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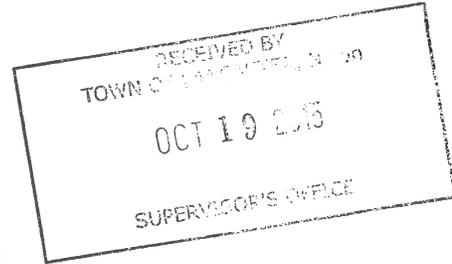
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October 15, 2015

Supervisor Fudoli
Town of Lancaster
21 Central Avenue
Lancaster, New York 14086

Dear Supervisor Fudoli:

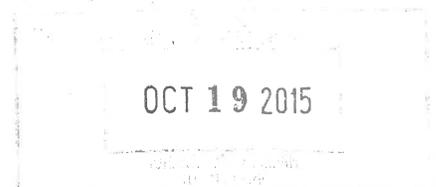
The Village of Depew is in support of a new Town's senior van. The seniors residing in the Village depend on the Town's senior van program to transport the Village seniors to necessary medical appointments because the Village offers no similar services.

The Village fully supports the Town's application to purchase a handicapped accessible senior citizens van. This will allow our seniors with wheelchairs the availability to use the vans services as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse Nikonowicz".

Jesse Nikonowicz
Mayor of Depew





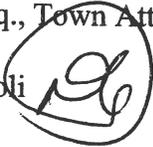
Town of Lancaster

OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR

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DINO J. FUDOLI
Supervisor

MEMO

To: John M. Dudziak, Esq., Town Attorney
From: Supervisor Dino Fudoli 
Re: Silent Meadow Lane – Request for No Parking Zone
Date: October 16, 2015

The Lancaster Police Department, in response to requests from a resident of Silent Meadow Lane and the Lancaster Central School District's Transportation Department, conducted a review of parking regulations at the eastern most portion of Silent Meadow Lane. I have attached a copy of Lieutenant Ronald Rozler's summary of his findings and the resulting recommendations related to these requests as well as copies of the above mentioned correspondence.

Please take the necessary steps to schedule a public hearing and accompanying resolution on this matter as soon as practicable.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Enclosures

DJF/ljs

Cc: Gerald Gill, Chief of Police
Marco Laurienzo, Patrol Captain
Ronald Rozler, Traffic Coordinator
Town Board Members
Johanna M. Coleman, Town Clerk ✓
Daniel Amatura, Highway Superintendent

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Lancaster Police Department
Criminal Justice Building
Lancaster Town Center – 525 Pavement Road
Lancaster, New York 14086



Police Department
Phone: 716-683-2800
Fax: 716-681-2352

Gerald J. Gill, Jr.
Chief of Police

Lieutenant R. J. Rozler
Traffic Coordinator

October 2, 2015

ASSIGNMENT:

Review letter from a resident on Silent Meadow Lane requesting “NO PARKING” signs on a portion of the roadway, to accommodate school bus turn around. Survey the area to determine if this is a valid request.

ROADWAY

Silent Meadow Lane. is a town owned roadway in a residential area. This is a 2 lane roadway where traffic travels primarily east & west. There are no lane markings. The posted speed limit in the area is 30 miles per hour.

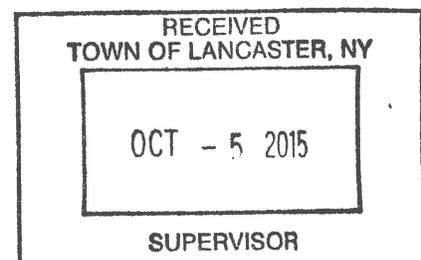
The eastern most portion of the roadway is a dead end. There is a paved area to allow larger vehicles to use as a turn around.

DETERMINATION

The total length of Silent Meadow Lane is approx. 2/10ths of a mile.

The request for “NO PARKING” in the area of the dead end / turn around does have merit based on a letter from the Lancaster Central School District Transportation Supervisor, stating, in part, with the installation of the no parking signs, he will be able to allow buses to pick up students near their homes on Silent Meadow Lane.

Furthermore, the turn around would also be utilized by the highway department, garbage trucks and emergency vehicles. For this reason, the No Parking should **not** be limited for just school days and times.



