



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees
November 13, 2023, held at 31 South Main Street**

Present

Trustees: Emily Mischler
Michael Folino
Adam Bonosky
Tracy Briggs
Mayor: Julie Domaratz

Also, present: Megan Cook, Clerk - Treasurer
John Mancuso, Village Attorney
Hayley Cook, Student Representative
Plus 30+ others

The full recording of the meeting can be found on the Village website:

https://www.village.fairport.ny.us/village_government/board_of_trustees_live_archived_meetings/index.php

Board Meeting

Mayor Domaratz opened the regular meeting at 6:30 P.M.

The attendance was taken by roll call.

Citizens Forum

Mayor Domaratz opened the Citizens Forum at 6:33 P.M.

- **Bob Cantwell, 3 Fifth Ave, Fairport, NY 14450** - Mr. Cantwell shared comments about the Liftbridge Lane E project. He thanked the Board for the additional designs and asked about the possibility of moving bike lanes next to the canal path rather than Liftbridge Lane E. He also shared comments regarding the Zoning Code Update. He is pleased with the public engagement portion of the contract.
- **Joyce Monnat, 236 S Main Street, Fairport, NY 14450** - Ms. Monnat read a letter to the Board regarding traffic and speeding in the Village. The full letter is included as “**Appendix 1**” to these minutes. Additionally, she shared her personal experience with three near hit accidents crossing South Main at Hulburt.
- **Matt Sawyer, 226 S Main Street, Fairport, NY 14450** - Mr. Sawyer shared his concerns with speeding in the Village. He stated that he is in agreement with the issues referenced by Joyce Monnat.
- **Kristi Mitchell, 37 Park Circle Drive, Fairport, NY 14450** – Ms. Mitchell shared her safety concerns with her son walking to school in the Village. She read a letter to the Board regarding these concerns. The full letter is included as “**Appendix 2**” to these minutes.
- **Jim Tulloch, 136 West Church Street, Fairport, NY 14450** – Mr. Tulloch shared data from the speed signs from July 24, 2023, through September 17, 2023, and stated there is a speeding problem that has not been addressed. He also shared that he was very pleased to hear the Engineer for the Main Street project discuss the community engagement aspect of the project. He asked why the same thing wasn’t done with the Liftbridge Lane E project.
- **Jean Whitney, 38 Dewey Ave, Fairport, NY 14450** – Ms. Whitney read a letter to the Board thanking Mike Folino for his time on the Village Board. The full letter is included as “**Appendix 3**” to these minutes.
- **John Bowley, 244 S Main Street, Fairport, NY 14450** – Mr. Bowley shared a personal story regarding the traffic and speeding at Hulburt and South Main Street that resulted in an accident.
- **Margaret Frank, 44 Park Circle Drive, Fairport, NY 14450** – Ms. Frank read a letter to the Board regarding her time as a School Crossing Guard. She shared her concerns about safety at these crossings and the lack of communication from the Police department with the crossing guards. The full letter is included as “**Appendix 4**” to these minutes.

- **Alan Bartolotta, 3 Manor Hill Drive, Fairport, NY 14450** – Mr. Bartolotta asked that the Board analyze the data for Liftbridge Lane E project including traffic volumes and recorded accidents on the streets before money is spent on capital improvements. The Board needs to analyze the data to determine if bike lanes are really needed.
- **Anthony Keil, 27 Liftbridge Lane East, Fairport, NY 14450** – Mr. Keil shared that he feels the Village has not done its due diligence regarding the Liftbridge Lane E project, including communications with businesses. He feels it will not be good for the businesses or residents on the street.

Mayor Domaratz closed the Citizens Forum at 7:08 P.M.

Mayor Domaratz re-opened the Citizens Forum at 7:09 P.M.

- **Tracy Jones, 160 West Ave, Fairport, NY 14450** - Ms. Jones shared her feeling that Liftbridge Lane E is the heart of the Village of Fairport. This street includes long-established businesses and is the center for all Village events. She feels the Liftbridge Lane E project targets a small niche and we are sacrificing the heart of the Village for a small group.

