

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

HELD ON 02/20/2024 AT 12:30 P.M. AT THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, 730 WEST KEMP STREET, RHINELANDER, WI

MEMBERS PRESENT: HEGEMAN/COORDINATOR, COOPER/SECRETARY, OLIG/WISDOT BOTS, GAUTHIER/RHINELANDER POLICE DEPARTMENT, BAIER/WISDOT, WESTPHAL/STATE PATROL, ELLENBACH/RHINELANDER HIGH SCHOOL DRIVER'S ED TEACHER, McELDOWNEY/LLEGAL, JENSEN/PUBLIC CITIZEN

The following matters were taken up to wit:

1. Hegeman called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. It was noted the meeting was properly posted and the media notified.
2. **Motion:** Jensen/Gauthier to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Olig/Gauthier to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All ayes.
4. Discussed budgetary items. Cooper discussed the popularity of the safety vests and the blinking lights. Every agreed that was a good idea, but money should be set aside for Kirby if he wants to attend the Traffic Safety portion of the Governor's Conference. **Motion:** Jensen/Gauthier to authorize Cooper to purchase reflective safety vest and blinking lights, with \$400 of the \$1900 budget to be set aside for Kirby, or someone else, to attend conference. All ayes. If someone decides not to attend conference, more vests and/or lights can be purchased.
5. Oneida County/State Crash History and Data. Yearly totals for Oneida County – 2022 fatalities 3, compared to 6 in 2023. Crashes – 2022 590 compared to 551 in 2023. Discussed an area on USH 51 at CTH K. Bicycle crashes went up 300% and Work Zone crashes went up 150%. Olig discussed the intersection of USH 51 and CTH k. In the past 5 years 6 crashes have been reported, one a fatality. WisDOT is looking at making improvements to the intersection; possibly installing turn lanes or a roundabout. Governor's Conference is scheduled for August 19-21st. Olig reported that Wisconsin is joining over a dozen other states in creating a Law Enforcement Phlebotomy Program. More information can be found at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's website. 511 is being updated more frequently throughout the day by way of snow plow DMI's (digital measurement instruments) installed in all county patrol trucks. Legislative updates: Signed into Law, Act 86 creating grant funding for drivers education. Act 57 Allows Department of Transportation to inquire whether an applicant for an operator's license or vehicle registration wants to provide specific emergency contact information to DOT. And ACT 73 Alcohol Regulations. Discussed legislative updated introduced. DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) school schedules are out for spring and fall of 2024.
6. No update on Community Maps
7. Baier updated the committee on the state construction projects for 2024
 - USH 51 just south of the Minocqua bridge
 - STH 17 from where they left off last year, near Menards north of Rhineland, to Polyanna Road
 - USH 8 from STH 17 to CTH P, CTH P will be used as a detour
 - USH 32 culvert replacement by Whitefish Lake
8. Hegeman discussed county construction for 2024
 - CTH "K" from Nursery Road west to CTH "N" 2-1/2 miles
 - CTH "N" from CTH "K" to Washburn Lake Road 3.67 miles
 - CTH "L" culvert replacements ahead of 2025 construction
 - CTH "G" culvert replacements ahead of 2025 construction
9. No Public Comments. .

10. Future meeting dates; May 21st, August 20th, (this may need to change) and November 19th, 2024
11. **Motion:** Cooper/Jensen to adjourn at 1:30 p.m. All ayes.

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Committee Chairperson

Committee Vice-Chairperson