

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

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 12, 2023**

Traffic Commission Members:

Present: Trustee Charles P. Kelly, Chairman  
Trustee Lawrence N. Marciano, Jr.  
Trustee Mary Carter Flanagan  
Trustee Terry Digan  
Ralph V. Suozzi, Village Administrator  
Commissioner Kenneth O. Jackson, Garden City Police Department

1. Minutes of November 17, 2022 – Approved

2. FORMAL AGENDA

- DEFERRED AGENDA

1. Children at Play Sign – Wellington Road

Ericalyn O'Connor, 150 Wellington Road, requesting a "Children at Play" sign to be installed on Wellington Road, between Newmarket Road and Stratford Avenue.

Traffic Survey: Wellington Road, between Newmarket Road and Stratford Avenue, dated November 17, 2021, provided by Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department.

The Traffic Commission, at the November 18, 2021, Meeting, deferred this request asking for review by the perspective Property Owners' Association.

The Traffic Commission, at the January 13, 2022, Meeting, voted to defer this item as it will be included within the Satellite Traffic Calming study.

Deferred until after the Thursday, May 19, 2022, Public Hearing, and a review of report.

Deferred: June 16, 2022, September 15, 2022, and November 17, 2022

**January 12, Meeting:** Deferred

2. Do Not Enter Sign – Wetherill Road

Nicholas Acquavito, 215 Wetherill Road, between Bayberry Avenue and Old Country Road, requesting consideration of “Do Not Enter” signs, for weekdays during rush hour, to be installed on Wetherill Road at Old Country Road and Bayberry Avenue at Washington Avenue.

Traffic Survey: Wetherill Road, between Old Country Road and Bayberry Avenue, dated November 17, 2021, provided by Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department.

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**January 12, 2023, Meeting:** Removed - “Do Not Enter” signs on Wetherill Road at Old Country Road - included under New Business 1. c.; Deferred - “Do Not Enter” signs for Bayberry Avenue at Washington Avenue.

3. Sixth Street and Hilton Avenue – Right Turn Only Lane

William Bellmer requesting consideration of adding a right turn only lane on westbound Sixth Street at Hilton Avenue.

November 17, 2022, Meeting: Deferred for a review of the area.

**January 12, 2023, Meeting:** Denied.

4. Old Country Road and Linden Street – No Thru Traffic Sign

Len and Alma Aspalto, 11 Linden Street, requesting consideration of a no thru traffic sign at the corner of Old Country Road and Linden Street during the hours of 7:00am-10:00am.

Traffic, Accident and Bus Stop Surveys: Linden Street, between Old Country Road and Bayberry Avenue, provided by Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department.

Deferred: September 15, 2022, and November 17, 2022

**January 12, 2023, Meeting:** Removed - included under New Business 1. c.

5. Raymond Court - Parking Lot Sign  
Discuss restoring the Raymond Court parking lot sign that was removed last week as the parking lot is closed except for events that are expected to draw more than 135 vehicles, involve parking school buses or for other special circumstances.

September 15, 2022, Meeting: Deferred for a review of signage.

November 17, 2022, Meeting: Deferred; requesting Public Works and Building Departments to design a plan for Clinton Road to Raymond Court Parking Field.

**January 12, 2023, Meeting:** Deferred – waiting for design plan from Public Works and Building Departments.

6. Trustee Kelly requested review of the following:
  - a. Reduction of Village-wide speed limit to 25mph and school speed limit to 15mph.  
November 17, 2022, Meeting: Deferred; this item requires legal review.  
**January 12, 2023, Meeting:** Deferred – waiting for legal determination.
  - d. Installation of “No Parking 3:00 am-6:00 am” restriction in Parking Lots 8, 9W and 10.  
November 17, 2022, Meeting: Deferred; this item is for Board of Trustees review and approval (Reference New Business 1.e. New Parking Lot Signs).  
**January 12, 2023, Meeting:** Removed – included under New Business 1. e.
  - j. Addition of stop signs on Kensington Road at Somerset Avenue.  
November 17, 2022, Meeting: Deferred.  
**January 12, 2023, Meeting:** Approved.

- **STATUS UPDATE ON ISSUES REFERRED TO NASSAU COUNTY FOR STUDY/ACTION**  
**Mr. Suozzi, Village Administrator, received a DRAFT letter dated January 11, 2023, from Kenneth Arnold, P.E., Commissioner, Nassau County Department of Public Works, providing updates/determinations on pending issues.**

1. Cherry Valley Avenue, Cambridge Avenue and First Street – Left Turn Difficulty at Intersection

At the January 11, 2018, Meeting, the Traffic Commission voted to refer to Nassau County a request to study the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Cherry Valley Avenue, Cambridge Avenue and First Street (heading east from Cambridge Avenue).

December 8, 2020, email from Nassau County Department of Public Works advising “this request for a traffic signal investigation is in our queue and will be conducted as soon as workload permits”.

March 24, 2021, email from Kenneth Arnold, P.E., Commissioner, Nassau County Department of Public Works, advising that the warrant study has been submitted with signal denial. The Village will be notified on the determination.