Mayor Domaratz closed the Citizens Forum at 7:12 P.M.

Unfinished Business

Minutes Approval

On the motion of Trustee Briggs, seconded by Trustee Mischler, it was unanimously resolved to accept the minutes of the October 10, 2023, Village Board Meeting.

On the motion of Trustee Briggs, seconded by Trustee Folino, it was unanimously resolved to accept the minutes of the October 23, 2023, Village Board Work Session.

New Business

Congratulations and Welcome Fairport Village Trustee-Elect, Heidi Woika and Re-Elected Trustee Emily Mischler

Mayor Domaratz congratulated newly elected Trustee Heidi Woika and re-elected Trustee Mischler. Additionally, she congratulated Trustee Folino on his election to the Town Board of the Town of Perinton.

FY 2022-2023 Financial Statement Presentation – BST

Brendan Kennedy, BST, presented the results of the FY 2022-2023 Financial Statement Audit. An unmodified opinion was issued on the Financial Statements which is the highest level of assurance. There were no corrections needed, no internal control deficiencies noted, and no issues in dealing with Village management.

Liftbridge Lane E. Design Update

Village Manager White informed the Board that management has been working diligently with the engineers from BME for different design options. The new design concept presented tonight removes the medians from the road and includes an elevated bike path that is level with the sidewalks. Peter Vars from BME reviewed the concept in more detail. Mr. Vars reminded the Board that this design, like the previous designs, continues to be challenged by the existing dimensions of the street. This design concept accomplishes some goals including separating the bike traffic from the vehicular traffic, it provides a barrier free zone for the cyclists, and it provides 5ft to be utilized for streetscape amenities. The current design concept ends the dedicated bike path at Water Street, at which point it returns to a shared street while also adding back 8 on street parking spaces.

Trustee Mischler shared her concern about the bike lane being next to the pedestrians. Additionally, she is concerned with the narrow width of the two-way bike lane.

Trustee Folino shared his concern with vehicles exiting the Junction parking lot and now crossing 4 lanes of traffic (2 bike lanes as well as 2 vehicle lanes).

Trustee Mischler discussed the larger trucks on this street. She shared her concern with delivery trucks access to the businesses with adding the bike lane. Mr. Vars indicated that the width of the street with the bike lane is wider than the current width of the street with the on-street parking. He is comfortable with the width of the street in this design concept as well as all the turn radiuses.

Trustee Folino also shared concerns about visibility and site lines by adding trees plantings along the bike lane.

Trustee Briggs shared her thoughts on the design concept. She is concerned with public safety and access for emergency vehicles. She stated that with the current design, the Village has options and flexibility with the extra feet of on street parking when cars are not parked on the street. By adding the elevated bike lane, it feels very limiting. She asked if there have been discussions with the Fire Department and the Ambulance. Mr. Vars indicated that all communication was through the Department of Public Works (DPW). However, he has the design specifications for the emergency vehicles trucks, and he has been working very closely with Fairport Electric regarding this design. The

electric trucks are larger than all the emergency vehicle trucks, and the designs met the needs of those trucks since the Fairport Electric operation center is on Liftbridge Lane E.

Village Manager White asked the Board if they would like to move forward with the design concept.

Trustee Mischler stated that she is concerned by the narrow bike lane, and the safety of larger emergency vehicles being able to get in and out of the area. She would love to see a bike lane here, but the constraints of the 36-foot-wide area has made it very difficult. She stated that she cannot support the design.

Trustee Briggs has always been concerned with the process and community engagement with this project. There will be public engagement and community meetings for the Main Street Project and the Zoning Code update as well as a future parking study and traffic study. Additionally, there are few people who utilize a bike lane in the winter months. There are so many unanswered questions regarding this project, and she feels we don't have the evidence to support the redesign. Trustee Briggs stated that she was not in favor of moving forward with the redesign.

Trustee Bonosky stated that there is support for this project in the community. He feels there are elements of "best practice" in this design. He feels that people will be able to get around trucks on this street, as they have been currently doing with the on-street parking. He thinks this redesign is a vast improvement from where we started. He stated that this is a good design.

