

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

HELD ON 05/21/2019 AT 12:30 P.M. AT THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT,
RHINELANDER, WI

MEMBERS PRESENT: KIRBY/CHAIRMAN, COOPER/SECRETARY, STEFONEK/COORDINATOR, OLIG/WISDOT BOTS, HOHENSEE/WISC STATE PATROL, KEMNITZ/WISDOT, ENGLAND/NICOLET COLLEGE, ELLENBECKER/RHINELANDER SCHOOL DISTRICT, GAUTHIER/RHINELANDER POLICE DEPT, McELDOWNEY/LEGAL

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:** McEldowney/England to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Kemnitz/England to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All ayes.
4. Oneida County Crash History and Data. Oneida County had two fatalities on Highway 45 on February 18th. Another fatality on March 2nd at the intersection of Highway 17 and Highway 8. 285 crashes county wide to date so far, not including deer crashes. 63 of those were speed related. 27 were alcohol and/or drug related. 41 involved teen drivers. 20 had no seatbelts.
5. Budget Items. Kirby mentioned that he received the cell slips and delivered to Lakeland High School and Three Lakes High School to deliver them. They were very thankful. Ellenbecker said Rhinelander just received theirs. Kirby and Cooper attended the Oneida County Bike Rodeo on Friday May 10th at the YMCA. Reflective safety vests and slap bracelets were handed out to all the 3rd graders in Rhinelander. Approximately 15 vests left. Many slap bracelets remain.
6. WisDOT Highway Safety Reports. Hohensee reported that 'Click it or Ticket' is underway through tomorrow. Many car-deer crashes in the area. Hohensee and Ellenbecker reported AT&T sponsored a 'Distracted Driving' seminar at the Rhinelander High School. Very informative workshop for the entire school. Olig quoted a report showing the 2017 Guilty conviction rates for OWI's by county, and Oneida was at 87% for first offenses and 78% for second offenses. Legislative update; potential laws within various stages throughout legislature: Ignition airlocks on ALL OWI offenses. Mandatory 12 hour hold on OWI's (city of Rhinelander does this already). Criminalizing first offence OWI. Expungement of Records for conviction of Class H felony or below if the crime was committed before age 25 and the person stays free from criminal activity.
7. WisDOT Construction updates. USH 51 work in Minocqua will be done this week, with a little touch-up work to be done after the holiday. STH 47/USH 8 Roundabout construction starting June 10th. Eastbound Kemp Street will be closed and re-routed down Boyce Drive. A temporary stop light will be put up at the intersection of Boyce Drive and Kemp Street. England brought up the idea of having a presentation to show the correct way to drive through a roundabout for those that have never driven in one, maybe at the senior center. Kemnitz said he has done presentations in the past. He has a power point presentation and an animated program to help people understand how it works.
8. County Construction. Kemp Street will be resurfaced after the roundabout is complete. USH 45 will be crack sealed from Highway 8 in Monico to Three Lakes.
9. Public Comments:
 - England mentioned that the new streetlight at the intersection of Old 8 and the Highway 17 bypass is fantastic and makes a huge difference in visibility.
10. Future meeting dates: August meeting moved to the 27th because of conflicts; November 19th, 2019. All meetings are at 12:30 p.m. at the Rhinelander Highway Shop.
11. **Motion:** Kemnitz/McEldowney to adjourn at 1:40 p.m. All ayes.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Vice-Chairperson