January 13, 2022, phone call to Harold Lutz, P.E., Director of Traffic Engineering, Nassau County Department of Public Works, to follow up on the determination letter.

The Traffic Commission, at the March 17, 2022, Meeting, requesting the Village submit additional data to Nassau County for reconsideration of this matter.

Nassau County Department of Public Works to update the Village by the end of July 2022.

**Determination:** Denied – Nassau County has determined that a traffic signal is not recommended at this location at this time.

2. Clinton Road – Intersection Humps

At the October 18, 2018, Meeting, the Traffic Commission voted to refer to Nassau County asking them to smooth out the intersection humps along Clinton Road.

Nassau County, Department of Public Works, has agreed to meet with the Village to discuss solutions to this issue. A meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 24, 2020.

January 24, 2020, meeting with Village Officials, Members of the Nassau County Legislature and Nassau County Department of Public Works to discuss a plan of action to address the intersection humps along Clinton Road. It was decided that the Village would initiate a study of the area, funded by Nassau County.

December 8, 2020, email from Nassau County Department of Public Works requesting to “meet with the Village and revisit an Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA)”.

At the January 14, 2021, Traffic Commission Meeting, Trustee Minuto requested the Department of Public Works to reach out to Nassau County Department of Public Works regarding their December 8, 2020, email.

March 24, 2021, email from Kenneth Arnold, P.E., Commissioner, Nassau County Department of Public Works, advising that Nassau County has completed its traffic analysis and will be contacting the Village sometime in the next few weeks to go over the findings, pending nothing major redirects their resources.

Kenneth Arnold, P.E., Commissioner, Nassau County Department of Public Works, has advised the Village that a design document has been issued by Nassau County.

Nassau County Department of Public Works to update the Village by the end of July 2022.

**Status:** Nassau County is waiting for any comments from the Village.

3. Intersection at Franklin and Stewart Avenues – Light Timing/Signal Changes  
At the May 23, 2019, Meeting, the Traffic Commission voted to refer to Nassau County asking them to review the light timing/signal changes at the eastbound intersection at Franklin and Stewart Avenues.

December 8, 2020, email from Nassau County Department of Public Works advising they have “no record of recent requests for timing/signal changes at the intersection of Franklin Avenue.” They will “contact Commissioner Ken Jackson to coordinate and further discuss the Village’s concerns”.

At the January 14, 2021, Traffic Commission Meeting, Commissioner Jackson advised that Nassau County Department of Public Works has not reached out to him regarding their December 8, 2020, email; Trustee Minuto requested he reach out to them.

January 28, 2021, email from Commissioner Jackson to Mary Studdert, Nassau County Department of Public Works requesting a review to determine if this request is warranted.

March 24, 2021, email from Kenneth Arnold, P.E., Commissioner, Nassau County Department of Public Works advising “We did field review the signal but did not observe anything out of the ordinary – possibly due to lower Covid volumes”. Commissioner Jackson will be contacted by Nassau County to discuss.

Commissioner Jackson would like a follow up of this request since traffic is picking up after the lower volumes that were possibly due to Covid.

May 12, 2022, email from Joseph G. Pecora, P.E., Deputy Commissioner, County of Nassau, Department of Public Works, advising Commissioner Jackson that this request is being reviewed to determine what changes/improvements may be warranted.

Commissioner Jackson is in contact with Joseph G. Pecora, P.E., Deputy Commissioner, County of Nassau, Department of Public Works. This request is being revisited by Nassau County.

**Status:** Under consideration by Nassau County; awaiting results of study.

4. New Hyde Park Road Intersections  
At the September 16, 2021, Meeting, the Traffic Commission voted to request Nassau County to a) install “No Turn on Red” signs in all directions on New Hyde Park Road and Stewart Avenue, add pedestrian crossing signals in all directions and review the location for possible installation of red-light cameras and b) install a traffic light on New Hyde Park Road at Dartmouth Street with an east/west crosswalk on the north side of the intersection as well as a blinking “Traffic Light Ahead” sign for northbound traffic on New Hyde Park Road approaching the intersection.

- a. Stewart Avenue and New Hyde Park Road
  - Installation of “No Right Turn on Red” signs on each of the four corners of Stewart Avenue and New Hyde Park Road  
**Determination:** Approved – No Turn on Red Restriction for eastbound approach only.
  - Installation of Pedestrian Walk/Don’t Walk crossing indicators on each of the four corners of the intersection  
**Determination:** Approved – new pedestrian signals and pushbuttons on all four approaches.
  - Installation of cameras to monitor the intersection  
**Status:** No comment from Nassau County.
  
- b. Dartmouth Street and New Hyde Park Road
  - Installation of a traffic stop, three-light signal and pedestrian crosswalk at the intersection of Dartmouth Street and New Hyde Park Road  
**Determination:** Denied – Nassau County has determined that a traffic signal is not recommended at this location at this time.

September 28, 2021, letter to Kenneth Arnold, P.E., Commissioner, County of Nassau, Department of Public Works, requesting review of the above-referenced items for Stewart Avenue and New Hyde Park Road and New Hyde Park and Dartmouth Roads.