Trustee Folino feels that there needs to be a Village Wide traffic study and more research done regarding protected bike lanes and other locations throughout Village. He is not in favor of this redesign.

Mayor Domaratz thanked all the Board members for sharing their thoughts on this redesign. She stated that based on the discussions, the Village will not be moving forward with this plan.

Trustee Folino made a motion to repave the street and reject all previous redesigns. The motion was seconded by Trustee Briggs. Village Attorney Mancuso stated that there are technically two motions on the table. There is one motion to reject the current design and another motion to repave the street. He suggested that there be some financial parameters surrounding the paving of the street included in the motion. Village Manager White indicated that there is already money set aside in the budget to repave this street. Village Attorney Mancuso recommended that the Board split the current motion on the table into two separate motions. On the motion of Trustee Folino, seconded by Trustee Briggs, it was unanimously resolved to withdraw the previous motion.

On the motion of Trustee Folino, seconded by Trustee Mischler, it was resolved to not proceed with any of the redesigns of Liftbridge Lane E. Trustee Bonosky and Mayor Domaratz were opposed. The motion carried 3-2.

On the motion of Trustee Folino, seconded by Trustee Briggs, it was resolved to repave Liftbridge Lane E in its current configuration pending any further design as deemed fit by the Village Manager. Trustee Bonosky and Mayor Domaratz were opposed. The motion carried 3-2.

Trustee Bonosky stated that there has been a lot of discussion regarding community engagement and proper process regarding the redesign of Liftbridge Lane E. He stated that in approving this motion to repave, the Board is still not engaging with the whole community. Trustee Mischler added that there could be community engagement with the repaving of the street.

Come Home for the Holidays 2023

On the motion of Trustee Folino, seconded by Trustee Mischler, it was unanimously resolved to authorize the Come Home for the Holidays event December 2-3, 2023, sponsored by the Fairport Perinton Merchants Association based on the terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the Village Manager.

Boy Scout Troop 209 Christmas Tree Sale

On the motion of Trustee Folino, seconded by Trustee Bonosky, it was unanimously resolved to authorize Boy Scout Troop 209 to sell Christmas trees in the SW portion of the Village Landing parking lot adjacent to the electric charging stations from Friday, November 24, 2023, through Saturday December 23, 2023. The hours of operation will be Wednesday-Friday 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., and Sunday 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. The initial set-up of the tree lot will be no earlier than the afternoon of Saturday, November 18, 2023. Dates and hours may change as deemed appropriate by the Village Manager.

Surrender of Village Taxes

On the motion of Trustee Mischler, seconded by Trustee Folino, it was unanimously resolved to surrender \$45,970.79 of unpaid property tax, and \$3,677.67 in accumulated interest to the Monroe County Treasurer for collection.

Professional Services Agreement for the purposes of facilitating a Zoning Code Update

On the motion of Trustee Folino, seconded by Trustee Bonosky, it was unanimously resolved to authorize a Professional Services Agreement between Fischer Associates, P.E., L.S., L.A., D.P.C. and the Village of Fairport for the purposes of facilitating a zoning code update.

Appointment of Richard Waldo Jr.

On the motion of Trustee Mischler, seconded by Trustee Folino, it was unanimously resolved to appoint Richard Waldo, Jr. to the Fairport Fire Department.

Appointment of Alexander Greene

On the motion of Trustee Mischler, seconded by Trustee Folino, it was unanimously resolved to appoint Alexander Greene to the Fairport Fire Department.

Appointment of Michael Protz

On the motion of Trustee Mischler, seconded by Trustee Bonosky, it was unanimously resolved to appoint Michael Protz to the Fairport Fire Department.

Appointment of Vanessa Sheldon

On the motion of Trustee Briggs, seconded by Trustee Mischler, it was unanimously resolved to appoint Vanessa Sheldon to the Fairport Public Arts Committee.

Financial Statements

On the motion of Trustee Folino, seconded by Trustee Bonosky, it was unanimously resolved to accept the October 2023 financial statements for the Village of Fairport and the September 2023 financial statements for the Fairport Municipal Commission.

