

CITY OF ONEIDA
MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

April 18, 2023

2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS:

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Bruce Burke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vice-Chairman Donald White	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Barbara Buehner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Douglas Lippert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kathy Malinowski	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Sweet	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gary Hamer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Erwin Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Brahim Zogby	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Geer	<input type="checkbox"/>

ADVISORS:

Public Safety Commissioner Kevin Salerno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Police Chief Steve Lowell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fire Department Assistant Chief Rob Cowles	<input type="checkbox"/>
City Engineer Jeff Rowe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Traffic Advisor Robert Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Approval of January 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes Distributed for Review Prior to the April 18, 2023 Meeting

Moved by Erwin Smith
Seconded by Barbara Buehner

RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 17, 2023 are hereby approved as presented.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 5 (Malinowski, Sweet, Hamer, Zogby, Geer)

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business

❖ HP Hood Traffic/Road Signs

Chairman Burke stated that there was no update at this time. The signs have not been placed yet along Route 5, but the DOT representative he spoke with told him it could take up to 3 months. More than likely the signs will not be placed for a few more months.

❖ Traffic Barrier at Railroad Tracks on Sturm Rd (from Cobb St)

Bob Anderson was not able to make the meeting, so he did not have any update at this time. Chairman Burke said that he spoke with Bob earlier and Bob was going to check with CSX railroad to check where they were coming from and why they kept moving the barrier to access the railroad at this point instead of at the designated access point.

❖ OPD Speed Limit Signage Project Update

Police Chief Steve Lowell stated that speed signs have been posted on Middle Rd and that patrols have been more active in the area and are stopping cars and writing tickets if needed. All Traffic Tickets now go to the Traffic Diversion program at Madison County. This creates good revenue for the County, but not for the city any more. Councilman Szczerba has not seen a difference in traffic around Union St. and Middle Rd. The solar signs that were authorized for purchase after the January meeting have come in but haven't been constructed yet. They will be constructed and placed soon as the weather gets better. Commissioner Salerno asked about the signs that go on Peterboro St. and Chief Lowell was not sure on the status yet, but that there were no active digital signs at this time.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Deerfield Drive and Route 5 Traffic Concern

Edward Reid sent in a request for signage to be placed on Route 5 near Deerfield Drive to deter vehicles from passing on the right (in the shoulder). He noticed similar signage in Fayetteville. Police Chief Lowell looked up the specifics in the Vehicle and Traffic Safety Law. According to the Vehicle and Traffic Law of The State of New York Article 25, section 1123 subsection a:

The driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass upon the right of another vehicle only under the following conditions:

1. When the vehicle overtaken is making or about to make a left turn;
2. Upon a street or highway with unobstructed pavement not occupied by parked vehicles of sufficient width for two or more lines of moving vehicles in each direction;

According to the Traffic Laws as long as there is not a parked vehicle or a pedestrian on the side of the road passing vehicles are allowed to pass on the right side of the road. The Secretary will mail a letter to Mr. Reid with the law for his knowledge.

2. Vote for Chairman and Vice Chairman per local law

Nominations for Chairman: Bruce Burke by Erwin Smith and Barbara Buehner

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 5 (Malinowski, Sweet, Hamer, Zogby, Geer)

Nominations for Vice-Chairman: Donald White by Barbara Buehner and Douglas Lippert

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 5 (Malinowski, Sweet, Hamer, Zogby, Geer)

New Business

None

Next Meeting Tuesday, July 18, 2023 2:00pm

Motion to adjourn by Barbara Buehner

Seconded by Erwin Smith

The meeting is hereby adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Luck

Traffic Safety Board Secretary