

**TRAFFIC BOARD MEETING #990**  
**January 23, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by R. David at 10:05 AM with the following members present: Gary Holmes, DPW; Phil Krey, Engineering; Bill Berg, Councilman; W. Yeager, Asst Chief of Police

Also attending: D. Correll, Sgt. Retired BPD; D. Petryszyn, Traffic; W. Lescault, Traffic; C. Paddick, BMTS; N. Dutta, BMTS, Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk's Office

**Approval of the minutes of Traffic Board Meeting #989 held on December 19, 2013**

***B. Berg made a motion to approve the minutes, pending changes. P. Krey seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.***

**OLD BUSINESS**

Traffic Signal Project

B. Berg reported that City Council will review the traffic signal study findings and determine which signal removals City Council will support.

***No motion.***

Collier Street One-Way

P. Krey reported that the December meeting was cancelled due to bad weather and still need to be rescheduled.

R. David noted that the hotel is currently undergoing renovations and Traffic Board should find out the status of the renovations. P. Krey will contact the hotel to set up a meeting to discuss if the Collier Street one-way reversal is really necessary.

***No motion.***

Speed Sign Placement

G. Holmes will look into the status of the signs.

***No motion.***

No Parking ó Hotchkiss Street

No Action needed.

No Parking - Park Street/Harrison Street

Traffic will look into this matter.

***No motion.***

Alternate Side Parking Exemption ó Livingston St.

No Action needed.

Alternate Side Parking Exemption ó Crestmont Road/Schubert Street

*No motion. B. Berg will contact Councilman Mihalko so that he can reach out to resident and let him that this section of Crestmont Road will not be exempt from Alternate Side Parking.*

No Parking - Charles Street

Traffic recommends moving the No Parking Zone to the east side of Charles Street.

*W. Yeager made a motion to move the No Parking Zone to the east side of Charles Street. B. Berg seconded the motion. Unanimously approved*

**NEW BUSINESS**Parking on Arena Street

B. Berg reported that at the end of Arena Street near Ben Franklin School is currently a No Parking Zone and is used by the parents as a child drop off location. Many school staff members are parking here illegally making it difficult and unsafe for parents to drop off their kids. School officials would like these people to get ticketed more frequently or have a No Parking School Zone placed here. Traffic will go to the school to let the officials and staff know that they have one week to stop parking in that area at which time they start ticketing on a regular basis.

*No motion.*

Hawley Street Loading Zone

R. David reported that the owner, Mike Tulsey of Zona Grille was ticketed while loading his vehicle in front of his restaurant. He is requesting that the loading zone at the entrance of the parlor commons on the Hawley Street be changed to a 15-30 minute loading zone. Traffic will look into this matter and report back.

*No motion.*

Signal at Travis/Bevier

**The Traffic Division received the attached correspondence from Jack A. Parmelee (email address: japarmelee@hotmail.com ) requesting the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Bevier Street and Travis Avenue. He describes the area as both residential and business. He states there is lots of congestion and accidents due to the traffic entering from Travis Avenue on to Bevier Street.**

**The Traffic Division responded to the above indicated area to review the area. Bevier Street has a two lane east and two lane west traffic flow between the intersection of Broad Avenue and Route 7 interchange, both intersections monitored by a traffic light. Travis Avenue enters Bevier Street from the north side of the street. It is controlled with a stop sign for the south bound traffic. There are about a 20 homes on that street and about three small manufacturing businesses that would exit on to Bevier Street. There is no line of site issues to vehicles entering Bevier Street from Travis Avenue; however there may be short spurts of time where traffic is moving both east and west at the same time, but no prolonged periods**

The Traffic Division then reviewed the accident history for that intersection for the years from January 2011 to January 2014. There were three accidents indicated during that time period, one in 2011 and two in 2013. The 2011 accident was not intersection related. It involved a stopped truck unloading struck by a passing vehicle.

One of the accidents in 2013 was a rear end collision involving a slow moving truck struck by another vehicle, a non-intersection related collision. The second collision was intersected related involving a right turning vehicle off of Travis Avenue on to Bevier Street.

Pedestrian traffic crossing Travis Avenue is light at best and vehicular traffic is light to medium, through that area depending on the time of day. With the two main adjacent intersections being controlled by traffic lights there may be some blockage if motorist fail to stop before the Travis Street intersection.

Contacted BMTS to get input for traffic flow through that intersection and they felt the vehicular numbers on Bevier Street did not warrant a traffic light.

The Traffic Division therefore recommends that the request for a traffic light at that intersection be denied. However, it may be recommended that a traffic sign be posted on Bevier Street for the west bound traffic alerting motorist to stop before the intersection and not block it so motorist can exit Travis Avenue.

P. Krey will contact Jack Parmelee to notify him of Traffic's findings.

#### 47 Pine Street

The Traffic Division received the attached correspondence from Peter Fuerst, property owner of 47 Pine Street, requesting that the No Parking Anytime Zone on the north side of Pine Street across from the Old Sheltered Work Shop loading zone, 200 Court Street address, be deleted. He indicated that the zone is no longer necessary due to the fact that the Sheltered Workshop is not in business and therefore no tractor trailers backing in to that area to load or unload. He would request that parking be allowed in that area.

The Traffic Division upon responding to Pine Street and reviewing the request observed that there is no need to continue to prohibit parking along the north curb line at this time due to the fact there is no tractor trailer business into or out of those loading docks. This area could be used by residents in that area for on street parking.

The Traffic Division therefore recommends that the Traffic Code be amended as follows:

*Delete: Section 23 – No Parking Anytime Zone*

*Pine Street – North Side – from 90 feet east of Fayette Street to 290 feet east.*

*Pine Street – South Side – from 102 feet east of Fayette Street to 152 feet east.*

*B. Berg made a motion to approve. P. Krey seconded the motion. Unanimously approved*

#### West Side Armory

B. Berg reported that Councilman Mihalko would like alternate side parking signs to be installed near the armory on West End Avenue. Traffic will notify the armory about the rules of Alternate Side Parking in the City of Binghamton.

*No motion.*

DMV Parking ó 81 Chenango Street

Due to the change of location of the Broome County DMV, there are not enough handicapped spaces at this location. Traffic will look into this matter.

*No motion.*

Reverse Angle Parking-Court Street

R. David reported that he has had an overwhelming response to this issue. Many residents do not want the reverse angle parking on Court Street as it is a safety hazard. C. Paddick noted that the original reason for installing the spaces like this was to create additional parking spaces on Court Street. Traffic will measure out the net/loss of spaces if the reverse angles spaces are changed to parallel parking spaces.

*No motion.*

***R. David made a motion to adjourn. P. Krey seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.***

Mayor Richard C. David  
Chairman - Traffic Board

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