

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
JULY 17, 2025

Traffic Commission Members:

Present: Trustee Vincent Muldoon, Chairman
Trustee Judy Courtney
Trustee Richard A. Catalano
Commissioner Kenneth O. Jackson, Garden City Police Department
John V. Borroni, P.E., Superintendent of Public Works

Absent: Trustee Yvonne Varano

1. Minutes of June 26, 2025 – Approved

2. FORMAL AGENDA

• DEFERRED AGENDA

1. Seventh Street Parking Lot 7S

Review of parking lot 7S on Seventh Street.

May 23, 2024, Meeting: Deferred

July 18, 2024, Meeting: Deferred

September 19, 2024, Meeting: Deferred

November 21, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – will be working through the winter to come up with a design by spring

January 16, Meeting: Deferred

February 13, 2025, Meeting: Deferred

March 20, 2025, Meeting: Deferred; capital project in 2025-2026 budget

May 8, 2025, Meeting: Deferred – In design, i.e., paving, additional parking spaces, dumpster enclosure

June 26, 2025, Meeting: Deferred; Traffic Commission looking to schedule a meeting with the affected businesses for their input.

July 17, 2025, Meeting: Deferred – majority of the design has been completed; waiting for meeting with business owners for their input (hopefully in August).

2. **Mott Section – Various Traffic Issues**

Discussion on traffic calming/speed reduction, and the reduction of cut-through traffic within the Mott Section of the Village (Transverse Road, Huntington Road, Kingsbury Road, Wetherill Road, etc.)

July 18, 2024, Meeting: Deferred

September 19, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – Creighton Manning to refresh its study to make it a more comprehensive study

Creighton Manning is submitting their Mott Section Traffic Calming and Cut Through Mitigations Concept proposal dated November 1, 2024, for an estimated total fee of \$45,850.

November 21, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – review of study

Mr. Borroni is submitting a diagram showing no right turns on Washington Avenue.

February 13, 2025, Meeting: Deferred; No Right Turn signs approved January 16th are addressed under New Business 4. **No Right Turn – Washington Avenue**

Traffic Surveys: Transverse Road (between Washington Ave. and Lefferts Blvd.) dated March 7, 2025, provided by Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department.

Traffic Light – Washington Avenue and Court House Drive

Mr. Li is requesting consideration for installing a traffic light at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Court House Drive.

September 19, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – review of signage

November 21, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – part of the Mott Section study; note, this is a County Road

January 16, Meeting: Deferred - discussion regarding an engineering study

February 13, 2025, Meeting: Traffic Commission requested to combine this item with Deferred Agenda Item 5. **Mott Section – Various Traffic Issues**

Left Turn Restriction – Washington Avene at Kenwood Road

Steve Schnupp, 4 Kenwood Road, requesting consideration for the restriction of left turns on southbound Washington Avenue at Kenwood Road.

November 21, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – Petition submitted for review

January 16, Meeting: Deferred (part of Mott Section study)

February 13, 2025, Meeting: Traffic Commission requested to combine this item with Deferred Agenda Item 5. Mott Section – Various Traffic Issues

Stop Signs – Mulberry Avenue and Bayberry Avenue Cross Streets

John O. Williams, Jr., resident of Russell Road, requesting consideration for stop signs to be added to every intersection of the referenced roads, among others, within the Eastern Section of the Village.

January 16, 2025, Meeting: Deferred

February 13, 2025, Meeting: Traffic Commission requested to combine this item with Deferred Agenda Item 5. Mott Section – Various Traffic Issues

March 20, 2025, Meeting: Deferred

May 8, 2025, Meeting: Deferred – Mr. Borroni to reach out to Creighton Manning to get a status update on their Mott Section Traffic Calming and Cut Through Mitigations Concept updated proposal; Commissioner Jackson updated on the truck ban, which is working well with northbound traffic being monitored; Trustee Muldoon requesting installation of a flashing sign to divert and make sure traffic “make a right on Old Country Road for the courts”.

June 26, 2025, Meeting: Approved - \$19,750 proposal submitted by Creighton Manning to be placed on the July 17, 2025, Board of Trustees agenda for acceptance.

July 17, 2025, Meeting: Board of Trustees approved the proposal submitted by Creighton Manning for \$19,750.

3. First Street – Left Turn Lane

Request to extend the eastbound left turn lane on First Street, for traffic turning northbound onto Rockaway Avenue.

Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department, provided First Street Traffic and Accident Study dated September 10, 2024.

September 19, 2024, Meeting: Deferred

November 21, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – Nassau County to look into installing a traffic light at Cambridge Avenue and First Street; Bob Baker to circulate a petition to address traffic calming steps

January 16, Meeting: Deferred for determination for items to address speeding; suggested to go to the County with the accident numbers; Approved – bollards

February 13, 2025, Meeting: Deferred

Mr. Borroni presenting two (2) proposals for review

March 20, 2025, Meeting: Approve – bollards; Approve – proposal submitted by LaBella Associates, 1 North Broadway, Suite 803, White Plains, New York 10601, i/a/o \$13,350 for feasibility study for a roundabout to be included on the next Board of Trustees agenda for approval; Petition for a gateway going north on Cherry Valley Avenue before Sunset Lane and Garden City Pool submitted for review.

May 8, 2025, Meeting: The LaBella Associates proposal for a feasibility study for a roundabout will be on this evening's Board of Trustees Agenda for approval; the plan for the gateway (narrowing of the roadway) is in process; permanent bollards received and will be installed within the next few weeks on the island, not in the roadway.

June 26, 2025, Meeting: Board of Trustees approved LaBella Associates' proposal for the feasibility study i/a/o \$13,350 on May 8, 2025; LaBella Associates is working on a draft report and cost proposal for a gateway to be submitted at the next meeting; Approved – Mr. Borroni submitting a drawing for bump outs to be forwarded to the Town of Hempstead for approval.

July 17, 2025, Meeting: Deferred; Roundabout study - report expected by the end of August, beginning of September; Gateway – Asked by Traffic Commission to move the gateway location down toward the Village line, and the striping for a taper needed the Town of Hempstead's approval, which Mr. Borroni received. Approved - installation of gateway as submitted by LaBella Associates, at a maximum cost of \$40,000, which includes a 20% contingency.

4. **Speed Limit Evaluation**

Creighton Manning is submitting their Summary of Speed Limit Evaluation for the Village of Garden City for review.

November 21, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – The Village can reduce the entire Village speed limit except for certain roads that need further review

January 16, Meeting: Deferred

February 13, 2025, Meeting: Deferred

March 20, 2025, Meeting: Deferred

May 8, 2025, Meeting: Deferred – No decision has been made yet; Commissioner Jackson advised that the difference between “zones” can be confusing; Cost for signage would be significant and would need Board of Trustees approval; Mr. Borroni to resend study to Traffic Commission for review.

June 26, 2025, Meeting: Deferred for a final decision next meeting; Commissioner Jackson to follow up with other Villages on their speed limit restrictions.

July 17, 2025, Meeting: Denied - Village speed limit to remain at 30mph.

5. **Fifth Street and Hilton Avenue**

Discussion on the new stop signs installed on Fifth Street and Hilton Avenue following January 16, 2025, approval.

December 2024 - A petition was received from Ivonne Dersch, requesting the installation of stop signs.

Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department, provided Traffic Studies: S/B Hilton Avenue @ 5th Street dated March 17, 2025.

March 20, 2025, Meeting: Deferred; Mrs. Walsh read a letter from Mr. Walsh; petition and photos submitted for review

On May 8, 2025, Mr. Borroni received a petition to remove new stop signs on Hilton Avenue at Fifth Street from Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. Lattuca and Mr. and Mrs. Hester.

May 8, 2025, Meeting: Deferred; all opinions will be considered for a possible solution.

Additional documentation submitted by Mr. Walsh dated June 18, 2025, and June 26, 2025, for review.

June 26, 2025, Meeting: Deferred for further review as this meets the criteria to warrant a stop sign.

July 17, 2025, Meeting: The Traffic Commission voted to keep the stop signs on Fifth Street and Hilton Avenue. Trustee Muldoon noted that the area would be monitored for accidents over the next six (6) months and that this issue could be revisited later if necessary.

6. **Stop Signs – North Avenue**

Discussion to review the installation of stop signs on North Avenue from Nassau Boulevard to Westminster Road.

Traffic and Accident Surveys: North Avenue at Brompton Road dated February 11, 2025, and April 8, 2025, and North Avenue, between Nassau Boulevard and Kilburn Road dated April 28, 2025, provided by Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department.

Existing and recommended stop sign locations provided by Craig T. Bandini, P.E., Village Engineer.

