INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF GARDEN CITY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

AGENDA FOR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015, 7:00 PM

1. Approve Minutes of September 10, 2015.

2. Formal Agenda

A. NEW BUSINESS

1.LETTER FROM GARY AND AIMEE KURDT OF 17 LYDIA LANE.
Mr. and Mrs. Kurdt are requesting that new stop signs be placed at the intersection of Lydia Lane and Woodoak Place. They have lived at 17 Lydia Lane for one year. During this time they have observed many cars travelling at excessive speeds. They have neighbors that have young children. The speeding cars have a hard time seeing around the curve at the beginning of Lydia Lane. They are concerned for the safety of the residents on their street as well as the joggers, bicyclists and parents with baby strollers trying to cross the street.

2.LETTER FROM PAUL MALVESE OF 211 BRIXTON ROAD.
Mr. Malvese states that during the past year, people who use the train have been parking from their corner east on Merillon Avenue. The problem is that when trying to pull out of our street, especially turning left, their vision is totally impeded by the row of parked cars, and they cannot see if there is any oncoming traffic without pulling out into the intersection. They noticed that there are "No Parking" signs on Merillon west of our corner, but there are none east of their block. This has become a very dangerous situation. He feels this problem could be alleviated by placing more "No Parking" signs from their corner further up the block on Merillon.

3.LETTER AND PETITION FROM BRENDAN TRILLHAASE OF 100 SOMERSET AVENUE.
Mr. Trillhaase surveyed his neighborhood with a petition for a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Roxbury Road and Somerset Avenue. These interactions provided new insight as to why residents would like to see another stop sign on Somerset, for example the intersection of Roxbury Road and Somerset Avenue is a school bus stop. Two families he met with shared his concern for young children playing in the front yards of houses, that they don't really use their property along the busy road for fear of the high speed traffic.

4..LETTERS FROM TREELINE ASSET MANAGEMENT CORP. AND NASSAU FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION.
These letters both respectfully request our review of the current municipal parking lot configuration at Franklin Avenue Plaza and the possible reallocation of a portion of the existing parking spaces to thirty (30) minute limited parking.

5.LETTER FROM STEVE ILARDI REGARDING PARKING LOT EAST OF FRANKLIN AVENUE AT 13TH STREET.

Mr. Ilardi is recommending some 15 minute spots be created. This parking lot is mainly used by the employees of the businesses in the area and the cars are there all day leaving little or no spots for people performing short-term business in the area. He believes there is some two-hour spots in the lot but that does not allow enough turn over for people who have 10 minute banking to handle. The Chamber of Commerce states that they can support this new request for 5-10 short term 15 minute spaces, with the full understanding that the Garden City Police Department has limited resources to be able to enforce it. They don't want to make a bad situation worse by getting pressure for more enforcement.

6.LETTER FROM KEITH HOCHHEISER OF 32 CATHEDRAL AVENUE.

Mr. Hochheiser requests a No Trucking sign on Cathedral Avenue to significantly reduce the truck traffic on that road. He states that the quiet enjoyment for homes on Cathedral Avenue has been severely impacted by truck traffic. There are at least 20-30 eighteen wheel tractor trailers that drive down Cathedral Avenue every day; which is the heart of the residential central section. This situation also creates a serious safety issue as there are many young children that ride their bikes and play in the area.

7.LETTER FROM TIM RYAN OF 17 CLINTON ROAD.

Mr. Ryan requests that the Village install "permanent" radar-based speed feedback signs on Clinton Road. Mr. Ryan states that according to the County Department of Public Works, they have two or more speed feedback signs available for Clinton Road, and he also states that the Village is either preventing, delaying or opposing the installation of the signs. The Police Department added a speed limit sign in each direction at a central location on Clinton Road between Brook and Meadow Streets. This does not require Traffic Commission approval.

8.LETTER FROM WILLIAM BELLMER OF 156 POPLAR STREET.