Audited Bills

On the motion of Trustee Bonosky, seconded by Trustee Mischler, it was unanimously resolved to authorize payment of the audited bills in the amount of \$304,529.87.

November Health and Dental

On the motion of Trustee Mischler, seconded by Trustee Bonosky, it was unanimously resolved to amend the previously approved amount of \$50,000 to pay health and dental insurance premiums paid in the month of November to \$45,944.10.

December Health and Dental

On the motion of Trustee Folino, seconded by Trustee Bonosky, it was unanimously resolved to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to pay health and dental insurance premiums for the month of December, in an initial estimated amount not to exceed \$50,000, subject to audit and amending authorization by the Village Board at their regularly scheduled December meeting.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Trustee Folino

- Reminded everyone to be careful of pedestrians with the shorter days and asked pedestrians to wear reflective clothing. Help yourself to be seen.

Trustee Bonosky

- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Trustee Mischler

- Thanked Officer Monahan for including her in a “ride along” with speed controls in the Village.
- Thanked the police department for their life saving efforts along the canal.
- Reported from OCED – All the bids for the North Main Parking Lot were rejected because they were too high. They will go out to bid in the Spring to see if they can get a better price. There was a state grant awarded for the Thomas Creek Wetlands improvement project. OCED will go out to bid for this project in the Summer of 2024. Finally, the façade improvement grant program is still open.

Trustee Briggs

- The public arts committee had a successful adult comic book workshop event with artist Jackie Davis.
- The public arts committee placed 2nd in the Scarecrow Festival. She reminded the Board that their Scarecrow was the Campbell’s soup can. The committee took the \$50 winning proceeds and purchased Campbell’s soup that was donated to the food cupboard.
- Admission for the Wagon Rides at the “Come Home for Holidays” event is a canned good that will be donated to the food cupboard.

Mayor Domaratz

- Crossing lights were installed on Main Street at Liftbridge Lane. There is another set that will be installed on West Church Street at Perrin St. There will be additional crossing lights installed on Main Street as part of the Streetscape project.
- Last week there was a celebration of Peter Kenney’s 50 years of service to the Fairport Fire Department.

Upcoming Village Board Meetings:

- Village Board Work Session Monday, November 27, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.
- Village Board Meeting Monday, December 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn

On the motion of Trustee Folino, seconded by Trustee Bonosky, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn at 9:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Megan A. Cook
Village Clerk-Treasurer

A Letter to the Fairport Board of Trustees

Dear Mayor Domaratz and Fairport Village Trustees:

As village residents, we all appreciate what Fairport offers-excellent schools, tree lined streets where we can walk or run, friendly neighbors and store owners, family centered events and resources, attractive homes, a historic setting, natural beauty--in a phrase—"quality of life".

But there is a problem on South Main Street, Church Street and Potter Place: speeding- and a lack of enforcement which has resulted in unsafe driving, and other traffic issues.

BACKGROUND ON THIS PROBLEM:

1. South Main Street is becoming home to an increasing number of young families with children who attend two close by schools-Brooks Hill and Johanna Perrin. Their safety is impacted by speeding traffic as they walk to and from school.
2. Many parents cannot allow young children or pets to play in the front yard for fear of speeding vehicles and/or irresponsible driving.
3. Noisy vehicles (both cars and trucks) are so loud they have awakened napping children.
4. Dog walkers trying to cross South Main at Hulburt Road have had "near misses" with vehicles almost hitting them as they try to cross the intersection.
5. School traffic guards consistently experience vehicles cutting them off as they attempt to cross South Main-while holding up their "STOP" signs- to lead children across the street.
6. Speeding (and extremely loud) motorcycles speed up as they crest South Main Street hill heading south toward the Hulburt Rd. crossing.
7. Heavy truck traffic that creates high levels of noise and disturbance. Large truck traffic is not appropriate on Fairport residential streets.
8. Vehicles cross the double yellow line at top of South Main Street hill to the Hulburt intersection.
9. Lawn mowing or yard work near the street can be scary tasks with speeding vehicles passing by.

SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS:

1. TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT IS CRITICAL. Electronic speed indicator devices do not seem to stop speeders and reckless drivers. POLICY change needs to accompany traffic enforcement, so those who travel through and in the village know there are not ANY areas of the village where speeding or reckless driving is acceptable-any time of the day or night.
2. Change timing of walk sign at Hulburt and So. Main so the left turn green light from Hulburt to South Main finishes BEFORE any pedestrian attempts to cross South Main.
3. Installation of camera at South Main/Hulburt intersection to document traffic offenses.
4. Implementation of a 25 mile an hour speed limit within village
5. Exchange of strategies on controlling speeders among nearby high traffic villages such as Palmyra and Macedon.

The undersigned agree with the traffic issues and solutions noted in this letter and respectfully request the village board to report at its monthly meetings what actions it has taken to address these concerns.

Sincerely,

Name (Please print)

Address

Joyce Monnat	236 S. Main St.	14450
J. Ann	272 S. Main St	14450
GA Berman	241 S. Main St.	14450
John E. Berman	244 S. Main St	14450
Sarah Maynard	9 Blue Spruce Ln.	14450
Lindsey Schwartz	30 Park Circle Dr.	14450
Antje Kurvicki	25 Park Circle Dr.	14450
Sharon Kelly	22 Park Circle Dr	14450
Lisa Turner	47 198th Manor Hill Dr	14450
Jackie McKenna	12 Park Circle Dr	14450
Mike Wawak	54 Park Circle Dr.	14450
Tracey A. Fickes	35 Park Circle Dr.	14450
Kristi Mitchell	37 Park Circle Dr	14450
Nicole S. Allen	27 Misty Hill Rd.	14450

The undersigned agree with the traffic issues and solutions noted in this letter and respectfully request the village board to report its actions on these concerns at its monthly meetings.

Sincerely,

Name (Please print)

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227 S. Main St. - Michael S. Dhot

227 S Main St. Ei Black

209 S Main St. Fritz May

209 S. Main St. Georgia May

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178 S. Main St. Lorraine Mc Mahon

208 S. Main St. Paul C Robert

208 S Main St. Sam Dhot

220 S MAIN ST. Maiana

220 S. Main St. Dorothy Maorana

234 S. Main St. Lydia Barber

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Judianne Barton
Jim Barton

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Margaret Frank	42 Park Circle Dr	14450
Jeremiah Antet	50 Park Circle Dr.	14450
Stephanie Ditch	50 Park Circle Dr.	14450
Paula S. S. S.	49 Park Circle Dr.	14450
Mato S. S. S.	49 Park Circle Dr.	14450
Sarah Dillon	56 Park Circle Dr	14450
Joe Dillon	56 Park Circle Dr	14450
Mary Cicotta	61 Park Circle Dr	14450
Richard Cicotta	61 Park Circle Dr	14450
K. Goldstein	4 Park Cir Dr	14450
Shari Goldstein	4 Park Cir Dr	14450
Mary Jo Nofman	5 Park Cir Dr	14450
Danielle Volz	7 Park circle Dr	14450
Dianra Fleming	8 Park Circle Dr	14450
Diane S. Duell	42 Park Cir	14450

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Sincerely,

Name (Please print)

Address

Rachel Beckman

41 Park Circle Dr.

Marilyn Circolo

34 Park Circle Dr.

From: Joyce Monnat joycemonnat@hotmail.com

Subject: Traffic

Date: Nov 12, 2023 at 4:39:27 PM

To:

Fpt. Village Board

I would like to add that I personally have experienced 3 near hits crossing South Main at Hulburt in the past 2 months. I have witnessed drivers on their phones distracted when turning left from Hulburt. I have been midway in the crosswalk when drivers attempt to turn. I've had to walk out of the crosswalk because drivers break late at the light heading south on Main and cover the crosswalk.

