

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

HELD ON 02/24/09 AT 12:30 P.M. AT THE RHINELANDER, WI, HIGHWAY SHOP

MEMBERS PRESENT: KIRBY/CHAIRMAN, COOPER/HWY SECRETARY, KOPACZ/O.C. SHERIFF'S DEPT, NELLES/REGIONAL PROGRAM MGR, KEIFFER/WISDOT, WANLESS/WI STATE PATROL, SCHLOSSER & FREESE/O.C. EMS, WOLK/CO BOARD SUPVR, OSTROSKE/CITIZEN

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:** Kopacz/Wolk to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Schlosser/Kopacz to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All ayes.
4. Cooper nominated Kopacz for Vice-Chairman. Kopacz nominated McEldowney. McEldowney was not present to accept the nomination. **Motion:** Schlosser/Kirby to close nominations. All ayes. Roll call vote taken. Seven hands for Kopacz; one for McEldowney. Kopacz is the new Vice Chairman of the committee.
5. Cooper explained that Mr. Ostroske was present to discuss an issue he has with the Town of Crescent piling snow up at the intersection of Boyce Drive and Lake End Road, where Mr. Ostroske's driveway is located. Scholtes had explained to him that this is a town issue, and the only thing we could really do is maybe send the town a letter from the committee expressing our concern. Ostroske said he feels it is a real safety issue because he cannot see pulling out of his driveway. He tried calling the Town Chairman, who would not return his calls. He then came and talked to Scholtes, who contacted Gobert, the Town Chairman. Gobert went there and met with Mr. Ostroske. He said he would have his plow driver shelf back the intersection. Nothing was ever done. So Mr. Ostroske went to a town board meeting. Again, nothing was done. He is here today asking for the committee's help. **Motion:** Nelles/Kopacz to send the Town of Crescent a letter expressing our concern, and ask them to have the plow driver shelf back the snow at Mr. Ostroske's driveway. All ayes.
6. **Motion:** Schlosser/Kirby to approve Scholtes attending The Wisconsin Traffic Safety Association and The Wisconsin Highway Safety Coordinator's Association Annual Conference March 9th – 11th at the Radisson Hotel in Green Bay. All ayes.
7. **Motion:** Kopacz/Wanless to approve the purchase of reflective walking vests and slap bracelets, not to exceed \$1,500. All ayes.
8. Highway Safety Concerns:
Kirby mentioned that a 35 MPH advisory sign is down on CTH "G" by Enterprise ~~Wood Products~~ Campground.
9. State Highway reports distributed
511 Travel Information; now available by phone or on-line
ZERO In Wisconsin; a campaign to strive for 0 traffic deaths. 2008 ended with the fewest traffic fatalities in more than 60 years.
WASTED in Wisconsin; The Journal-Sentinel is profiling alcohol related deaths in Wisconsin
Winter Driving tips
Keep Safe-Stay Informed; National Weather Service warnings and watches, what they mean and what you should do
Keep Warm and Safe; cold weather tips for people and animals

10. Public Comments

Schlosser handed in his resignation. He will be leaving the area after March 6th. He recommended Jeff Freese, EMS Manager for HYMC/Oneida County EMS. All correspondence will now be sent to Freese.

Bicycle Safety Course on May 15th

Traffic Incident Management Conference at the Wilderness in Wisconsin Dells May 12th – 14th

11. Future meetings scheduled for May 26th, August 25th, and November 17th, 2009. All meetings at 12:30 p.m. at the Rhinelander Highway Shop.

12. **Motion:** Kopacz/Schlosser to adjourn at 1:35 p.m. All eyes.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Vice-Chairperson