

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

HELD ON 02/17/15 AT 12:30 P.M. AT THE RHINELANDER, WI, HIGHWAY SHOP

MEMBERS PRESENT: KIRBY/CHAIRMAN, PANOSH/DOT BOTS PROGRAM MGR, COOPER/O.C. HWY SECRETARY, KEIFFER/WISDOT, WRYCHA/STATE PATROL, BENNETT/O.C. HWY COMMISSIONER

The following matters were taken up to wit:

1. Kirby called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. It was noted the meeting was properly posted and the media notified.
2. **Motion:** Bennett/Keiffer to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Keiffer/Wrycha to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All ayes.
4. Discussed bike lights to be purchased for 2105. Kirby mentioned he is working with Bikes & Boards to come up with a good price on the lights. Now is the time they will be going on sale.
5. Bennett asked Keiffer what the DOT feels qualifies as an Off-Road and Light-Weight Utility Vehicles. Reading from WI State Statutes, Bennett said an ATV is listed as a straddled vehicle with handle bars. A UTV must be less than 65" wide. Keiffer said that is what they use also, but will send over a copy of the DOT's policy on ATV, UTV, and Golf Cart policy where it spells everything out. Bennett asked Keiffer to have a representative from WisDOT present at the next Public Works meeting to discuss ATV/UTV crossing a bridge on USH 45 in Three Lakes.
6. Panosh informed the committee that last years fatalities were the lowest since 1943 with 498. 2013 saw 527 fatalities. For the start of 2015, fatalities are already up in Wisconsin compared to this time last year. In Legislation right now is prohibiting Powdered Alcohol and raising the speed limit to 70 MPH on expressways and certain freeways. One committee member theorized that this may be because of increase traffic due to lower fuel costs.
7. Keiffer listed upcoming construction projects slated for Oneida County
 - April 2015 let, USH 8 West overlay from Gateway Heights Drive near USH 51 west to North Rifle Road. A center turn lane will be put in at Crescent Road. Construction is expected to be done summer of 2015.
 - 2016 – USH 51 from Rocky Run to CTH Y. Will be let in January 2016 with construction that summer.
 - 2016 – Bearskin Trail Overpass on USH 51 near CTH D. Will be let in January 2016 with construction that summer.
 - 2016 – Polymer overlay on bridge on STH 70.
 - Future – reconstruction of the USH 8 and STH 47 intersection
8. No Public Comments
9. Future meetings scheduled for: May 19th, 2015. All meetings are at 12:30 p.m. at the Rhinelander Highway Shop.
10. **Motion:** Panosh/Keiffer to adjourn at 1:00 p.m. All ayes.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Vice-Chairperson