INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF GARDEN CITY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES
MEETING OF OCTOBER 20, 2016

The following Members were present:
Trustee Richard V. Silver, Chairman
Trustee Stephen S. Makrinos
Trustee John M. Delany
Robert J. Mangan, P.E., Director of Public Works
Inspector Michael J. Doyle, Deputy Commanding Officer

AGENDA FOR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016 7:00 p.m. AT VILLAGE HALL

1. Approve Minutes of June 16, 2016 and August 18, 2016 - Approved.

2. Formal Agenda

   A. NEW BUSINESS

      1. Letter from Jonathan Kashimer of 6 Fenimore Avenue dated September 13, 2016.
      As per the letter from Jonathan Kashimer of 6 Fenimore Avenue, he spoke to Dr. Daniel Camillery at 37 Hathaway Drive. Dr. Camillery, his wife Donna, and their two children live at the northern tip of Hathaway on the eastern side of the roadway. They request that some signs in the area be removed or moved. Please accept this as their formal request to have these signs removed and/or moved. Unfortunately, the two hour parking signs in front and to the rear of Dr. Camillery's house have had unintended consequences to Dr. Camillery. In addition to the signs being unsightly, tickets have been issued for visitors that have exceeded the two hour parking rule. Dr. Camillery had an embarrassing situation where his elderly parents received a ticket while visiting the family because they stayed for more than two hours. Prohibiting family from visiting for more than two hours was not the purpose of these signs.

      Mr. Jonathan Kashimer who wrote this letter spoke to Maureen Traxler, President of the Western Property Owners' Association and e-mailed it to her. As per Mr. Kashimer, please place this issue on the Agenda for this meeting.

      Recommendation: As per Jonathan M. Kashimer, this request was approved at their Western Property Owners' Association Meeting.

      Decision: The Traffic Commission voted to defer this item at the October 20, 2016, Meeting until the Western Property Owners' Association approves.

2. Formal Motion and Petition from Pat DiMattia dated September 14, 2016 – Stop Sign – Hilton Avenue and Third Street.
The Central Property Owners' Association recommends the installation of a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Hilton Avenue and Third Street. The motion was approved by a vote of ten (10) in favor with one (1) abstention. The motion was made after a public discussion regarding the traffic problems on Hilton Avenue and Third Street and at the direct request of a significant number of residents who attended our meeting. A petition in support of this request is attached and includes close to sixty signatures, primarily from Third Street residents and others from Hilton Avenue, Cedar Place and Fourth Street.

Memo from Commissioner Kenneth Jackson dated September 23, 2016 supporting the Central Property Owners' Association Request for All-Way Stop Signs at Hilton Avenue and Third Street.
The Police Department has reviewed the CPOA request for all-way stop signs at the intersection of Hilton Avenue and Third Street. Currently, there are stop signs east and west on Third Street.

Recommendation: This memo was sent to the Traffic Commission and the CPOA at Commissioner Jackson's request. The CPOA supports this request and approved it to be put on the Agenda.

Additional information received:
Speed Surveys from Garden City Police Department
Pat DiMattia advised on October 12, 2016, **"The CPOA fully supports the recommendation from the Garden City Police Department to request that Nassau County DPW consider installing a traffic signal light at the intersection of Cathedral Avenue and Third Street."**

Recommendation: Please add this Motion and Petition to the Agenda for this meeting as per the Central Property Owners' Association for a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Hilton Avenue and Third Street.

Decision: The Traffic Commission, at the October 20, 2016, Meeting, voted to approve All-Way Stop Signs on Hilton Avenue and Third Street along with Stop Ahead Signs at the appropriate distance ahead of Hilton Avenue and Third Street.

3. Letter and Petition from Aisling Bier of 21 Saint Paul's Place.
She and her neighbors are writing to you as concerned neighbors and parents in the area around the St. Paul's Place and Hampton Road intersection. They feel this intersection is dangerous, and that two additional stop signs should be added to make it an all-way stop. This intersection serves as two bus stops for Stratford and Hemlock Schools, and it's a common route to/from the High School and Old Country Road. Currently, there are two stop signs on Hampton Road stopping only the traffic travelling north-south between Merillon and Stratford Avenues. There are no stop signs on St. Paul's Place for traffic running east-west between Oxford Boulevard and St. Paul's Circle.

A response letter was sent to this resident and her letter was sent to the Estates Property Owners' Association for approval.

Additional information received:
Speed Surveys from Garden City Police Department
Pat DiMattia advised on October 12, 2016, **"The CPOA recommends the installation of a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Hampton Road and St. Paul's Place."**

Recommendation: The Estates Property Owners' Association approved a four-way stop sign at Hampton Road and St. Paul's Place at their meeting of October 12, 2016.

Decision: The Traffic Commission voted to increase enforcement and resurvey; Deferred at the October 20, 2016, Meeting.