No Parking signs should be installed from 19 Silent Meadow Lane, both side of the street, to the dead end. No Parking signs should also be installed in the turn around.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. J. Rozler', written in a cursive style.

Lieut. R. J. Rozler
Traffic Coordinator

****Disclaimer:** The above is this writer's opinion / suggestion based on observation, study & research of the listed area. Many traffic related issues require a traffic engineering study, which is beyond the capabilities of this office. The writer reserves the right to update this study if/when additional information is provided or discovered.



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DINO J. FUDOLI
Supervisor

MEMO

To: Captain Marco Laurienzo
Police Department

From: Supervisor Dino Fudoli

A handwritten signature of Supervisor Dino Fudoli, enclosed in a hand-drawn circle.

Re: Attached Request

Date: October 1, 2015

Attached are copies of correspondence from a resident of Silent Meadow Lane and a related letter received today from Mr. Robert Mowry, Transportation Supervisor of the Lancaster Central School District regarding concerns with school bus access to the turnaround on this new roadway.

The initial letter from our resident was sent to Lieutenant Ronald Rozler via email on September 21, 2015 due to the importance of bus access in this location and the concerns raised by this parent.

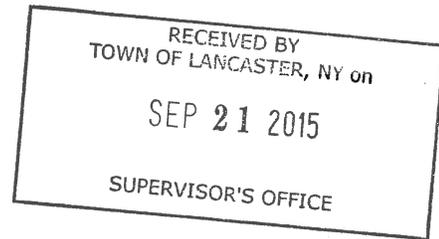
I respectfully request that you review these requests to determine if the restriction of parking on a portion of Silent Meadow is appropriate.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

DF/l
Attachments

Cc: Lieutenant Ronald Rozler
Daniel Amatura, Highway Superintendent
Honorable Town Board Members

September 16, 2015



Mr. Dino J. Fudoli
Town of Lancaster Supervisor
Lancaster Town Hall
21 Central Avenue
Lancaster, NY 14086

Dear Mr. Fudoli:

My husband and I recently moved into our newly built home on Silent Meadow Lane. In arranging for my son's Kindergarten transportation through the Lancaster Central School District, I was told that the school bus would not travel down my street and the closest bus stop would be located at the corner of Silent Meadow and Branch Way, which is approximately 0.2 miles from our home. I am extremely disappointed, as I do not understand why the town would approve and allow the planning of a street that does not allow a school bus, garbage truck, snow plow, or any other large vehicles to drive down it. The explanation we received is that in the event a car or truck is parked in the turnaround or in the dead end, it will prevent the school bus from negotiating the turnaround, and as such, it is prohibited from entering the dead end street.

Not only is my children's school transportation a concern, but now I am extremely frustrated because in speaking to the highway superintendent, it does not seem as though the highway department has a plan as to where they are going to put the snow in the winter.

I understand that while construction on the street is ongoing, the School District is concerned that the bus would get stuck at the end. However, the turnaround is there for a reason, which brings me to my point. I hereby request that a "No Parking" sign be installed at the turnaround adjacent to the dead end of Silent Meadow Lane so that no cars are allowed to park there at any time, and would allow large vehicles to safely navigate the turnaround.

My hope is that with this signage, the transportation supervisor at the Lancaster Central School District will reconsider our request of allowing a school bus to travel down my street, as there are other families that are or will be affected by this as well. In the event you would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at the phone number or email address below.

Sincerely,

Melissa A. Smith

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Lancaster, NY 14086

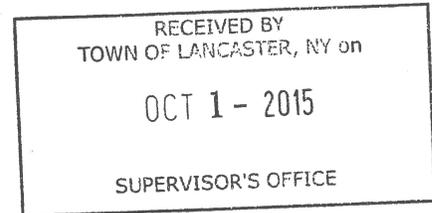
Lancaster Central School District

295 Pleasant View Drive
Lancaster, NY 14086
(716) 686-3290

Robert W. Mowry, Transportation Supervisor

September 28, 2015

Dino J. Fudoli
Lancaster Town Supervisor
Town Hall
21 Central Ave
Lancaster, NY 14086



Dear Mr. Fudoli:

I have received an inquiry from residents on a newly constructed street, Silent Meadow, regarding a reason as to why the school bus will not travel to the end of this street. Lancaster Central School District's Board of Education policy states that the walk distances for grades K-6 should not exceed .1 mile. Currently, the student residing at Silent Meadow is exceeding this policy.

