

**CITY OF ONEIDA
TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD**

October 15, 2019
2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS:

IN ATTENDANCE

Public Safety Commissioner Mike West	<u>Yes</u>
Police Chief Thompson	<u>Yes</u>
Fire Department Deputy Chief Rob Cowles	<u>No</u>
Asst. City Engineer Ben Smith	<u>Yes</u> (Arrived at 2:10)
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>
Douglas Lippert	<u>Yes</u>
Kathy Malinowski	<u>No</u>
James Sweet	<u>No</u>
Mike Kaiser	<u>Yes</u>
Gary Hamer	<u>Yes</u>
Kipp Hicks	<u>No</u>
Jim Dalzell	<u>Yes</u>

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

Moved by Barb Buehner
Seconded by Mike Kaiser

RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of 4/16/19 are hereby approved.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

Parking at Seneca St. School

Chief Thompson stated that he has not received anything this year, and Chairman Burke mentioned basically that if it is working, then leave it alone. The Mayor was asking if this needed to go on the Sign Committee Agenda. Mike Kaiser and Barb Buehner (both members of the Sign Review Board), advised that only commercial signs and not private signs go on the agenda.

Speed limit on Route 5/Seneca St. to Walmart

Chief Thompson noted that Mike Bowe has been working on this with the State for the last couple of years and nothing has been done.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 - DISCUSS A REQUEST FOR A "SCHOOL ZONE" SIGN ON MAIN ST.
BY NORTH BROAD ST. SCHOOL**

(Request from Eric A. Coriale, Principal of N. Broad St. School)

Chief Thompson was not sure if the principal was looking for a speed sign or just a school sign, as Mike Kaiser noted that there is a sign there currently, as well as crossing guards. He feels that the Principal may not have noticed them. Chief Thompson stated that North Main is a State highway and a sign cannot be placed there. Bob thinks he is looking for a white school zone sign and not the yellow crosswalk sign. It was discussed that his request should be clarified. Barb does not support this, sighting an example from VVS and stated that we should not make a change because one person complained. The Chief offered to get clarification, and if agreed upon to put school zone signs with reduced speed at St. Joseph's Place and north of Furnace Ave. Bob will also research which sign is proper and legal.

Moved by Jim Dalzell
Seconded by Gary Hamer

RESOLVED, that clarification will be obtained from the North Broad St. School principal on the type of sign requested and whether or not that sign is proper and legal.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 1 (Barb Buehner)
MOTION CARRIED

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 - DISCUSSION OF SIGN ON MADISON STREET BY NAPOLEON'S
(Jim Chamberlain)

Currently there is one sign up that does not specify times. Bob Anderson advised that he was instructed by his boss to put the sign up; however, he did not have official approval. There was discussion about setting a precedence and how it was not fair to other businesses, although it was noted that downtown is slow during those times, and there isn't much parking at or near that location. Mike Kaiser advised that City parking lots were nearby and felt the sign should be removed.

Moved by Don White
Seconded by Doug Lippert

RESOLVED, that the sign will be removed.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
MOTION CARRIED

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3-DISCUSSION OF REQUEST FOR "NO TRUCKS" SIGNS FOR THE BEGINNING OF GRAND STREET, CORNER W. ELM AND N. WILLOW AND A "TRUCK DELIVERIES ONLY" SIGN FOR FITCH STREET

(Mayor Leo Matzke)

The Mayor requested this, as he has received complaints about large trucks on or near Grand St. Bruce suggested moving the sign that is on Main St., currently ½ block south of Grand St. to ½ block north of Grand St. Barb noted that many trucks do not have updated GPS systems, especially in the small box trucks. Chief Thompson has had some complaints (Lowe's trucks) heading north, but noted that we cannot mark state highways.

Moved by Barb Buehner
Seconded by Ben Smith

RESOLVED, that no signs will be installed at the stated locations, as they are truck routes on state highways and cannot be marked.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4-DISCUSSION OF REQUEST FOR LOWER SPEED LIMIT THAN 40 MPH ON MT. HOPE AVENUE BEFORE THE CURVE BY 1971 MT. HOPE AVE.

(Request from John Bortle)

Per Chairman Bruce Burke, this item has been resolved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Planning Director, Cassie Rose, has been working with the General Manager from HP Hood regarding complaints from residents on Broad St. about trucks using the side streets. It was noted that these are not Hood trucks/drivers, but rather contractors delivering to Hood that were possibly coming in from the Thruway and down Route 365A and turning onto Broad. Some do not have proper GPS systems/maps and are taking whatever route they can. Bob Anderson suggested putting a sign near Silver City car wash and had suggested this in the past, but it was rejected. There was discussion as to where signs could be placed, needing state approval etc. Mike West stated that Hood is trying to do what they can and to be a good neighbor by offering to pay for any signs and help in any way they can. It was suggested that Hood send out notices every six months to their subcontractors and possibly include a map indicating where they can and cannot enter. Cassie will reach out to them with the recommendation of the Board.
- Bob Anderson would like to eliminate the crosswalk by the old ARC by Hood/Price Chopper, and the Board saw no problem with doing this.
- Barb Buehner mentioned a 4-way sign that was removed at Lake St. Per Bob, that was removed years ago, and he has received several complaints about it being removed.

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

Motion to adjourn Mike Kaiser

Seconded by Barb Buehner

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra LaPera
Deputy City Clerk