

**CITY OF ONEIDA
TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD**

October 17, 2017

2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS:

IN ATTENDANCE

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	_____
Shirley Lomery	<u>yes</u>
Kathy Malinowski	_____
James Sweet	<u>yes</u>
Mike Kaiser	_____
Michael Whipple	_____
Kipp Hicks	_____
Jim Dalzell	<u>yes</u>

The regular meeting was called to order at 2:25 p.m. by Chairman Bruce Burke.

Chairman Burke said that the City of Sherrill has restricted truck traffic on their City streets except for local deliveries. He said that Brandon Lovett, the Sherrill City Manager, is requesting that the Board allow for the placement of "No Truck" signs on Union and Chapel Streets, as they connect to Kenwood Ave/Sherrill Road off of Middle Road, which is sometimes used by trucks. Chairman Burke said that there has been quite a fuss about this traffic restriction in Sherrill, which is scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2018. The Board briefly discussed this issue. Jim Dalzell said that there has been some scuttlebutt regarding the City of Sherrill rescinding this law, and he asked that the Board table the request by Mr. Lovett until there is certainty from the City of Sherrill with respect to their new law.

Moved by Jim Dalzell
Seconded by Jim Sweet

RESOLVED, that the request received from Brandon Lovett, Sherrill City Manager, be hereby tabled and readdressed at the next Traffic Safety Board Meeting.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Burke said that he took a ride to Oatman Drive at lunchtime today. He said that John and Tamara Grosso, 1089 Oatman Drive, are requesting that the barrier at the end of Oatman Drive be removed and replaced with the proper signage. Traffic Advisor Bob Anderson said that they would like the barrier to be replaced with three poles with reflective signs, and he recommended putting the dead end sign in the middle. He said the cost would be about \$100. The Board was provided with printouts of the general area, including the barricade. The Board briefly discussed the different options regarding the barricades, such as sprucing it up with paint, removal, aesthetics, the number of other barricades around the City and what is required by the DOT.

Moved by Jim Dalzell
Seconded by Shirley Lomery

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Advisor research the request to remove the barricade with the NYS DOT and the City Engineer for compliance with the law and/or any alternatives, **and be it further**

RESOLVED, that this request be readdressed at the next regular Traffic Safety Board meeting.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Burke said that Mr. and Mrs. Grosso are also requesting that a stop sign be placed at the intersection of Palmer Drive and Oatman Drive, as currently there is no signage. The Board discussed this request, and Acting Police Chief Thompson said that a yield sign would be more appropriate.

Moved by Don While
Seconded by Shirley Lomery

RESOLVED, that a Traffic Order be prepared for a "Yield" sign to be placed at the intersection of Oatman Drive and Palmer Drive.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Burke said item number three is a request from John Burger, 329 MacArthur Parkway, for a crosswalk to be installed at the end of Vanderbilt Avenue across Broad Street. Shirley Lomery said that there are cross walks at the intersections of Farrier Ave/Broad Street and Oneida Street/Broad Street, both a very short distance from Vanderbilt. Ms. Lomery said this request should be denied, and a discussion ensued. Traffic Advisor Anderson said that generally there are more crosswalks where the kids go to school, citing the St. Pat's area and Broad/Walnut as examples. Jim Sweet said that the purpose of this seems to be for one person. It was noted that to put a cross walk in that location would require a curb cut and sidewalk repairs, which is costly. Greg Myers stated that the intersection at Oneida Street will be reworked next year for the Oneida Rail Trail, and a diagram of the proposed changes was displayed.

Moved by Shirley Lomery
Seconded by Don White

RESOLVED, that the request from John Burger, 329 MacArthur Parkway, Oneida to place a crosswalk at the intersection of Vanderbilt Avenue and Broad Street be hereby denied, as there are currently two crosswalks in that general area that can be used.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Burke said that the next item is a request from Caitlyn Traynor for signage to be placed at crosswalks reminding drivers that they have to yield for pedestrians. Ms. Traynor stated that she lives on Main Street and walks her dog on a regular basis. She said she finds it very difficult to cross most of the main streets in her area (Main, Broad, and Seneca). The Board discussed the possibility and costs of adding signs that state "yield to pedestrians" on the side of the road by various crosswalks. Chairman

Burke displayed a picture of a small stand-alone sign that could be placed in the street by the crosswalk to advise that those on foot have the right-of-way. Traffic Advisor Anderson said that he and Acting Chief Thompson have already discussed placing a yield for pedestrians sign on Main Street by the crosswalk at Vet's Field next year. Jim Dalzell said that awareness is the key to get people accustomed to stopping for pedestrians, and the Board conversed about several possible locations, including by Allen Park. The City Clerk said that there is one such sign at City Hall that could be utilized.

Moved by Jim Dalzell
Seconded by Jim Sweet

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Advisor be hereby authorized to purchase several stand-alone signs to be placed strategically at crosswalks around the City on a trial basis, **and be it further**

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Advisor shall work in conjunction with the Police Chief on sign placement locations.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Burke said that Greg and Leslie Myers, 427 S. Willow Street, submitted a letter to the Board today requesting several changes on South Willow Street from Cleveland Avenue south to the dead end. They requested that the speed limit be lowered from 30 mph to 20 mph, that "no outlet" signs be added to the dead end signs, and that the yield signs at Lincoln and South Willow be changed to stop signs. Mr. Myers said that he has lived on this street for over thirty years, and the landscape of the area has changed dramatically. He said this is a dead end street that now houses a home-based daycare center, which is allowed in the City. He said the street is very narrow, there is no outlet, and there are no curbs or sidewalks. Mr. Myers said that there is a lot of street congestion due to school buses, vehicle traffic and garbage trucks and those vehicles are continually ruining people's yards. He said that there is a barrier at the end of the street and placing no outlet signs, along with the dead end signs, will create more awareness. Mr. Myers said that he wants to prevent a tragedy from happening, and Jim Dalzell said that because of Mr. Myer's background in the fire department, when he sees a problem he wants to address it. Chairman Burke said it is reasonable to place no outlet signs, and Jim Sweet said that the yield signs should be changed to stop signs. Acting Chief Thompson said that the City cannot lower a speed limit, except under certain circumstances. Mr. Myers said that he will be checking with all his neighbors regarding limiting parking to one side of the street, and he will return to the Traffic Safety Board in January for a determination. The Board requested that the City Attorney be contacted about the regulations for lowering the speed limit on that street, and the City Clerk said she would contact her.

Moved by Jim Sweet
Seconded by Shirley Lomery

RESOLVED, that a Traffic Order be prepared ordering the placement of "No Outlet" signs on South Willow Street along with the dead end signs currently on the street, **and be it further**

RESOLVED, that a Traffic Order be prepared ordering that the yield signs located on Lincoln and South Willow Streets be replaced with stop signs, **and be it further**

RESOLVED, that the City Attorney be contacted for her legal opinion with respect to modifying the speed limit from 30 mph to 20 mph on South Willow Street from Cleveland Avenue to the dead end.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

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

Moved by Donald White

Seconded by Shirley Lomery

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Board had a brief discussion relating to notification by Board members when they cannot attend a meeting. The City Clerk said that when she sends out the agendas, she will request confirmation of attendance.

The next scheduled meeting is January 16, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers.

Moved by Shirley Lomery

Seconded by Don White

The meeting is hereby adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pulverenti
City Clerk