

CITY OF ONEIDA
TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD
May 16, 2017
2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS:

IN ATTENDANCE

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| Public Safety Commissioner Mike West | — |
| Acting Police Chief Paul Thompson | <u>Yes</u> |
| Fire Department Rep Rob Cowles | — |
| City Engineer Jon Rauscher | — |
| Traffic Advisor Robert Anderson | <u>Yes</u> |
| Chairman Bruce Burke | <u>Yes</u> |
| Vice Chairman Donald White | <u>Yes</u> |
| Barbara Buehner | <u>Yes</u> |
| Shirley Lomery | <u>Yes</u> |
| Kathy Malinowski | <u>Yes</u> |
| James Sweet | <u>Yes</u> |
| Mike Kaiser | <u>Yes</u> |
| Michael Whipple | — |
| Kipp Hicks | — |
| Jim Dalzell | <u>Yes</u> |

The special meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Bruce Burke.

Copies of the draft minutes from the April 18, 2017 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting date.

Moved by Shirley Lomery
Seconded by James Sweet

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the April 18, 2017 meeting are hereby approved.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

REVISIT REQUEST FOR 30 MINUTE PARKING SIGN AT 212 FARRIER AVENUE

At the previous meeting, the board discussed a letter from Duane DeFrees, owner of the Oneida Printshop located at 212 Farrier Avenue, requesting that a 30-minute parking sign be placed in front of his business. At that time, it was decided that there was no purpose to designate special parking. Chairman Burke stated that upon further review, there is no parking on the north side of the street from Broad to Warner, and the parking spaces on the south side of the street are constantly filled. Jim Dalzell said that there are four businesses that are affected. Jim Dalzell said that he spoke with Mr. DeFrees, and he would be happy with 30-minute parking signs

from pole to pole in front of his business. Shirley Lomery concurred, as she spoke with Mr. DeFrees also. Traffic Advisor Bob Anderson stated that standard parking spots need to be 22 ft. x 10 ft., and the Committee said that the area could possibly accommodate two or three spots. A question from Mike Kaiser arose as to whether a handicap space would be required, and Bob Anderson said if one is required, he could place it near the driveway where there is already a curb cut.

Moved by Jim Dalzell
Seconded by Barbara Beuhner

RESOLVED, that a Traffic Order be prepared to install a 30-minute parking sign in front of the business located at 212 Farrier Avenue (north side of street) and create/line parking spaces in front of said address.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

STREET SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF E. WALNUT STREET AND LENOX AVE

Chairman Burke said that currently there are no street signs identifying E. Walnut Street at the intersection Lenox Ave. Traffic Advisor Anderson said there is already a pole on the NE corner that can be utilized for a street sign. The Board briefly discussed this matter.

Moved by Mike Kaiser
Seconded by Jim Dalzell

RESOLVED, that a Traffic Order be prepared directing that a street sign identifying E. Walnut Street be placed on the NE corner of the intersection of East Walnut Street and Lenox Avenue on the existing pole.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

STOP SIGN ON E. WALNUT AT INTERSECTION WITH WILSON STREET

Chairman Burke turned this item over to Acting Chief Thompson who said there is a stop sign on E. Walnut Street at the "point" and no signs on the Wilson Street end. There is a "stop sign ahead" sign back further on Wilson Street, but said that is notating the stop sign at the intersection of E. Walnut and Lenox Avenue. Chief Thompson said that the current setup at that intersection is safest, as when there was a yield sign on Wilson Street it was regularly disregarded. He said the accident history was worse when the yield sign was there also. Barbara Buehner said she travels those streets on a regular basis, and it is easier to stop on E. Walnut Street. She said that the Vineall Ambulance uses Wilson Street repeatedly, and they shouldn't have to stop. The City Clerk said that house with the fence on the "Y" of Wilson and E. Walnut is being demolished through the buyout program. Ronnie Presley, who wrote a letter to the TSB requesting that the stop sign on E. Walnut be removed and a yield or stop sign be placed on Wilson Street, said folks stopping at that stop sign have a 75 degree angle to turn to

look back down Wilson Street to see if any cars are coming. Mr. Presley said that it makes more common sense to remove the stop sign for the smooth flow of traffic, as Wilson Street is a side street coming into E. Walnut. Traffic Advisor Anderson said that he could move the Walnut Street stop sign closer to the end of the "point". Jim Dalzell said that Mr. Presley has a valuable opinion and recommends coming up with something to address this matter.