May 8, 2025, Meeting: Deferred

June 26, 2025, Meeting: Deferred – temporary barriers for three (3) months on North Avenue, between Nassau Boulevard and Kilburn Road.

July 17, 2025, Meeting: Temporary barriers have been put up; monitoring for feedback, i.e., pros, cons; Police Department will also survey in September

7. No Parking Signs – Greenridge Avenue

The Traffic Commission is requesting further discussion of this matter.

Harry Chohan is requesting that either 2-hour parking limit signs or no parking between 9am-5pm be installed all along Greenridge Avenue to prevent long-term commuter parking.

February 13, 2025, Meeting: Deferred – Mr. Borroni will contact the resident for a petition. (19 Greenridge Avenue has a sign in front of home.)

March 20, 2025, Meeting: Deferred

June 26, 2025, Meeting: Deferred – Mr. Borroni to reach out for a petition.

July 17, 2025, Meeting: Removed

• STATUS UPDATE ON ISSUES REFERRED TO NASSAU COUNTY FOR STUDY/ACTION

Mr. Borroni, Superintendent of Public Works, has been in contact with Kenneth Arnold, P.E., Commissioner, and Harold Lutz, P.E., Nassau County Department of Public Works, and any updates are noted under pending items.

Mr. Borroni advised that his numerous attempts have yielded no response from the County. Trustee Muldoon would like to schedule a meeting with the County for the end of September.

1. 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.

A meeting was held on March 6, 2023, at the Garden City Casino, 51 Cathedral Avenue, to discuss the County's proposal for Clinton Road.

March 16, 2023, email from Harold Lutz, Director of Traffic Engineering, Nassau County Department of Public Works, advising the study is underway and anticipated completion in the upcoming months.

Ralph V. Suozzi, Village Administrator, John V. Borroni, P.E., Superintendent of Public Works, and Bart A. DiCostanzo, Highway General Supervisor, attended a meeting on July 11, 2023, with Nassau County to discuss utility coordination. Topic: National Grid Water Main Repaving.

Traffic volume data has been collected - traffic signal warrants analysis; the study is ongoing, and the County will share the results once completed.

This is being evaluated as part of the Clinton Road reconstruction. No update has been provided by Nassau County.

September 19, 2024, Meeting – Data collection has been completed, and the study is under review for final determination.

Paving is in process. Traffic signal at Garden Street is still under review.

Bid out second quarter in 2026

2. 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.

March 16, 2023, email from Harold Lutz, Director of Traffic Engineering, Nassau County Department of Public Works, advising the design plan for this project is currently underway, and they look to schedule a follow-up meeting with the Village in the upcoming months to present the plans.

Mr. Borroni has requested a copy of the draft.

Mr. Borroni received a draft plan before the meeting; current design includes some modifications to the draft plan and will be shared once the County receives them from its consultant.

Traffic Commission to review Creighton Manning's input and then meet with them to discuss the study; no objection for added crosswalk which will need additional study; Commissioner Jackson suggests a signalized (only activated by pedestrians) crosswalk is warranted just north of the traffic circle.

July 18, 2024 - no update has been provided by Nassau County. Mr. Borroni spoke with Mr. Lutz regarding the consideration of a traffic circle during design.

September 19, 2024, Meeting – The County will send a Draft Final for review within the next few weeks.

On November 14, 2024, the County presented its design; meeting and documentation of proposed plan is posted on the website.

Waiting for revised plans

3. Traffic Light – Stewart Avenue and Tullamore Road

September 15, 2022, request for a traffic light to be installed at the intersection of Stewart Avenue and Tullamore Road.

March 16, 2023, email from Harold Lutz, Director of Traffic Engineering, Nassau County Department of Public Works, advising that this location has been added to their existing traffic signal survey review list with anticipated completion in the upcoming months.

Traffic volume data has been collected – traffic signal warrants analysis and is ongoing; the County to share results once completed.

No update has been provided by Nassau County.

September 19, 2024, Meeting – Data collection has been completed, and the study is under review for final determination.

4. Crosswalk – North Avenue at Nassau Boulevard LIRR Station

Construction of crosswalk on north side of LIRR tracks east of LIRR Nassau Boulevard train station from North Avenue sidewalk to sidewalk on west side of Nassau Boulevard.

January 18, 2024, Meeting: Approved; Mr. Borroni to send sketch to Nassau County for review.

