



Town of Clayton
Street Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 14, 2021
Town Hall, 414 Main Street, Clayton

Attendance:	Chairperson:	Mr. Valentine
	Committee Members:	Mr. Carrow Mr. Burnett
	Councilors:	Mr. Smith Ms. DeBenedictis
	Staff:	Mr. Hurlock, Town Foreman Melissa Knight, Recording Secretary
	Guest:	Wes Davis

1. Call to Order

Mr. Valentine called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Old Business - None

3. New Business

a. Signage on Rodney Street reference truck traffic

Mr. Valentine gave the floor to Mr. Carrow. Mr. Carrow stated recently there has been a couple of accidents involving truck traffic on Rodney Street causing issues with the power lines and other services. In the last year it seems to have gotten worse with the use of GPS. He feels there's no motion to be made because the streets are already marked stating "No Trucks". He thinks that all that needs to be done is give direction to Public Works to replace or install new signage; possibly installing a new "No Trucks" sign on Rodney Street will help. The signs that are currently up are old and faded. Lt. Scott stated once they have made the turn the truck driver is committed at that point. There is a no truck sign through Clayton on Glenwood Avenue close to Family Dollar. Lt. Scott stated that Eagle Group does have signage on their loading dock for truck drivers to use Bassett Street. Ms. DeBenedictis suggested signage with blinking lights to attract the driver's attention. Mr. Smith stated that would be good on Industrial Blvd. but on Main Street you're affecting the residents at that point. Mr. Carrow suggested installing a sign in the vicinity of the townhomes "Eagle Group Truck Delivery Use N. Bassett Street". Mr. Hurlock stated all the houses along Rodney Street are single story. The possible solution is to drop

poles then Comcast could put their service lines under ours to get them higher. Trucks are allowed to make local deliveries; it's the wires that are not meeting code.

b. Parking on Route 300

Barkley Heating and Air addressed an issue at a Council Meeting raising concern about parking on Route 300 in the shoulder. The initial response was to install no parking signs. Mayor Smith would like to table this agenda item at this time because it will affect another business in Town. The Mayor has not had the opportunity to talk to the other business owner. Lt. Scott has talked to the other business owner regarding the parking issue. The business owner has permission to use the old VFW's parking lot for overflow of customer's. Mayor Smith would like to start enforcing the parking issue if customers are parked too close to the driveways adjacent to the restaurant. Lt. Scott will mark the 15 ft. on both sides of the driveway so when the Police Officers patrol that area, anyone within those markings will receive a state ticket.

c. Light at Coldwater Drive

Mayor Smith was approached by a resident regarding no street lights in the area of the park in Providence Crossing. The Mayor proposes running electric in that area to accommodate two (2) street lights. The lighting has been budgeted in the amount of \$10,000.00; if the quote is higher the remainder could be disbursed from the Street Aid Account. Mr. Burnett – couldn't the funding come from Impact Fees. Mr. Hurlock – the biggest issue is going to be boring under the driveways, which the town does not have the equipment for. PW's Crew would be able to run the electric and install the lights. Mr. Carrow stated the original design had a community center in that area.

Mr. Burnett made a motion to install street lights in the area that was addressed with the town handling what they can and the contractor handling what they can not to exceed \$15,000.00; the funds to be disbursed from the Street Aid Fund, Ms. DeBenedictis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Light at Wheatley's Pond Road

Mayor Smith was approached by a resident in Huntington Mills regarding no lighting on Wheatley's Pond Road from Huntington Mills entrance to the Railroad Tracks. Mr. Hurlock did contact the Representative for funding; who did not reach back to Mr. Hurlock. It could take six months for the funding, he probably will fund the lights, not installing them. It just takes a while for the funding to be approved. Again, we could work it out in the budget or take it out of the Street Aid Account and hang them ourselves. Mayor Smith if you turn left out of Huntington Mills that is no longer our jurisdiction that is – DP&L. Mr. Carrow stated there is foot traffic in that area and lights will be beneficial. Mr. Hurlock – the funds in the Street Aid Account should not accumulate in the account over a long period of time. When the State of Delaware performs the audit on the account they'll question why it hasn't been used. Mr. Carrow questioned if we install additional lights on Wheatley's Pond Road going towards Underwoods Corner Road would the Town be changed from DP&L. Mr. Hurlock it would actually be Delaware Electric Cooperative. Mr. Carrow – would it be the same on School Lane. Mr. Hurlock – we actually installed two lights up to the

school. Mr. Burnett stated he was reviewing the cameras with the Police Department and it was hard reviewing because of it being so dark.

Mayor Smith made a motion to purchase street lights for installation on Wheatley's Pond Road from the entrance of Huntington Mills Road to School Lane not to exceed \$2,000.00 in material cost, seconded by Mr. Burnett. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Parking issues on Rodney Street between Smyrna Avenue and Main Street

Mr. Burnett welcomed guest Wes Davis to the committee meeting; he lives on the corner of Main and S. Rodney Street. The Town has had quite a few wrecks over the year in this area. Lt. Scott stated a lot of the wrecks in this area are due to the lack of visibility of vehicles parked on the shoulder.

A couple of suggestions that have been discussed are:

Making S. Rodney Street a one-way Street from Smyrna Avenue to Main Street; or Change how close residents can park to the corner of Main Street to S. Rodney Street

This agenda item is related to the next agenda item just two different ways to look at the situation.

Lt. Scott stated making the S. Rodney Street one-way for the one (1) block is going to push all traffic to Bassett Street and Reed Street causing a traffic nightmare. Cade reports were pulled to verify how many accidents have occurred in this area with only two (2) reported. Three (3) accidents have happened in the last year. The easiest solution to the problem would be to extend the yellow curb marking on Main Street. At this time the yellow curb is 17 ft. from the corner of S. Rodney Street. Mayor Smith asked if the owner at 204 Main Street do they currently parks out front. Mr. Davis stated the duplex has one (1) side that is occupied at this time. The resident living at the duplex has no vehicle. Ms. DeBenedictis stated there is no corner in town that has clear visibility to turn onto Main Street. Mr. Valentine – is your truck parked around the 30 ft. mark. Mr. Davis also parks his truck on the curb. Today his vehicle was parked at 18 ft. The 50 ft. mark is too long. Mr. Burnett - if the yellow curb is at 30 ft. would that work. Mr. Davis stated the reasons that he hears why the accidents happen is his truck and the bushes.

Mr. Burnett made a motion to have PW's Department paint the curb on Main Street from the corner of S. Rodney Street to the 30 ft. mark, seconded by Mr. Carrow. Motion carried unanimously.

- f. Parking issues on Main Street between Bassett Street and Rodney Street
This agenda item was addressed with the item agenda listed above.

4. Scheduling of Next Meeting

No meeting scheduled at this time.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Carrow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21, seconded by Mr. Burnett. Motion carried unanimously.