Moved by Shirley Lomery
Seconded by Barbara Buehner

RESOLVED, that no action will be taken on the matter of the stop sign located on the "point" of E. Walnut Street at the intersection of Wilson Street until after the demolition of the property located at 415 E. Walnut Street is completed.

Ayes: 8
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PARKING ON RAILROAD STREET AND MAIN STREET - HOT DOG VENDOR

Mike Kaiser said the no parking signs are violated on a daily basis across the street from City Hall where the hot dog vendor parks his truck. Deputy Mayor Jim Chamberlain explained a drawing that he prepared allowing for a five minute parking space to be placed in front of the hot dog vendor and painting the street with "no parking" in front of the fire hydrant. He said that the food vendor places three cones at the front of his vehicle to stop customers from parking in front of his truck. Traffic Advisor Anderson said that Railroad Street is 28 feet across and therefore, it is not wide enough to allow for parking on both sides of the street. A brief discussion ensued, which included the cost for signs, the City being on notice of a problem, moving the hot dog vendor to another location and the Deputy Mayor's suggestion. Board member Mike Kaiser excused himself from the meeting, as he had another commitment.

Moved by Barbara Buehner
Seconded by Shirley Lomery

RESOLVED, that a Traffic Order be prepared directing the following:

- A "No Parking Here to Corner" sign will replace the existing no standing sign at the intersection of N. Main and E. Railroad.
- A Temporary "5 Minute Parking Only" sign will be placed on the existing no parking sign post located in Clinch Park near the intersection of Main Street and at the end of each food vendor season, the no parking sign will be put back.
- White lines will be painted on E. Railroad Street and "No Parking" will be painted between the white lines in front of the fire hydrant located in Clinch Park on E. Railroad Street.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

STOP SIGN AT COSTELLO PARKING LOT

The Board discussed the history of the street names behind the Costello building next to the Kallet Civic Center and off Messenger Street. Discussion included whether the stop sign located in a parking lot behind the parking shanty belonging to Dr. Costello is on private property, if it is a City Street, the liability of the owner and the location of Costello's parking shanty. The City Clerk said that she would provide the needed information at the next meeting.

Moved by Don White
Seconded by James Sweet

RESOLVED, that this item be hereby tabled until the July 18, 2017 meeting to allow for the gathering of further information to determine if this property located at the corner of Messenger Street at Dr. Costello's parking shanty is a City street or a privately owned parking lot.

Ayes: 8
Nays: 0

MOTION TABLED

DISOBEYING TRAFFIC LAWS

Shirley Lomery commented that many people are disobeying the law at the intersections of Main and Walnut and Broad and Walnut. She said many drivers run the red light or turn right on red when it is not permitted. She also noted that many drivers also speeding through the intersections.

STOP SIGN AT COSBROS PROPERTIES, LLC COSTELLO PARKING LOT BEHIND KALLET

Deputy Mayor Chamberlain presented a map to Chairman Bruce Burke identifying the property lines for the parking lot that COSBROS Properties, LLC (Costello) purchased from the City, and a brief discussion ensued.

Moved by Barbara Buehner
Seconded by Kathy Malinowski

RESOLVED, that the matter of the stop sign located at the corner of Messenger Street behind the parking shanty be hereby removed from the table.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Barbara Buehner
Seconded by Jim Dalzell

RESOLVED, that the City's Stop Sign located at the intersection of Messenger Street behind the parking shanty be hereby removed from the property owned by COSBROS Properties, LLC, 131 Main Street, Oneida NY.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Don White and seconded by Jim Sweet.

The meeting is hereby adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is July 18, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pulverenti