

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

HELD ON 05/26/09 AT 12:30 P.M. AT THE RHINELANDER, WI, HIGHWAY SHOP

MEMBERS PRESENT: KIRBY/CHAIRMAN, SCHOLTES/HWY COMMISSIONER, COOPER/HWY SECRETARY, KOPACZ/O.C. SHERIFF'S DEPT, KEIFFER/WISDOT, WANLESS/WI STATE PATROL, FREESE/O.C. EMS, WOLK/CO BOARD SUPVR, McELDOWNEY/ETAL, JAEGER/MINOCQUA PD, WALKUSH/WISDOT

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/McEldowney to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Kopacz/Wolk to approve the corrected minutes of the previous meeting. McEldowney sustained. Remaining, all ayes.
4. Highway Safety Concerns:
 - Discussed CTH "O" and STH 70 intersection. The intersection is located in Vilas County, but beyond the state right of way, CTH "O" is in Oneida County. A recent fatality occurred when an elderly woman traveled right through the intersection and was broadsided. The Town of St. Germain and the local fire department are asking for rumble strips on CTH "O" just before the intersection. Keiffer said that, before rumble strips are installed, check with residents on the road and make sure they are ok with it, because they are loud, and those residents are very close to the road. The DOT increased the size of the Stop sign. The Town of St. Germain asked the DOT for a red flashing light above the stop sign. The DOT Sign Engineer denied the request. According to Keiffer, this location is not a significant accident location. Vilas and Oneida County Highway Departments are discussing the possibility of putting an LCD yellow flashing light above the Stop Ahead sign.
 - Jaeger mentioned that side street traffic entering the construction zone on USH 51 just south of Minocqua are having trouble determining what lane to go into. They are finding people driving on the wrong side of the road. Keiffer said he would have the crew foreman move the barrels so entering traffic will know where to go.
5. No State Highway reports to distribute
6. Public Comments
 - Scholtes mentioned that a temporary overlay was done on CTH "J" between USH 51 and STH 47. Highway forces are doing shoulder work today.
 - The long stretch of "J" will begin after July 8th.
 - CTH "D" bridge opening has now been moved back to June 8th.
 - Highway forces are working on CTH "D"/CTH "E" intersection next week.
 - **Motion:** Kopacz/Wolk to give remaining \$140.00 budgeted balance to Rhinelander High School Driver's Education class for safety purposes.
7. Future meetings scheduled for August 25th, and November 17th, 2009. All meetings at 12:30 p.m. at the Rhinelander Highway Shop.
8. **Motion:** McEldowney/Kopacz to adjourn at 12:55 p.m. All ayes.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Vice-Chairperson