

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**

Traffic Commission Members:

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

1. Minutes of July 17, 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).

September 10, 2025, Meeting: Deferred – Mr. Borroni presented business/property owners with the proposed striping layout and plan for the lot; final design to be received within the next few weeks, assuming the striping layout is approved. Trustee Muldoon asked to meet one last time, in October, on-site regarding ins and outs to create a better flow of traffic in that parking lot.

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 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 Avenue 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.

September 10, 2025, Meeting: Deferred – met with Creighton Manning on Phase I; within 2-3 weeks will submit their best ideas, starting with the perimeter of the Mott Section (Washington Avenue, Old Country Road and Clinton Road) and working through to the middle of the Mott Section to reduce traffic/speeding; Traffic Commission is looking at every available option and plans to have a Town Hall, sometime in October, to get opinions/feedback from residents in the Mott Section.

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.

September 10, 2025, Meeting: Deferred – investment for roundabout is approximately \$5,000,000 and probably won't be a viable option; discussion on traffic light, stop signs, speed humps, bollards, bump-out; Mr. Borroni said gateway is moving into final design with a completion of October/early November.

4. **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.

September 10, 2025, Meeting: Deferred – Approved: For next 4 weeks, on a trial basis, North Avenue will be have one lane heading west to Nassau Boulevard, making it a one-way street, right turn only heading north, or if you want to go to the train station; Traffic Commission will survey resident feedback and hopefully have a final decision by end of October; Edward Aw, 119 North Avenue, submitted a petition to make North Avenue one-way between Kilburn Road and Nassau Boulevard.

5. **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

September 10, 2025, Meeting: Denied

6. **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

On July 30, 2025, a copy of the survey was provided to Mr. Zaky by the Building Department through a F.O.I.L. request.

September 10, 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.

Trustee Muldoon would like to schedule a meeting with the County for the end of October/November.

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; County procurement process takes nine (9) months, and this has not been bid out yet because they don't have the final plans; best estimate is 2027.

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. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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

8. 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

9. 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.

Mr. Borroni submitting a diagram showing proposed changes in Parking Field 12.

September 10, 2025, Meeting: Approved; 5 spots all day and 5 spots for 3-hour parking

2. Crosswalk – Second Street and Franklin Avenue

Robert Lawkins, 25 Franklin Court, is requesting consideration of the addition of a crosswalk at the intersection of Second Street and Franklin Avenue.

September 10, 2025, Meeting: Deferred for further discussion

3. Four-Way Stop Signs – Chestnut Street and St. James Street

Residents are requesting consideration of the installation of stop signs at the intersection of Chestnut and St. James Streets, making it a four-way stop.

September 10, 2025, Meeting: Denied; This was a request made and denied in January 2019.