

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

HELD ON 11/19/08 AT 12:30 P.M. AT THE RHINELANDER, WI, HIGHWAY SHOP

MEMBERS PRESENT: SCHOLTES/ONEIDA CO HWY COMMISSIONER, COOPER/HWY SECRETARY, KEIFFER/WISDOT, SPARLING & CISEWSKI/WI STATE PATROL, SCHLOSSER/O.C. EMS, KOPACZ/O.C. SHERIFF'S DEPT, KIRBY/HIGHSCHOOL DRIVER'S EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR, HANSEN/CITIZEN

The following matters were taken up to wit:

1. Scholtes 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/Schlosser to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Keiffer/Scholtes to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All ayes.
4. Discussed Safety Committee. Scholtes said he would like to get the committee up to snuff with policies. Scholtes explained that he is now officially the Safety Coordinator, and back in February 2007, Kirby was elected Chairman. The Chairman should chair the committee, so the meeting was turned over to Kirby. The committee needs a Vice-Chairman. There were no volunteers. At the next meeting a Vice-Chairman will be chosen.
5. Scholtes gave an update on the CTH 'G' speed zone request. Scholtes explained that he studied the crash data for the area in question. All accidents were as a result of driver error. Scholtes had a radar gun set up at two different times during a day. The results showed over 50% were doing the posted speed limit or less. The Sheriff's Dept put up a speed board. Scholtes said, with all the data collected, he concluded that the current speed limit posted on this road is accurate. Hansen argued that the speed study was done in the middle of the day, not during rush hour traffic, or during busy summer hours. He felt that, even though the road was a county highway, it was also a residential road with lots of traffic and walkers. He says there are 55 driveways all within one mile. Hansen reiterated that the Town of Enterprise sent a letter also asking for a reduction in the speed limit in this area. Keiffer said that, by State law, some highways need to follow DOT approvals. From the crash data, it doesn't justify lowering the speed limit. Scholtes said the road was already reduced 10 MPH a few years ago. The traffic Hansen is referring to is seasonal, and you don't reduce a speed limit for just the summer. Hansen asked whom he could talk to above this committee. Scholtes said this is an Oneida County Trunk Highway and Oneida County is the one who makes this determination. To go over this Committee's head, Hansen would have to go to the Highway Committee, then to County Board. Hansen said he would pursue this further.
6. USH 45 north of Three Lakes near Halverson Road intersection discussed. A complaint was received on speeding and lack of signage. Keiffer said he reviewed the crash data and pavement markings and there is no issue, everything is correct. This is a law enforcement issue. We can ask the Three Lakes PD, Sheriff's Dept, and State Patrol for help.
7. Highway Safety Concerns:
 - Discussed Critical Incident Notification. Scholtes asked Keiffer if we are supposed to call this number if we have blizzard conditions and are pulling our plows off the roads because there is no visibility, but not technically closing the road? Keiffer said to call our legman, Oleinik, and let him take it from there.
8. No State Highway reports to distribute.
9. No Public Comments

10. Future meetings scheduled for February 24th, 2009. All meetings at 12:30 p.m. at the Rhinelander Highway Shop.
11. **Motion:** Schlosser/Kopacz to adjourn at 1:25 p.m. All ayes.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Vice-Chairperson