

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

HELD ON 08/15/2023 AT 12:30 P.M. AT THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, 730 WEST KEMP STREET, RHINELANDER, WI

MEMBERS PRESENT: HEGEMAN/COORDINATOR, KIRBY/CHAIRMAN, COOPER/SECRETARY, OLIG/WISDOT BOTS, GAUTHIER/RHINELANDER POLICE DEPARTMENT, BAIER/WISDOT, ENGLAND/NICOLET COLLEGE, McELDOWNEY/LLEGAL, JENSEN/PUBLIC

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:** Olig/Kirby to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** England/Gauthier to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All ayes.
4. A request was made by Kirby to pay for him to represent the Oneida County Traffic Safety Committee at the Governor's Conference on Highway Safety in Wisconsin Dells August 28th – 29th. There is a networking meeting and dinner the evening of the 28th for all Traffic Safety Coordinators and Chairpersons. The committee feels this is a great networking opportunity for Kirby. **Motion:** England/Gauthier to approve Kirby attending the conference and have the Traffic Safety Commission pay his hotel and mileage to and from Wisconsin Dells, with expenses not to exceed \$320.00. Since this has never been asked before, the committee would like approval from the Administration Committee. Added to the motion was upon approval of the Administration Committee. All ayes. Cooper explained that there is still \$920.00 in the safety account because the reflective safety vests have not been ordered yet. **Motion:** Olig/Jensen to purchase the reflective safety vests with remaining money after covering Kirby's expenses. All ayes.
5. Oneida County/State Crash History and Data. Oneida County has had five fatalities as of 7/31/23 compared to one the same time last year. 390 crashes this year compare to 415 last year. Discussed the fatal crashed on USH 45 at Hunting Camp Rd and the one on STH 47 and Forest Lane. Statewide, through August 14th there have been 334 reported fatalities compared to 355 this same time last year. Five of those were in the first 2 weeks of August. Olig reported that over 7.1% of reported crashes have 'No Contributing Factors' listed on the report. Statewide, 22% of the reported crashes have 'No Driver Factor'. Discussed why work zone crash data is important. Olig gave an overview of what the department does with all the data they collect. 2023 Traffic Safety Dates: August – Impaired Driving 8/16/23 – 9/4/23, Governor's Conference 8/28/23 – 8/30/23 at Kalahari, September – Child Passenger Safety, October – Teen Driver/School Bus Safety, December – Impaired Driving 12/8/23 – 1/1/24. Discussed legislative updates. For specialized data analysis, email CrashDataAnalysis@dot.wi.gov. England mentioned that motorcycle fatalities are at the all-time high for Wisconsin. A PSA was put on the Nicolet College Facebook page. The majority of motorcycle crash victims do not have motorcycle endorsements and the proper training. The penalty for riding without an endorsement is cheaper than taking the class; so most just risk not getting caught. Olig also mentioned that Tribal lands do not have to report crashes to WisDOT.
6. Community Maps Update. Requested by the railroads, a 'Train flag' has been added to Community Maps, Dashboard is now complete on Community Maps website, and anyone can access the information by going to <https://transportal.cee.wisc.edu/partners/community-maps/crash/public/Dashboard>
7. WisDOT Construction Updates. Baier updated the committee on the State construction projects. Projects for 2023:
 - STH 32 east of Three Lakes to Argonne, large culvert replacements is completed
 - USH 8 from CTH P to Monico is completed
 - USH 8 Little Somo River Bridge is in completed
 - USH 8 West four-lane has begun, the railroad crossing will be done in October
 - STH 17 four lane from USH 8 to Stevens Street has begun
 - USH 8 and USH 45 south intersection has begun with detours in place

8. County Construction for 2023
 - Two sections of CTH “K” are done
 - One section on CTH “D” is done
 - Replacing the Wolf River culvert on CTH “B” that will include a detour will start after Labor Day
9. Public Comments. Hegeman mentioned that, on CTH “K” the new pavement was increased to 26’. The standard for shoulder with is 2’, but there was 3’ put out there. The reason the shoulder looks less wide is because over the many years, when shoulder work was done, gravel was usually added. He also mentioned that the drop-off of the shoulders on CTH A in Three Lakes has been repaired 15 times already this year. The workers were there doing repairs last Thursday, and three days later, the drop-off was back. Vehicles are cutting the corners too sharp and not staying on the pavement.
10. Future meeting dates; The November meeting has been moved to Monday November 13th at 10:30 am. 2023.
11. **Motion:** McEldowney/Olig to adjourn at 1:32 p.m. All ayes.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Vice-Chairperson