March 21, 2024, Meeting - Mr. Borroni sent to County on January 26, 2024; under review.

No update has been provided by Nassau County.

September 19, 2024, Meeting – Under review

Mr. Borroni was asked to look into this

This request has been denied; it places pedestrians in close proximity to LIRR which is unsafe

5. Turn Arrow – Rockaway Avenue and First Street

Request from Hanah Sanasie for consideration of a turn arrow at Rockaway Avenue and First Street and providing photos from an April 15, 2024, auto accident involving a school bus.

May 23, 2024, Meeting: Approved and sent to Nassau County for review

September 19, 2024, Meeting – A traffic study will be performed to determine if the northbound left turn arrow is appropriate. The southbound approach was studied and no changes will be made to the current configuration.

6. **First Street – Left Turn Lane** (Reference Deferred Item No. 6)
Request to extend the eastbound left turn lane on First Street, for traffic turning northbound onto Rockaway Avenue.

November 21, 2024, Meeting: Request for Nassau County to look into installing a traffic light at Cambridge Avenue and First Street.

7. **Eleventh Street and Washington Avenue**
Commissioner Jackson has requested to ask Nassau County to “add 10 seconds to the Washington/11th crossing when the button is pushed as we had done on NHP road and Stratford Avenue a couple of years ago” in response to resident suggestion.

November 21, 2024, Meeting: Defer to Nassau County for review.

8. **Stewart and Cherry Valley Avenues – Pavement Markings**
 - a. Request made through SeeClickFix to add pavement markings for the two (2) right turn lanes from southbound Cherry Valley Avenue to westbound Stewart Avenue to guide cars to the correct lanes after they make the right turns.
 - b. Trustee Finneran is requesting the addition of pavement markings on Stewart Avenue, westbound across Cherry Valley Avenue.

January 16, 2025, Meeting: Defer to Nassau County for review

9. **Do Not Block the Box – Clinton Road and Brook Street**
Trustee Muldoon is requesting “Do Not Block the Box” signage at the intersection of Clinton Road and Brook Street.

February 13, 2025, Meeting: Approved to install signage to not block intersection at Clinton Road and Brook Street; send to Nassau County for review

10. **Middle School Crosswalk - Cherry Valley Avenue**
Request to consider additional measures that can be taken to increase pedestrian safety of this crossing, i.e. traffic light, median island, pedestrian bridge, etc.

July 18, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – some items would need Nassau County approval

September 19, 2024, Meeting: Deferred – Determination of what needs to be done and send to Nassau County for review

November 21, 2024, Meeting: Approved – “Yield to Pedestrian” sign; crosswalk sign and lighting ordered. During discussion, a “Yield to Pedestrian” sign was approved at Cherry Valley and Stewart Avenues.

January 16, Meeting: Deferred

February 13, 2025, Meeting: Deferred

March 20, 2025, Meeting: Deferred to Nassau County for review

- **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Parking Field 12**

Mary Ann Jelovich is requesting a time limit change from two (2) hours to three (3) hours for the entire row of spaces in Parking Field 12 to accommodate patients of 1325 Franklin Avenue as well as the addition of two (2) more handicap parking spaces for a total of four (4).

The Traffic Commission approved the removal of the 2-hour time restrictions from the handicap parking space and an additional handicap parking space at their June 26, 2025, meeting.

July 17, 2025, Meeting: Denied; change time limit for the two (2) handicap spots to three (3) hours; Police Department will monitor spaces

2. **Four-Way Stop Sign – Kilburn Road and Somerset Avenue**

Resident request, submitted via the Government Outreach System (GoGov), for consideration of installing a stop sign at the intersection of Kilburn Road and Somerset Avenue for drivers going east/west on Somerset Avenue, making it a four-way stop.

Traffic Surveys: Somerset Avenue at Kilburn Road, dated July 17, 2025, provided by Commissioner Jackson, Garden City Police Department

July 17, 2025, Meeting: Deferred for further review

3. **36 New Hyde Park Road**

John Halperin, owner of the property, and Ahmed Zaky, owner of A2Z Auto Masters, are requesting a review of the curb installation at that location. Mr. Zaky provided photos.

July 17, 2025, Meeting: Deferred for further review; Trustee Muldoon is requesting the original survey of the property showing the legal curb cuts for this location

July 17, 2025, Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted by the Department of Public Works.