In order to rectify the situation, I am requesting that signage be installed on Silent Meadow restricting parking at the end of the street so that the turnaround may be utilized. The turning radius of the bus will not allow access to backing up or pulling away without parking restrictions.

If possible, the following signage would need to be installed restricting parking on school days with time restrictions (6:30 am – 9:00 am and 2:00 pm – 4:45 pm):

- 22 Silent Meadow, no parking in front on school days
- No parking in the turnaround (either side) on school days
- 20 and 21 Silent Meadow, no parking in front of the fire hydrant on school days
- 19 Silent Meadow would not need any restrictions

The majority of school bus travel happens during the above mentioned time frame but there are a couple of exceptions due to early dismissal days.

In the winter, snow banks may cause an additional hazard by narrowing the path for the school bus to complete a turnaround. Snow removal maybe required by high lift and dump truck.

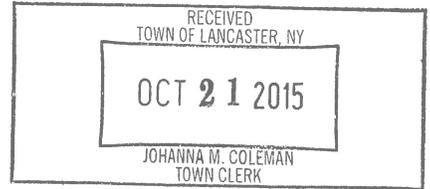
I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 686-

Sincerely,

Robert W. Mowry
Transportation Supervisor

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MICHAEL J. RUSINEK
Banner Avenue
Lancaster, New York 14086



October 21, 2015

Honorable Supervisor & Town Board
21 Central Ave.
Lancaster, NY 14086

RE: Repeated Careless Driving

Dear Supervisor & Board Members:

I mailed the attached letter to the Supervisor and Chief of Police on July 13, 2015 regarding the careless driving habit of a neighbor on our street. I received no response to that letter that is why I have asked that this letter be put on the agenda as communications.

The same thing happened again on Thursday October 15, 2015 at around 6:45AM. When my wife was heading south on Banner stopped at the stop sign at Banner and Brady, the male resident at Banner Ave. quickly passed her on the left at the stop sign, cut in front of her and sped west on Brady. He refused to stop when my wife blew her horn but Nick who delivers the Buffalo News (using his truck) in the area, stopped and spoke to my wife indicating that, "He has done that to me as well."

We have been informed by other neighbors that he has done the same to them. Again this is an accident waiting to happen, he needs a visit from the authorities to ask him to correct this behavior.

Asking us to call the police "the next time it happens" makes no sense; this takes place in less than a minute, so the idea that he can be caught in the act is remote as best. To do nothing would be a mistake.

Please take action before someone gets hurt.

Sincerely,


Michael J. Rusinek

MICHAEL J. RUSINEK
Banner Avenue
Lancaster, New York 14086

July 13, 2015

Honorable Town Board
Town of Lancaster, NY
21 Central Ave.
Lancaster, NY 14086

Dear Town Board Members:

As a resident of Banner Ave. I went to the Police Dept. on Pavement Rd. today around 12:35PM to ask to have a dangerous traffic issue addressed and put on record.

Here is the issue, the male resident at Banner Ave. has at least on 3 occasions with me and once with my wife as we head South on Banner, a short residential street, we see the male resident quickly pull out of his driveway and accelerate, blowing his horn and racing around our vehicle, passing us. He does not stop at the stop sign at the intersection of Banner & Brady nor does he stop at the stop sign at the next intersection heading West on Brady all at a high rate of speed. When this does happen it is usually between the hours of 6:40AM & 7:00AM on a weekday. He drives a grey Toyota pickup. I understand that he has done this to other residents of Banner as well. This is an accident waiting to happen.

The woman at the window at the Police Dept. was of little help. I said I want to report this and have it on record. I tried to tell her about all the occasions & about others on our street who experienced the same thing, she told me, "We can only talk about what happened today." She went on to say, "The next time it happens, call us we will send a car out." I said this happens quickly, you won't catch him that way, by the time a patrol car gets there, he most likely will be gone.

I am writing to get this dangerous situation on record, it is not a matter of if, but when his repeated careless driving causes an accident.

Please tell me what my options are to get the Town Police Dept. to address this before someone gets hurt?

