

CITY OF BARRE
PUBLIC BODY MEETING MINUTES

Committee/board/task force: Transportation & Public Works Committee

Date of meeting: Wednesday, 7/1/2026 at 4:30pm **Location of meeting:** City Hall Council Chamber

Members in attendance: Art Bombardier, Steve MacKenzie, Jayme Bauer, Brian Baker, Joanne Reynolds

Members absent: Kenneth Bauer

Others in attendance: CPL Frey, Billie Corrette, Janelle Starr, Beth Hilgartner

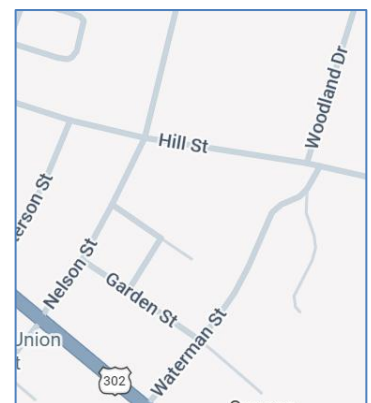
- 1) **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 4:35 pm
- 2) **Adjustments to the Agenda:** None.
- 3) **Public Comment:** None
- 4) **Approval of Minutes:** Joanne Reynolds made the motion to approve June 4, 2026 Minutes, Jayme Bauer 2nd the motion and approved unanimously.
- 5) **Continuing Agenda items:**
- 6)
 - a) **Update on City Actions re Hill Street Speeding/Pedestrian Safety Issues:**

Brian reported that the digital speed sign was getting scheduled and crews were working on sidewalks at Camp Street. The city was hiring contractors to assist with the project.

Steve asked about painting the crosswalk at Hill Street & Camp Street. Brian responded that they didn't have the manpower to do the painting at this time. Steve said that the Hill/Camp crosswalk should be the next one painted. Janelle Starr noted that the community has been meeting about this since 2023. Brian agreed and said the city would prioritize this.

Brian said that Public Works was holding off on lane definition striping until September.

Steve asked about installing a median. Brian said it would need to be engineered and designed.



Joanne asked about planning improvements at Hill Street and Camp Street together as one project and asked when the striping would occur. Brian said that he only has one crew (needs 2). They start painting at the end of May. Joanne asked if they were painting anywhere and Brian replied yes. He added that staff were needed to help prepare for the Berlin water main extension. Joanne then asked if residents would be waiting until August for the painting to be completed with current manpower. Brian said it was likely and added that the lines really need to be painted twice a year.

Steve asked about commissioning a study on the intersection of Hill/Camp and said he would be willing to take the lead on drafting a Request for Proposals and seek grant funding for the project. Joanne asked that building a median be included. Steve said he would try to have a draft ready for review for the next meeting and added that the process would take a year or more.

b.) Road/Street Striping and c.) Speed Signage (Billie Corrette) T

Billie stated that she lived on Lewis Street near Quarry and Circle Streets and thanked Brian for repairing the potholes and added that one of them is already filled with water. She added that high school students drive recklessly to Spaulding High School and don't stop at the stop sign, making it difficult to turn left.

There needs to be a left turning lane at East ParkSide Terrace; it needs to be re-painted. The intersection is dangerous for elementary kids getting on and off school buses.

Steve asked CPL Frey about staffing at the Police Department. CPL Frey said that they had one vacant position, three officers in training, and two were retiring.

Billie said that more police presence was needed on Lewis Street by Quarry and Circle, Streets, especially in the morning. CPL Frey said that that he would talk to the SGT about this issue.

Billie then asked about speed carts and Brian said the city had them.

Joanne added that lane striping was critical for left turn lanes. Steve asked if the city was focusing on sidewalk painting before doing street painting. Brian replied that he has one crew doing both and added that he can authorize overtime but cannot force people to work overtime.

Janelle Starr said she would love to do a walking tour with city staff at Main Street and Hill Street, and added there was a lot of frustration about overall conditions and people need to feel heard.

5. New Agenda Items: Lane Signage Change at Maple Avenue/Main Intersection

Billie said that the Maple/Main/62 intersection was dangerous for pedestrians. At this intersection one lane can go straight or left and the other can only turn right. Turning left can back up and drivers will use the right turning lane to go straight. Brian agreed and

added that replacing signal controllers cost \$25,000 apiece.

CPL Frey suggested installing a speed cart at the Hill/Camp Streets intersection to get accurate traffic data. Brian said that the average speed on Hill Street is 27 MPH, with the highest at 60 MPH.

6. Public Works Report (Attached)

No discussion.

7. Round Table

No Discussion.

Action items (use additional sheets as necessary)

1) Motion: Prepare Hill St. Traffic Study RFP (Mackenzie)

Mover/Seconder: _____

Result of vote (how many yes, how many no, pass, didn't pass): _____

Meeting adjourned: 6:05PM

Mover/Seconder: Moved by Jayme Bauer and Seconded by Joanne Reynolds.
Unanimously approved.

Next meeting date/time/location (if known): City Council Chamber; 4:30 pm,
Thursday, August 27, 2026.

Person filing Minutes:

Jayme Bauer