

City of Norwich
TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Minutes

December 14th, 2011

Members Present

B. Merritt, Chairman

G. Brookins

T. Knapp

G. Cleveland

Other guest present: Mayor Joseph Maiurano and Chief Angelino

Chairman Merritt called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

Mr. Brookins made a motion to accept the minutes of November 9th, 2011 seconded Mr. Knapp. All were in favor.

Correspondence: ACP Scott A. Burlison reported Highway Superintendent Carl Ivarson received a letter from Frank Collison an employee of the NYSDOT. Mr. Collison reports the yellow/black curve sign posted on Borden Ave. for south bound traffic is insufficient and doesn't provide enough warning to inbound traffic approaching the curve at the railroad crossing. Chief Angelino spoke to the commission about the ongoing problem at that location. Chief Angelino proposed placing yellow/black traffic chevron's warning oncoming motorist of the curve ahead. The signs would be posted perpendicular to the center of Borden Ave. Also a yellow speed caution sign with be posted about 300' from the railroad crossing advising motors to reduce there speed for the curve ahead. Chief Angelino stated he would like to have this posted right after the first of the year. Mr. Brookins made the comment the signs should be posted sooner than later.

OLD BUSINESS:

ACP Burlison advised the members the No Parking Here to corner had been posted at the intersection of North Broad and Fair Street. The North Broad Street and Mechanic Street was pending placement. The 14' street lights downtown have the highest wattage bulb install already. The cost to upgrade the bulbs would be about \$12,000 dollars and the common council voted not to upgrade the lights. NYSEG has been contacted and a work order completed to reset the yellow plastic sleeve on the guide wire behind Service Pharmacy. Two Dead End signs have

been posted at the intersection of Maydole and Grove leading to the fair grounds. NYSDOT has to be contacted about the crosswalk leading into gate of 1 the fair grounds. The sound of air that is being held at the railroad crossing and Front Street is a compressor located in a steel shed releasing air. The railroad crossing arm on the north side of the railroad track on Front Street is leaning downward because of the electric wire. The book containing the city V&T ordinance is going to be reproduced for each member by Brian at City Hall and handed out at the next meeting.

New Business:

Chief Angelino reported GHS has relocated at the old Byrne Dairy and they will be opening on Monday, December 19th. Lackawanna Ave is going to see an increase in traffic heading north from the drive-up and parking lot of the credit union. Chief Angelino proposed posting One Way signs at the North end of Canal, along with signs for Lackawanna and Canal St. The posting of the signs would help direct GHS customers back onto East Main St. and relieve traffic exiting onto Silver Street. Chief Angelino pointed out the best traffic pattern for exiting GHS members is on Lackawanna, east bound. There was discussion about reopening the section of Lackawanna behind city hall leading across the railroad tracks. Chief Angelino advised the commission that section couldn't be reopened because of the traffic exiting off Lackawanna Ave. and the access road east of the Penny Saver is private. The commission agreed to readdress the issue at the January 2012 meeting. Mr. Cleveland was concerned about GHS traffic exiting onto Silver Street near the entrance of the Byrne Dairy. Traffic south bound on Silver Street is cutting across Lackawanna Ave. into the Byrne Dairy parking. Chief Angelino draw a diagram of the traffic problem. It was mention by Chief Angelino maybe yellow hash marks could be painted to alert motorist. The commission requested the problem should be monitor after GHS opens before any action is taken.

Chief Angelino mentioned the ongoing problem with tractor trailers backing down Berry Street to Catholic Charities and not having an enough room. The discussion was on posting no parking signs on one side of the street. The members of the commission stated they have address the parking issue in the past and they had two no parking signs posted on each side of the driveway leading into Catholic Charities.

Mr. Knapp ask about members Sutton, Cleveland and Merritt. The Mayor said Mr. Sutton and Mr. Merritt are not returning in 2012 and Mr. Cleveland was being reappointed. The Mayor told Mr. Knapp the Chairman is a 3 year term and the commission would have a new member on January, 2012 and his name was Brian Delver.

Prior to the end of the meeting Mayor Maiurano presented Chairman Bernie Merritt with a plaque on behalf of the City of Norwich and the Common Council. The plaque was in the shape of a stop sign with the following. "Bernard Merritt, In deep gratitude and appreciation for 40 years of service on the City of Norwich Traffic Commission, Your community Thanks you.

1974- 2011.” The Mayor and the commission members all gathered around Mr. Merritt and thanked him for his service to the community and posed for a photograph with Mr. Merritt.

With no further discussions, Mr. Brookins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Knapp seconds the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next meeting will be January 10th, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.