As I was leaving the Town Police Bldg. another gentleman who heard my conversation with the dispatcher said, "They are not very helpful here."

I don't want our Police Dept. painted with that brush. If you need to contact me please call me at

Respectfully submitted,


Michael J. Rusinek

cc: Chief of Police, Town of Lancaster, NY



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 22, 2015

TO: Johanna Coleman, Town Clerk

FROM: Chief Gerald J. Gill, Jr.

SUBJECT: Articles/Communications

Please place the attached documents on communications.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Enclosures

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Lancaster police work to help domestic violence victims

by JULIE HALM
Editor

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, but for officers in the Lancaster Police Department, understanding the problem and how to address it is something that lasts throughout the year.

"In recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Lancaster Police Department would like to inform the community that every Lancaster police officer has received considerable domestic violence intervention training and will respond to and assist any local victims of intra-family/intimate partner abuse regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status," said Lancaster Police Chief Gerald Gill.

According to Gill, not only do members of the department receive training on the topic during their initial academy training, but opportunities are offered for both in-house training and outside seminars throughout their tenure as officers.

According to the Erie County Sheriff's Office Domestic Violence Unit, do-

mestic violence is defined as "a pattern of coercive behaviors used by a family member, partner, or ex-partner to establish and maintain power and control over another person."

While this issue can sometimes be hard to identify, one in four women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime, statistically speaking, according to the Sheriff's Office. Additionally, roughly 4,000 people are killed by an intimate partner on an annual basis.



According to Gill, proper initial responses can go a long way toward bringing this number down.

"Initial responses to domestic violence could very well be homicide prevention," he said, adding that proper assistance and referrals can make a major difference for victims.

The Lancaster Police Department is seeking to address domestic violence in the community but is not working alone on solving the issue.

The department is working in collaboration with Haven House, an organization that provides safe housing, a crisis hotline, supportive counseling, advocacy, and support groups for victims of domestic violence in the area.

Haven House has an on-premises professional advocate available by appointment as part of the department's work against domestic violence, according to Gill.

"The domestic violence advocate can

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assist with safety planning, explanations of options and general inquiries," he said.

An issue faced by many victims of domestic violence is the concern that others, including their partner, may find out they are seeking help: According to Gill, all services provided through the Lancaster Police Department are completed with strict confidence.

Those in need of assistance can contact Haven House's confidential 24-hour hotline at 884-6000 or the Lancaster Police Department at 683-2800 to request the assistance of a police officer, domestic violence advocate or both.

Federal funding grants provided to enhance highway safety

More than \$32 million in federal grants will be used to support traffic safety initiatives across New York State, including programs in Western New York, according to Sen. Patrick Gallivan.

The various programs are designed to reduce the number of deaths and injuries that occur on highways and to improve overall traffic safety.

"As a former State Trooper and Sheriff of Erie County, I support efforts to make our highways safer for everyone," Gallivan said in a press release. "These education and enforcement programs are a wise investment in making sure New York's roads are as safe as possible."

Statewide, federal grants have been awarded to 541 programs administered by state, local and nonprofit agencies to support three specific safety initiatives:

- **Police Traffic Service:** This includes law enforcement efforts to target dangerous drivers and other enforcement initiatives aimed at preventing speeding, aggressive driving and driving while intoxicated.
- **Child Passenger Safety:** This includes child safety education, car seat checks and the distribution of safety seats.
- **Highway Safety Grants:** This includes programs that cover additional traffic safety efforts that involve education, training, crash reconstruction and railroad crossing safety.

Grant recipients in Erie County include:

- **West Seneca Police Department:** \$13,800 for Police Traffic Service
- **Depew Village Police:** \$6,750 for Police Traffic Service
- **Lancaster Town Police Department:** \$7,020 for Police Traffic Service
- **Erie County Office of Traffic Safety:** \$4,000 for Child Passenger Safety
- **Erie County Office of Traffic Safety:** \$18,685 for Teen Driver Traffic Safety
- **Erie County Sheriff's Office:** \$13,420 for Police Traffic Service
- **Eden Town Police:** \$4,480 for Police Traffic Service

Federal funding is also provided to state agencies. Under the program, the New York State Police will receive more than \$8 million for various traffic safety initiatives. The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services will receive more than \$3.6 million.

