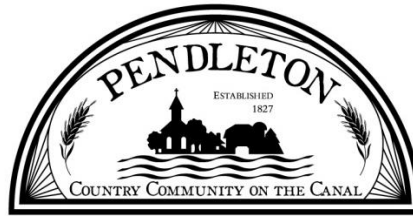


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Garret Meal, Commissioner
Niagara County Public Works
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Dear Commissioner Meal:

The residents of the Town of Pendleton have made it clear to the Town Board that roadway and traffic safety are paramount concerns among the vast majority, regardless of age, address, or other distinction. Furthermore, the residents of this great town share the frustration experienced by the Town Board in attempting to address the growing concerns, as our town is often at the mercy of New York State and Niagara County government when attempting to formulate action plans to address each safety issue.

With this letter and accompanying resolution of support from the Town Board, I am asking that several issues be addressed in an expedient manner:

- 1) Niagara County substantially patched and repaired a section of Tonawanda Creek Road in the area of Good Shepherd Church. However, residents are greatly concerned with the lack of pavement marking in the area, as traffic is repeatedly witnessed driving either too close to the center of the road or too close to the outside edge of the roadway. This concern was communicated to Niagara County Public Works at the end of 2018 and no action has been taken. It is understood that this section of road is planned for reconstruction sometime during 2019. However, resolution of this concern through reconstruction may mean that the problem persists for multiple months and the Town of Pendleton requests that roadway markings be placed in the interim.
- 2) Approximately two years ago, Niagara County Public Works painted a double yellow road stripe on Bear Ridge Road in the section between the intersection with West Canal Road and the area of 6594 Bear Ridge Road. Due to traffic and winter plowing, this line is missing in numerous locations, to the point of being ineffective. The reports received from residents are that vehicles are increasingly passing in this area due to the lack of a consistent and visible line and "near miss" collisions have been witnessed numerous times. The double line was placed for a reason, mainly the lack of visibility due to a change in road elevation, and therefore it is imperative that the road markings be replaced immediately.
- 3) Residents in the section of Bear Ridge Road between Irish Road and approximately 6594 Bear Ridge Road are greatly concerned about traffic safety in their section of road. This is a straight section of road that is striped for passing in both directions. Effectively, this section of road marked for passing has become a ridiculously dangerous "drag strip", with vehicles passing at speeds that, by any subjective measure, far exceed what is legal and safe. This section of road

needs to be changed to a double stripe immediately to provide some control over the reckless speeding and unsafe passing that occurs. Niagara County set a precedent in 2016 by changing the road striping on Tonawanda Creek Road, in the section immediately east of Townline Road, to address the exact same concern. Unless Niagara County has a solution that will address this dangerous situation in another manner that is consistent and effective, the road striping in this section of road needs to be changed as soon as possible.

In conclusion, traffic safety concerns in the Town of Pendleton continue to increase and there is no foreseeable point when traffic volumes and concerns for safety will subside. The Town Board will continue to advocate tirelessly and relentlessly for actions that address safety concerns and will continue to focus its energy at any level of government that has the power to enact change. Please feel free to contact me should the need arise. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Joel Maerten

Cc: The Honorable Anthony J. Nemi, 11th District Legislator
Richard E. Updegrove, County Manager