November 22, 2021, email from Joseph G. Pecora, P.E., Deputy Commissioner, County of Nassau, Department of Public Works, advising that “we will schedule studies for both New Hyde Park Road at Stewart Avenue and at Dartmouth Street to evaluate your requests.”

Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department, will study the area and data will be forwarded to Kenneth Arnold, P.E., Commissioner, County of Nassau, Department of Public Works, by Mr. Suozzi, Village Administrator.

Nassau County Department of Public Works to update the Village by the end of July 2022.

- 5. Merillon Avenue and Rockaway Avenue Design  
At the June 16, 2022, Meeting, the Traffic Commission requested this item be added to the list of items referred to Nassau County for study/action.

Mr. Suozzi was asked by the Traffic Commission to reach out to Kenneth Arnold, P.E., Commissioner, Nassau County Department of Public Works for an update.

**Status:** Study ongoing.

- 6. Hanging Left Turn Only Sign – Southbound Seventh Street and Cathedral Avenue  
At the June 16, 2022, Meeting, the Traffic Commission advised this item is under consideration by Nassau County.

**Determination:** Approved – installation of an overhead lane designation sign and addition of left turn street arrows.

7. Clinton Road Issues and Traffic Study on Clinton Road from Meadow Street to Commercial Avenue

At the June 16, 2022, Meeting, and again at the September 15, 2022, Meeting, requests for a complete traffic study on Clinton Road between Meadow Street and Commercial Avenue; Trustee Kelly discussed the feasibility of asking Nassau County to install a traffic light at the intersection with Garden Street or Poplar Street.

**Status:** Under review; Village is requesting Garden, not Poplar Street.

8. Left Turn Signal – Washington Avenue and Eleventh Street

At the September 15, 2022, Meeting, the Traffic Commission to request consideration of having the left turn signal activated from 2:00 pm-5:00 pm.

**Status:** Under review.

9. Rockaway Avenue at First Street

At the November 17, 2022, Meeting, the Traffic Commission referred the request for consideration of a “Right Turn Only” sign on the right-hand lane going south on Rockaway Avenue and the addition of two to three arrows painted on the street.

**Status:** Under review.

10. Nassau Boulevard

At the November 17, 2022, Meeting, the Traffic Commission requested Nassau County consideration of the addition of “Left Turn” signals on Nassau Boulevard, southbound and westbound at Stewart Avenue, to be consistent with eastbound and northbound “left turn” signals at that intersection; addition of grid box for the intersection.

**Status:** No update.

11. Franklin Avenue

At the November 17, 2022, Meeting, the Traffic Commission advised that the request for the addition of a “Left Turn” signal on northbound Franklin Avenue at Seventh Street to relieve congestion and enhance pedestrian safety in crosswalks would be referred to Nassau County for review.

**Status:** No update.

• NEW BUSINESS

1. Trustee Kelly is requesting a review of the following:

- a. Addition of three left turn arrows on the roadway pavement of Cathedral Avenue southbound approaching Seventh Street.

**January 12, 2023, Meeting:** Removed – reference Nassau County Item 6.

- b. Addition of “No Right Turn on Red” signs at the intersection of New Hyde Park Road and Stewart Avenue.

**January 12, 2023, Meeting:** Removed – reference Nassau County Item 4.

- c. Addition of “No Left-Hand Turn” signs Monday-Friday 7:00 am-10:00 am from Old Country Road onto Lefferts Road, Prescott Street, Wetherill Road, Maple Street, Maxwell Road and Linden Street.

**January 12, 2023, Meeting:** Approved.

- d. Addition of a crosswalk from the end of the south sidewalk on South Avenue to the north side sidewalk of South Avenue.

**January 12, 2023, Meeting:** Deferred; request to Engineering Department to study area for determination.

- e. New Parking Lot Signs:

- Parking Field No. 8 – “No Parking 2:00 am-6:00 am” for two rows closest to residences
- Parking Field No. 9W – “No Parking 2:00 am-6:00 am” for the two rows closest to residences for the entire length of the parking lot
- Parking Field No. 10 – “No Parking 2:00 am-6:00 am” on single row of spaces on north, south and west side (perimeter)

**January 12, 2023, Meeting:** Approved.

2. Trustee Flanagan recommendation for the removal of approximately sixteen (16) permit spaces in Parking Field 7N. Police Department to determine.

**January 12, 2023, Meeting:** Approved.

3. Steve Ilardi requesting improvement of the Cathedral Crossing.

Mr. Suozzi advised that this is part of the MTA Raising Cherry Valley Bridge Project which will be starting sometime in February 2023.

4. Steve Ilardi requesting the left turn stop line on Chestnut Street be pushed back to accommodate northbound Franklin Avenue traffic turning onto Chestnut Street.

**January 12, 2023, Meeting:** Approved – Public Works and Engineering Departments to determine location.

5. John Apostolides, 23 Westbury Road, asking for possible improvements at the locations of Westbury Road to Wetherill Road and Osborne Road to Wetherill Road.

Trustees Kelly and Flanagan advised that these locations are a part of the Traffic Calming Study.



January 12, 2023, Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted by the Department of Public Works.