

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

HELD ON 05/28/2013 AT 12:30 P.M. AT THE RHINELANDER, WI, HIGHWAY SHOP

MEMBERS PRESENT: KIRBY/CHAIRMAN, COOPER/O.C. HWY SECRETARY, BENNETT/O.C. HWY COMMISSIONER, WRYCHA/SGT STATE PATROL, KOPACZ/O.C. SHERIFF'S DEPT, LOUDENSLAGER AND PHILLIPS/WISDOT, INTREPIDI/O.C. 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:** Kopacz/Intrepidi to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Intrepidi/Cooper to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All ayes.
4. Discussed budgetary items.
 - Flashing bike lights - Middle School Physical Education teacher, Makris, told Kirby he would be glad to hand out the bike lights to the many students who ride their bikes to school every day. Cooper mentioned that neither the Health Dept nor the Rhinelander PD is having bike rodeos this year, stating a shortage of funding for the projects. Kirby mentioned that the Oneida County Fair is the first weekend in August. If the Sheriff's Dept or the Rhinelander PD has a booth, maybe they could hand them out. **Motion:** Kopacz/Kirby to have the Oneida County Sheriff's Dept or the Rhinelander PD hand them out at the fair if they have a booth. If not, we will offer them to the middle school kids. All ayes.
 - Discussed possible purchases for this year. Reflective vests were discussed; they haven't been purchased in four years. Cooper mentioned that there are a few left over, plus a few slap bracelets left from previous years. Texting simulators were discussed, but the cost was way beyond our reach. Phillips mentioned the soft rubber bracelets that the kids are all wearing now with a message on it. The committee liked "I promise not to text and drive" be on it. Could be given to drivers education students when they begin classes. We can check with local insurance companies, possibly funeral homes, to see if they can contribute to the cost. Cooper agreed to look into.
5. Tom Knoop was not present to distribute State reports. Loudenslager and Phillips gave a recap of things that were discussed at the Lincoln County Safety meeting this morning:
 - Fatalities are down by 36 from this time last year
 - One county is looking for legislation to get a rear stop bar put on school buses; similar to the ones that extend out in the front of the bus on the passenger side
 - Could see a big increase in motorcycle traffic due to 110 year anniversary of Harley Davidson
6. Public Comments
 - Bennett mentioned that a small stretch of USH 51 just north of USH 8 will be closed for repairs. Traffic will be re-routed down CTH L in the Town of Nokomis. The DOT is estimating this to begin the second week of July, possibly into the first week in August.

- Will be seeing more roads being open to ATV traffic. Becoming very popular and requests are coming in for various highways in Oneida County.
7. Future meetings scheduled for: August 20th, 2013; and November 19th, 2013. All meetings are at 12:30 p.m. at the Rhinelander Highway Shop. May change dates to coincide with Lincoln County meetings.
 8. **Motion:** Intrepidi/Kopacz to adjourn at 1:10 p.m. All ayes.

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Committee Chairperson

Committee Vice-Chairperson