agenda.

DECISION: At the Traffic Commission Meeting of March 17, 2016, this item was deferred and Mrs. Donnelly and Mrs. Compton (who both attended the meeting) were told to get recommendation from Cherry Valley Board.

The following were in attendance at the meeting:

Pat DiMattia – CPOA

Doug Singer – WPOA

Christine Mullavey - EPOA

Robert J. Mangan, P.E.
Director of Public Works

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