4. Letter from Deborah Long of 26 Cathedral Avenue.
Deborah Long of 26 Cathedral Avenue has resided at the corner of Third Street and Cathedral Avenue for 60 years. She wants to bring some attention to the number of accidents that occur on that corner on a regular basis. She asks for the Village to check the Police Records for that intersection because it seems there are more frequent and serious accidents. She is hoping there is some remedy before more accidents occur as they are regretting not implementing either a sign, light or speed bump.

This letter was sent to the Central Property Owners' Association for their approval.

Additional information received:
Speed Surveys from Garden City Police Department
Pat DiMattia advised on October 12, 2016, **"The CPOA fully supports the recommendation from the Garden City Police Department to request that Nassau County DPW consider installing a traffic signal light at the intersection of Cathedral Avenue and Third Street."**

Decision: The Traffic Commission approved request to ask Nassau County to install a Traffic Signal either at Third or Fourth Street and Cathedral Avenue. At the October 20, 2016, Meeting, Trustee Silver requested that this item be carried on the Deferred Agenda until Nassau County comments.

5. Two-Hour "NO PARKING" Signs on Kensington Road at the intersection of Merillon Avenue.
Request submitted by Paul and Mary Ann Rothenbiller, 216 Kensington Road.

Recommendation: A September 1, 2016, e-mail from Matthew Abruscii advised Mr. Rothenbiller – "**The Estates POA voted to support this**". As per Doug Singer, The Estates Property Owners' Association approved the above-referenced request at their meeting of October 12, 2016.

Decision: The Traffic Commission, at the October 20, 2016, Meeting, approved Two-Hour Parking Only, north of Merillon Avenue on Kensington Road – 8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M., Except Saturday, Sunday, Holiday.

6. STOP Signs on Wetherill Road at Mulberry Avenue Creating a 4-Way Stop.
Requests submitted by Sean Obrien, 9 Maple Street, Ken Hillman, 6 Maple Street and Domenico DeRosa, 72 Mulberry Avenue.
Accident data provided by Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department.
Recommendation: As per Joe Moody, the Eastern Property Owners' Association consensus: "**Add Stop signs creating 4-Way Stop**".

Decision: The Traffic Commission voted to study traffic counts and speed. The Traffic Commission deferred this item at the October 20, 2016, Meeting.

7. No U-TURN Sign at the Intersection of East Drive and Flower Road.
Request submitted by Frank Diamond, 18 East Drive.

Recommendation: As per Joe Moody, the Eastern Property Owners' Association consensus: "**Add No U-turn sign at East Drive. Ask about possible No Right turn – Except Local Traffic Sign on Clinton at Flower**".

Decision: The Traffic Commission voted at the October 20, 2016, Meeting to defer this item and look to reposition existing signs.

8. STOP Sign on Magnolia Street at Meadow Street Creating a 3 (ALL)-Way Stop.
Request submitted by Carolyne Green, 41 Meadow Street.

Accident data provided by Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department.

Recommendation: As per Joe Moody, the Eastern Property Owners' Association consensus: "**Add Stop sign at Magnolia creating All-way Stop**".

Decision: The Traffic Commission, at the October 20, 2016, Meeting, approved the installation of a Stop Sign at the T-Intersection on Magnolia Street.

9. Pedestrian Crossing at Eastbound Chestnut Street and St. James Street So.
Request submitted by Teresa Bonelli, 114 Chestnut Street (east of Clinton Road).

Accident data provided by Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department.

Recommendation: As per Joe Moody, the Eastern Property Owners' Association consensus: "**Add Pedestrian crossing sign at top of hill on westbound Chestnut. Eastbound signage found to be sufficient**".

Decision: The Traffic Commission, at the October 20, 2016, Meeting, voted to approve adding a Pedestrian Crossing Sign at the top of the hill on westbound Chestnut Street and also to change the existing sign at St. James Street So. Crosswalk to new Pedestrian Sign which has an arrow pointing to intersection.

B. DEFERRED AGENDA

1. Letter of March 20, 2016 – Residents of Lindbergh Street.
Residents of Lindbergh Street are requesting a three-way stop sign at the intersection of Meadow Street and Lindbergh Street.

The EPOA did not endorse the addition of the stop signs.

DECISION: THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION AT THE JUNE 16, 2016 MEETING VOTED TO DEFER THIS REQUEST AND THE POLICE WILL SURVEY MEADOW STREET AND COMMANDER AVENUE IN SEPTEMBER WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION.

Additional information received:
Speed and Accident Surveys: Meadow Street at Commander Avenue

Recommendation: As per memo dated October 14, 2016, from Inspector Michael J. Doyle, Deputy Commanding Officer of the Garden City Police Department, - **"Based on Section 2B.07 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), the above survey does not support stop signs at this location."**

Decision: The Traffic Commission voted to deny this request at the October 20, 2016, Meeting.

The following were in attendance at the Meeting:
Pat DiMattia – Central Property Owners' Association
Mark Hyer – Eastern Property Owners' Association
Jack Byrnes – AAA Northeast

The next Traffic Commission Meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2016.

R. Mangan

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

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