The drivers turning left heading north, get the green light at the exact time that the crossing guy comes on for pedestrians to cross S. Main. As an adult I know enough to make sure the driver sees me before I cross but I'm afraid children have been taught that they can cross as soon as they see the little man. I shutter to think what can happen. Let's petition the DOT to change the timing of the light. Walkers have a meer 15 seconds to cross and if cars are turning left and don't allow them to cross first when the crossing light comes on they have almost no time to get across. I love that we are a walking village however I feel as though South Main Street and the Park Circle neighborhood being on the fringe of the village are being forgotten. We have many more young families who have moved in and students walking.

Finally, I have watched over the 17 years that I have lived on S.Main the traffic increase significantly, the increase in the number of large trucks using S. Main, and speeds exceeding 40 miles an hour. People honking at others and yelling obscenities if they are going too slow for their liking and drivers crossing the yellow line to pass. And we take our life in our hands trying to slow down to turn into our driveways. I am afraid to mow the lower part of my grass due to the speeding traffic. Let's make the entire village a safe place to walk and drive. We are better than this. And our children deserve better.

Thank you

Village Board Meeting - Traffic Concerns

I'm Kristi Mitchell, a resident of Park Circle Drive for over 9 years.

I stand here today as a concerned mother and village resident who feels deeply frustrated, angry, disappointed and disheartened that my concerns - and the concerns of so many others have been dismissed, overlooked and ignored. Especially when it comes to the safety of children walking to school. It seems to me this warrants top concern and involvement - and yet, it remains unaddressed.

In the fall of 2021, my son began walking to school - crossing main street at Hulbert Rd, and I quickly realized there were safety concerns related to cars speeding and running red lights, and also with how the intersection traffic lights are timed with the lights for pedestrians to walk across Main Street. It's a truly a recipe for disaster.

Perhaps what was most astonishing to me was that fellow parents whose children were older and have been walking to school longer, assured me that these issues are not new - and they had voiced their concerns in the past but were never met with any real remedies for the situation.

Specific issues that I have personally witnessed on multiple occasions include:

- Cars turning left from Hulburt onto Main Street while children are crossing the road. Many drivers are not paying attention and are not aware that pedestrians have the OK to cross at the same time they have a green light. Some drivers have even gotten angry and yelled at the crossing guards for making them yield to the children crossing the road.
- Cars speeding and running red lights putting other drivers and pedestrians in danger.
- Impatient drivers going around the line of cars on Main Street that are waiting to make a right onto Hulburt to take children to school, driving in the lane of on-coming traffic at the intersection.
- Cars making right hand turns when the light is red from Main Street onto Hulburt, while children are crossing the street.

After much discussion with fellow neighborhood parents and our dedicated crossing guard staff, I (along with many others) sent a letter to Superintendent Brett Provenzano, Police Chief Sam Farina and Mayor Julie Domaratz in September of 2021. I received responses acknowledging my message, and yet no significant actions were ever taken to address these concerns. (I have a copy of my email and their responses to submit with these written comments.)

We seem to get into a never-ending cycle of parents being very concerned about dangerous situations we witness firsthand as we walk our children to school, getting very upset, voicing our concerns, asking for change, the police show up for a day to watch traffic during school arrival and dismissal - and then - we go right back to normal. This "normal" is NOT ok. This normal is an accident waiting to happen.

What will it take for us to get the change we have so desperately been asking for? A child being hurt or killed as they walk to school one day? Do we really need to wait for that?

Is that something that the Village officials and Police Department will be able to live with? Knowing that there have been legitimate concerns about the safety of children walking to school FOR YEARS - and nothing was done to prevent it? And if that's not enough (which I would sincerely hope it would be)- what about the impending lawsuit that would inevitably come from such a catastrophic event? Many of us sitting here today have written proof that we have raised these concerns on multiple occasions, and NOTHING is being done to fix it. It's maddening. It's honestly hard to believe.

It sends the message that people in authority don't care. The police show up because people complained, our elected officials respond to our emails with empty promises like - **"We will work together with the police department to monitor the crossing situation and continue to look for ways to support walking/crossing safety in the Village of Fairport."**

I'm calling BS on it all. And it needs to change.