Adopted Resolution: **189**

Ayes: Mayor Maute, Trustees O'Brien, Robinson,
Schroeder, and Sugg

He is attending the NYCOM Fall Training School during the week of September 28th and will not be at the next board meeting.

➤ **PLANNING COMMISSION** – James Allein

There is a new roof on the West Main Street complex after receiving a loan from the bank. The water damage is being repaired and the space is being cleaned and made ready for new tenants.

➤ **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER** – Shawn Marshall

There were some overgrown lawns that were cut by the Department of Public Works last week.

He is still working with property management companies regarding various vacant homes.

He is working on some issues per the request of the Historic Preservation Commission.

He recently met with Lieutenant Smith of the Lancaster Police Department to address areas of concern within the Village.

➤ **DPW SUPERINTENDENT** – William Cansdale

No report.

➤ **CLERK – TREASURER** – Michael E. Stegmeier

There has been progress implementing the Docuware electronic voucher system. There was a selection of vouchers available for board member review during the most recent billing cycle. His office will continue to work with departments to make sure that all invoices are being captured as part of the electronic voucher process.

He should be receiving a draft of the audited financial statements for the year ended May 31, 2015 within the next couple of weeks. He expects the independent auditors to issue their final report in mid to late October.

An advertisement has been placed in the Lancaster Bee for a substitute crossing guard. The ad will run for the month of September with interviews to take place shortly thereafter.

The application process for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding has begun for this year with a submission deadline of November 2, 2015. A public hearing must be held to consider possible projects which would benefit low and moderate income areas of the village.

Motion by **Trustee O'Brien** and seconded by **Trustee Sugg** to schedule a public hearing on Monday, October 26, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. in Council Chambers to consider possible projects for the 2016-17 Community Development Block Grant application.

Adopted Resolution: **190**

Ayes: Mayor Maute, Trustees O'Brien, Robinson,
Schroeder, and Sugg



October 20, 2015

Town of Lancaster Police Department
Attention: Chief
525 Pavement
Lancaster, New York 14086

**RE: Delivery 2 EMERGENCY FOOD BOXES
November 3 or 4, 2015
1100 – 1400 hours**

Dear Chief:

In anticipation of the coming winter months, we again look forward to coordinating our Emergency Food Plan with your department.

As in previous years, two canned emergency food boxes will be delivered to each police headquarters. The boxes will be delivered on November 3 or 4, 2015, between 1100 – 1400 hours, by a Meals on Wheels staff member with a receipt to be signed by the officer in charge.

The boxes must be kept in a dry, secure area, and accessible in the event our meal service is cancelled due to a bad winter storm. Delivery of food boxes by police personnel should be made upon the request of Meals on Wheels for its participants only. Enclosed is a copy of the Emergency Food Plan detailing these procedures.

We thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation again this year, in protecting the well-being of our homebound elderly. Please direct any questions or further information to Peggy Fitkowski or Margaret Tyrrell, Dietitians, 822-2002.

Cordially,

Tara A. Ellis
CEO and President

Enclosure



Lancaster Police Department

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*****LANCASTER POLICE OFFICERS CERTIFIED AS DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERTS*****

We would like to congratulate two Lancaster Police Department Officers, Eric Major and Michael Gozdalski, both of whom recently successfully completed training that certified them as DRE officers.

Drivers who are impaired by drugs or a combination of drugs and alcohol have been an increasing problem on our roads. Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) police officers are officers who have been trained to recognize the signs of drug and/or alcohol impairment. DRE officers participate in training that had been approved by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). Representatives from STOP-DWI and other organizations are part of a steering committee that selects, trains and prepares police officers to become Drug Recognition Experts, in order to make a positive impact on drugged driving deterrence in New York State.

The DRE School is extremely demanding and intense training. It consisted of two phases that were held in Batavia, NY and Jacksonville, Florida. It involved both academic training and field certification. At the conclusion of the Field Certification program the students must pass a Comprehensive Final Knowledge Examination to become certified. Almost all costs incurred for this training are either paid for or reimbursed through the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Council.

After completing their training, both officers are now certified DRE's and have already been involved in evaluations and arrests of impaired drivers in Lancaster and surrounding jurisdictions.

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