

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

HELD ON 08/25/09 AT 12:30 P.M. AT THE RHINELANDER, WI, HIGHWAY SHOP

MEMBERS PRESENT: KIRBY/CHAIRMAN, SCHOLTES/HWY COMMISSIONER, COOPER/HWY SECRETARY, NELLES/REGIONAL PROGRAM MGR, GAUTHIER/O.C. SHERIFF'S DEPT, WANLESS/WI STATE PATROL WOLK/CO BOARD SUPVR

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:** Wolk/Scholtes to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Scholtes/Wolk to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All ayes.
4. Discussed curve on CTH "D" by the White Stag. A resident asked to have chevrons or a Curve Ahead sign placed along the corner. The committee discussed the curve, and agreed that the posted 55 MPH was warranted, therefore, the committee agreed that the location did not warrant a reduction in speed or additional signage.
5. Discussed faded striping along the southern portion of CTH "L". Scholtes explained that he is trying to have as many roads striped, as his budget will allow. CTH "L" was not on the list for this year. The committee asked the Commissioner to see if it could be somehow squeezed in this year, and have it done before the Fall Ride. He said he would look into it.
6. Discussed parking on CTH "C" by the Ice Arena. Gauthier said the issue was already resolved. The Highway Dept put up no parking signs along this area of CTH "C".
7. Highway Safety Concerns:
 - Discussed the Tomahawk Fall Ride September 17th – 20th and the additional enforcement needed for the event.
8. State Highway reports:
 - 2008 Motor Vehicle-Deer Crashes in 2008
 - 2008 Crash statistics
 - Deer Crash information - In 2008, 7 of the 10 motor vehicle/deer crash fatalities were motorcyclists
 - ZERO in Wisconsin
 - Governor Conference held August 19th – 20th in Appleton
 - Primary safety belt enforcement
9. Public Comments
 - Fatalities are way down so far this year. We are at 336; this time last year we were at 381. Fatalities last year were the lowest since WWII.
 - Discussed creating an Emergency Response Trailer. It would be stored and operated by the Highway Dept and would be filled with barricades, barrels, portable message board, signs, and other equipment specifically set aside for emergency situations. Scholtes will look into funding and grants if available.
10. Future meeting scheduled for November 17th, 2009. All meetings at 12:30 p.m. at the Rhinelander Highway Shop.
11. **Motion:** Wolk/Scholtes to adjourn at 1:20 p.m. All ayes.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Vice-Chairperson