So, where do we go from here? Here are ideas that I, and others have shared as potential solutions to these dangerous conditions:

1. Adjusting the traffic light so that all cars must stop when children are crossing. Right now the cars on Hulburt have a green light while pedestrians can cross Main Street which is problematic.
2. More prominent signage to bring attention to the crosswalks and pedestrians, Like flashing lights when someone is crossing that have been placed in other locations.
3. A "No Right on Red" sign (during school hours) on Main Street, north of Hulbert.
4. Periodic and consistent police presence at the intersection.
5. Widespread messaging to parents and community members reminding them of driving safely to protect our children (and crossing guards) walking to and from school.

So it begs the question - is this really too much to ask when it comes to the safety of our children?

Does anyone in authority care enough to take responsibility and ensure that these problems are fixed?

Or is everyone going to keep pointing their fingers at someone else and avoiding it until someone is hurt or killed?

Thank you for your time and attention this evening.

Kristi Mitchell

kristimitchell7@gmail.com

37 Park Circle Drive

585-760-9796

Submitted November 13, 2023



Kristi Mitchell <kristimitchell7@gmail.com>

Safety of children walking to school

Kristi Mitchell <kristimitchell7@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 29, 2021 at 1:52 PM

To: sfarina@fairportpd.com, bprovenzano@fairport.org, jmd@fairportny.com

Cc: Meredith Klus <mklus@fairport.org>

Bcc: turner.lisag@gmail.com, mthisse@gmail.com, jac0610@gmail.com

Good afternoon,

I am sure you have received many messages this week regarding concerns with car traffic at the intersection of Main Street and Hulburt Rd as it relates to pedestrians safely crossing the road.

I personally witnessed the incident on Monday where a parent screamed out her car window at the crossing guard (Margaret Frank) to argue that she did not run a red light. This was very concerning to those of us who watched helplessly from the sidewalk, and I can only imagine the emotional impact that it had on Mrs. Frank.

This was not a one-time problem, but rather an example of a much larger issue that is happening every day. This morning alone I watched 3 cars run red lights and another making the left onto Main St from Hulburt start driving while children and parents were in the crosswalk.

As a parent who just started walking their child to school (it's our first year at Brooks Hill), I'm shocked at the number of drivers running red lights and not yielding to pedestrian traffic in the crosswalk, and I'm appalled by the disrespect and disregard of our crossingguards who are there to help keep our children safe.

Here a few ideas on possible solutions, although I am sure some are easier/more difficult than others to implement:

- Messaging to parents and community reminding them of driving safely to protect our children (and crossing guards) walking to and from school
- Adjusting the traffic light so that everyone has to stop when children are crossing (right now the cars on Hulburt have a green light while pedestrians can cross which is problematic)
- More prominent signage to bring attention to the crosswalks and pedestrians (flashing lights when someone is crossing)
- A "No Right on Red" sign (during school hours) on Main Street, north of Hulbert
- Periodic police presence at the intersection

I have loved living in the village for the past 7 years and was really looking forward to having the ability to walk our child to school. It's been disheartening to see these problems in these first few weeks of school, and I hope that more will be done to keep our children safe and educate the community on what it takes to accomplish that goal.

I greatly appreciate your time and attention to this important matter.

Kind regards,
Kristi Mitchell
585-760-9796

Safety of children walking to school

Samuel Farina <sfarina@fairportpd.com>

Wed, Sep 29, 2021 at 2:12 PM

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Cc: Meredith Klus <mklus@fairport.org>

Ms. Mitchell,

Thank you for expressing your concerns about the crossing at 250/Hulburt. The Fairport Police are aware of the incident with the crossing guard and we were successful with identifying and addressing the individual involved. We are currently moving to a high visibility approach to the 250/Hulburt intersection for school arrivals and dismissals. We will continue to conduct radar details in all the Village school zones during the day as well. Thanks again for your email and know that we also are invested in ensuring the safety of our youth as they walk to and from school.