Mr. Bellmer states that on Sixth Street west of Franklin Avenue, westbound vehicles frequently want to turn left into Parking Field 5 at the Medical Center. These vehicles block those that intend to continue straight on Sixth Street, causing congestion between that point and the Franklin Avenue intersection and sometimes affecting the intersection itself. At present Sixth Street has a dedicated eastbound left turn lane at Franklin which can accommodate five vehicles. It is proposed to add a one-vehicle westbound left turn lane just to the west of and in line with the existing eastbound lane. This will enable a vehicle waiting to enter the Parking Field to move out of the way of westbound through traffic. It may also be worthwhile to add a "Do Not Block Driveway" sign with a pavement crosshatch for eastbound traffic to prevent vehicles stacking for the signal at Franklin from interfering with those turning into the field.

9.LETTER FROM CHRIS CARABALLO OF HEALTHTRAX FITNESS AND WELLNESS.

Mr. Caraballo requests that we re-evaluate the parking variances at 1300 Franklin Avenue. A vast majority of their parking lot is zoned for 2 hour parking only. This restriction is creating many complaints. He asks that we consider reducing the 2 hour restriction to only the first row. The Chamber of Commerce spoke to Mr. Caraballo and told him they need to be careful on this as he could end up with commuters parking there. They discussed some alternatives and Mr. Caraballo was asked if 3 hour parking would help but is not sure. Mr. Caraballo also has a problem of his staff going out at night in the dark as they have to walk the full length of the parking lot at 10pm.

10.LETTER FROM DIANNE MOODY OF 162 WILLOW STREET.

Ms. Moody writes to ask the Traffic Commission to review the handicapped parking available to patrons of the Healthtrax Building on Franklin Avenue. Her husband has been a patient of doctors in that building over the past 5 years as well as a patient at the Physical Therapy unit of Winthrop Hospital located in the lower level of the building. He has a handicapped parking permit for multiple physical issues. He visits that building almost once a month and there seems to be problem obtaining a handicapped parking place. Percentage wise, he is able to find handicapped parking approximately only 20% of the time. He can't be the only person experiencing this issue.

11.LETTER AND PETITION FROM 222 SEVENTH STREET CONDO FOR PERMIT PARKING.

Ms. Hedy Oleschuk submitted a letter and petition on June 8, 2015 requesting permit parking for the residents of 222 Seventh Street condo. They claim that the parking situation has become impossible. Giving tickets has become a norm to residents who are already burdened with high taxes. Running out in rain, sleet, snow and 90 degrees is not healthy especially for seniors. Parking across the tracks is not a solution. They claim there should be permits for a cost higher to businesses. At $150.00 a year for residents would coincide with permits for commuter parking. As a note, we received an additional signature for the petition.

B. DEFERRED AGENDA

1. MAKING PLATTSDALE ROAD A DEAD-END STREET.
   UPDATE: TRAFFIC STUDY TO BE DONE ON AREA IN FALL DURING OCTOBER, 2015.
   WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED ON AGENDA AS STUDY PROGRESSES.

2. E-MAIL FROM TRUSTEE ROBERT BOLEBRUCH.
   Mr. Bolebruch states that he would like that we look to add a left turn light at the corner of Stewart Ave. and Nassau Blvd. going South on Nassau Blvd. At present there is a left turn lane with a left turning arrow but no left turning light. What happens is the traffic going North on Nassau Blvd. get to travel first and then go north and then turn left in their left turning lane with a left turning arrow. Then, the south direction of Nassau Blvd. gets to move and the cars in the left turning lane must wait for the traffic to end going North on Nassau Blvd. At times, it is impossible to see the cars going North, causing a dangerous situation. Trustee Bolebruch would request that after the left turning light is installed going south on Nassau Blvd, that the lights would be changed, allowed both directions to first turn left and then to allow the rest of the traffic to flow in both directions.

LETTERS TO SHILA SHAH-GAVNOUDIAS, COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR NASSAU COUNTY.

On May 19, 2014 and April 21, 2015, the Village sent letters to Ms. Shila Shah-Gavnoudias requesting to modify the existing traffic signals at Stewart Avenue and Nassau Blvd. We have yet to get a response.

LETTER TO LAURA SCHAEFER, NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE, COUNTY LEGISLATOR.

On August 26, 2015, Trustee Robert Bolebruch sent a letter to Ms. Laura Schaefer asking for the status of the request to modify the traffic signals at Stewart Avenue and Nassau Blvd.

Robert Mangan

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