

**CITY OF ONEIDA  
MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD**

July 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 type="checkbox"/>
Kathy Malinowski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
James Sweet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gary Hamer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Erwin Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brahim Zogby	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Michael Geer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**ADVISORS:**

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

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

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

Moved by        Barbara Buehner

Seconded by    Brahim Zogby

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 18, 2023 are hereby approved as presented.

Ayes:        8

Nays:        0

Abstain:    0

Absent:      2 (Lippert, Smith)

**MOTION CARRIED**

## Old Business

### ❖ HP Hood Traffic/Road Signs- Status Update

#### Discussion:

Chairman Burke said that he spoke to an engineer in Rome that said the signs should be placed soon on Route 5. Bob Anderson let everyone know that he saw some You Safe Dig marks on the ground on Route 5 around the areas that the signs are supposed to be placed (in front of Price Chopper and Jackson Hewitt). He is hopeful that the signs should be placed by the end of summer.

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

#### Discussion:

Bob Anderson said that someone is still using the end of Cobb St. to access the railroad tracks. He reached out to a contact at CSX railroad, and they will reach out to the higher ups to spread the word amongst the company to refrain from using that area as an access point. There was a discussion on who owns that property and how best to find out. Bob said he reached out to the City's attorney Nadine Bell, Chairman Burke said he would reach out to the Engineering Department, both to determine who owns that parcel of land. Bob Anderson said he would put out signs at the end of the City owned property.

## AGENDA ITEMS

### 1. Lenox Ave Traffic Street Lights (Karen Sarnesky)

Discussion: Bob Anderson started the discussion by letting everyone know that the traffic lights are synced up with the lights on Main Street and not Broad Street because it caused more hassle and back up on Main St. when they tried to sync up with Broad St in the past. Don White asked who replaces the street light bulbs when they go out. Bob said he runs a report regularly that will say what poles need work and Sherrill will do the work. The City of Oneida contracts out to Sherrill as we do not have the manpower or resources to do that work. If anyone notices a problem all they need to do is find the pole number (that will be listed on the pole) and call it in to National Grid.

### 2. No Parking Signs on Main St.

Discussion: Commissioner Salerno received and passed out a letter from Gerri Gray, 302 Main Street, asking to change the No Parking and No Standing signs in front of her business. Bob Anderson said he checked on the signs before the meeting. She has 2 "No Parking Between Signs" signs with arrows, and a "No Standing At Any Time" sign near the corner. Bob Anderson would not suggest removing any of the signs as of this time. After discussion of different signs that could be used, it was decided to try changing the signs to different wording. Bob would check to see if there is a "No Parking Driveway" and "No Parking Here To Corner".

### 3. Tractor Trailers Turning Left at North Willow and Fitch St. Intersection

Moved by Don White

Seconded by James Sweet

**RESOLVED** that, after discussion, a "No Parking Here To Corner" sign would be placed on Fitch St. near North Willow St.

Ayes: 8  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 2 (Lippert, Smith)

**MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion: There are quite a few tractor trailers that make a left-hand turn onto/off Fitch St. at North Willow St that have a hard time making that turn when a work truck from a neighbor is parked in the road. There are no signs prohibiting that truck from being parked in the road right there and the truck is legally parked in that spot. There was a discussion on placing a “No Parking to Corner” sign to help tractor trailers best make that turn.

**New Business**

❖ Attendance

Discussion:

Brahim Zogby questioned membership, advisership, and attendance requirements. He would like to know if an advisor was not able to make a meeting if an applicable substitute should attend in their stead. It is always suggested that all member and advisors/substitutes make a meeting to have an input on issues.

❖ Sidewalks

Discussion:

Brahim Zogby asked what the scope and directive of the Traffic Safety Board was. Chairman Burke and Commissioner Salerno stated streets, roadways, highways, sidewalks, or other traffic related areas including crosswalks. Zogby asked for opinions on the change to the City’s sidewalk replacement policy and relayed the changes that Council made this year to the City Charter. After much discussion it was announced that there is a petition in the city to bring this item to public referendum and ballot vote.

❖ Wampsville Speed Limit

Discussion:

Police Chief Lowell wanted to pass along a message from Wampsville mayor Jerry Seymour. The village of Wampsville recently passed a local law to lower speed limits to 25mph on village streets and place a weight limit of 5 ton. New street signs have been ordered and will be posted when they are in. He was not asking the Traffic Safety Board to do anything, but just wanted us to be aware in case citizens come forward with questions.

Next Meeting Tuesday, October 17, 2023 2:00pm

Motion to adjourn by Barbara Buehner

Seconded by Kathy Malinowski

The meeting is hereby adjourned at 2:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Luck  
Traffic Safety Board Secretary