**Samuel A. Farina, Jr** | Fairport Village Police Chief

sfarina@fairportpd.com | (585) 223-1740 | Direct (585) 421-3251 (Office)

M-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm EST | 31 South Main Street, Fairport, NY 14450



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Tue, Oct 5, 2021 at 9:39 AM

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Dear Ms. Mitchell,

Thank you for sharing your concerns about the school crossing at South Main St. and Hulburt Rd. The Village Board is very concerned about the safety of school children crossing streets as well as all walkers in our Village. We will work together with the police department to monitor the crossing situation and continue to look for ways to support walking/crossing safety in the Village of Fairport.

Again, thank you for sharing about the situation you witnessed.

Best regards,

Julie

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I wear a mask to protect you. You wear a mask to protect me.

Let's kick COVID out of our community!

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Date: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 1:52 PM

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I would like to thank Mike Felino for his time on the Village Board. Over the past years I have attended many Fairport Village board meetings. Prior to running, Mike attended village board meetings for about 2 years. He came into the trustee position well prepared and with good knowledge of how the village works. In this past January, the public was having trouble with a concept on the agenda. Mike said, I am going to take over from Tim Slitz who used to explain things to the public. Mike has done a good job with that and his insight will be missed.

I also want to congratulate Mike. He will bring a valuable perspective to the Town Board and I think he will find Ciaran Hanna a good person to work with.

Second, I would like to talk about Facebook. It has come to my attention that the Mayor has a Village Facebook page where she gives information in her words on current issues. I am not on Facebook and one thing Bryan and I will never agree on, is its value in Village government.

I am surprised that the mayor would have a facebook page as Mayor. You all are trying to get residents to use the Village Website. You have a fairly good newsletter going out. Yet this same Mayor's Facebook information is not on the Village website. I was not aware that Facebook is designated as the place for legal information for the Village of Fairport.

In the past year we have lost 2 good members of this board- people who were independent thinkers. I appeal to you all to please remember that you were elected to represent the Village residents as independent thinkers. Thank you.

Jean Whitney
38 Dewey Ave
November 13, 2023

My name is Margaret Frank.

I live at 44 Park Circle Drive in the Village. As of yesterday, it has been 35 years!

I was a substitute crossing guard from 2004 to December of 2021. I crossed at Summit and Rt. 250, The corner of Hulburt and Potter, and the corner of Hulburt and Rt. 250 near Park Circle Drive. I know when I first started we would meet once a year with the Chief of Police and talk over what the year would look like and bring up any concerns. Then a specific police officer would be assigned to the guards and that person would stop in to talk and see how things were going at each of the 3 crossings. Those meetings with the crossing guards and Chief of Police stopped years ago. When I left we were just talking with the clerk.

I saw many changes in traffic patterns in those 17 years

More distracted drivers

More people on their cell phones talking or reading texts.

Drivers going faster: speeding.

Drivers as I say "Blatantly" going through red lights.

During my time as a crossing guard I was almost hit several times, I was yelled at by drivers when I held up my sign. And they would yell out the window that they had stopped when they were inches away from me.

I know two of the current crossing guards who have been close to getting hit by a car not paying attention to them with their stop signs in the crosswalk in the last month.

There are many more children walking in the neighborhood around Brooks Hill that walk to and from school which I think is great than there have been for years. My grandson is now one of those children who walks to Brooks Hill! I've been told there can be as many as 30 to 37 kids walking home in the afternoon at the Rt 250 Hulburt intersection.

I know that I had offered suggestions over the years of how to keep our children safe. I'm not going to go into those specifics at this time.

I know other people who have children who attend Brooks Hill school have written letters with suggestions of how to make our crossings safer. Those letters were written to the past Chief of police, to the Superintendent of schools, to the mayor, to the Village Trustees, to the Village manager and things are still the same: dangerous.

Do you know that the crossing guards have 12 seconds to cross the children over Rt. 250 at the corner of Hulbert?

Why can't all of the stakeholders involved get together and look at some solutions:

Fairport Village Police, Fairport Mayor, Fairport Village Manager. DOT, School District, State Police
because I know some of the roads I'm talking about are State Roads.

parents of walkers

Thank you for listening.