

**CITY OF ONEIDA  
TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD**

January 21, 2020

2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS:

IN ATTENDANCE

Public Safety Commissioner Kevin Salerno	<u>Yes</u>
Police Chief Paul Thompson	<u>Yes</u>
Fire Department Assistant Chief Rob Cowles	<u>Yes</u>
Asst. City Engineer Ben Smith	<u>Yes</u>
Traffic Advisor Robert Anderson	<u>Yes</u>
Chairman Bruce Burke	<u>Yes</u>
Vice-Chairman Donald White	<u>Yes</u>
Barbara Buehner	<u>No</u>
Douglas Lippert	<u>Yes</u>
Kathy Malinowski	<u>Yes</u>
James Sweet	<u>No</u>
Mike Kaiser	<u>Yes</u>
Gary Hamer	<u>No</u>
Kipp Hicks	<u>No</u>
Jim Dalzell (resignation submitted January 10, 2020)	<u>No</u>

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

Moved by Doug Lippert  
Seconded by Mike Kaiser

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 15, 2019 are hereby approved.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 (Buehner, Sweet, Hamer, Hicks, Dalzell)

**MOTION CARRIED**

Chairman Bruce Burke stated that he has received Jim Dalzell's resignation. Jim said in his email to the Chairman that his current work schedule interferes with the time of these meetings, and he needs to be available to accommodate his clients. The City Clerk said that she would let the Mayor know that there is a vacancy on the Board.

Moved by Doug Lippert  
Seconded by Mike Kaiser

**RESOLVED** that the resignation of Board member Jim Dalzell be hereby accepted.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 5 (Buehner, Sweet, Hamer, Hicks, Dalzell)

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ITEM #1 – DISCUSSION OF SPEED LIMIT ON MIDDLE RD. SOUTH OF PETERBORO RD.**  
(Brad Newman, Chairman of Madison of Madison Co. Traffic Safety Board)

Chairman Bruce Burke said that the speed limits are all different on Middle Road going from 30-mph to 45-mph and back to 30-mph and a discussion ensued. Police Chief Thompson said that the 30-mph speed limit off of Rt. 5 is Oneida Castle's, as they own that part of the road. Traffic Advisor Bob Anderson said that the City is doing their part with the signage, it is Stockbridge's problem if they do not have signs. He said that the City controls the speed limits, and the County controls the cautionary (yellow) signs. Assistant City Engineer Ben Smith said that we cannot control the signage going out of the City into Stockbridge. The Police Chief said that he is not in favor of raising the speed limit, and Mike Kaiser concurred. After further discussion, it was determined that the City's signage is adequate, and Mr. Newman needs to take his concerns to the Town of Stockbridge. The Chairman will send a letter to Brad Newman.

**ITEM #2 – SPEEDING ON DRIFTWOOD DRIVE**  
(Councilor Mike Bowe)

In an email, Councilor Bowe said that he had a complaint of speeding on Driftwood Drive, which is three blocks long. Police Chief Thompson said that after receiving Councilor Bowe's complaint, the Police put up the radar speed sign for 7 to 10 days and found no speeders that were enforceable. The Chairman said that he would send a letter to Councilor Bowe.

**ITEM 3 – PARKING ON ONE SIDE OF STREET ONLY – WASHINGTON/SHERMAN**  
(Assistant Fire Chief Rob Cowles)

Assistant Chief Cowles said that he was asked by the Fire Chief to check these streets for parking issues. He said that he went over a dozen times to Washington Avenue, and the only congestion exists at 333 Washington Ave. where DAD's Cab Company parks the taxis on both sides of the street. Asst. Chief Cowles suggested a letter to the owner asking that they park on one side only. Doug Lippert said that the City should delineate parking to one-side parking only. Chairman Burke said that there is a funeral home on that street, which has no off-street parking and when there are calling hours, even cars have a hard time getting down that street. It was noted that there are restricted parking signs currently located by the funeral home. Vice Chairman Don White suggested the personal touch, with the Police Chief going over to speak with them. Public Safety Commissioner Kevin Salerno said that in the 30 years he was on the Department, he couldn't recall having any problems on Washington Ave.

The City Clerk said that she received some photographs from the DPW going down Sherman Street with their big trucks and having to move almost at a crawl, because vehicles were parked on the street directly across from one another. The Assistant City Engineer said that Sherman Street is frequently utilized by the DPW. As the Board did not have a quorum, the Chairman said that this will be considered and brought up at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Assistant City Engineer Ben Smith said he would like to propose placing 3-way stop signs at the intersection of Lake & Sherman. He said that a "curve ahead" sign with a suggested speed currently exists and is completely ignored by the majority of vehicles. Traffic Advisor Bob Anderson said that we just removed the stop sign a block away by Gladwell Avenue. Ben said that the new DPW building will be placed on Harden Street, which will add more truck traffic on that street. The Chairman asked the Police Chief for more information on that intersection and said that a decision will be made at the next meeting.

Chairman Burke introduced and welcomed our new Public Safety Commissioner Kevin Salerno to the meeting.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers.

Motion to adjourn Don White  
Seconded by Mike Kaiser

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0

The meeting is hereby adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pulverenti  
City Clerk