

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

HELD ON 08/19/2014 AT 12:30 P.M. AT THE RHINELANDER, WI, HIGHWAY SHOP

MEMBERS PRESENT: KIRBY/CHAIRMAN, PANOSH/DOT BOTS PROGRAM MGR, COOPER/O.C. HWY SECRETARY, KEIFFER/WISDOT, WRYCHA/STATE PATROL, YOUNG/SHERIFFS DEPT, McELDOWNEY/LEGAL, BENNETT/COORDINATOR

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/Keiffer to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Keiffer/Cooper to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All ayes.
4. Discussed Bearskin Trail ribbon cutting ceremony set for Saturday August 23rd, 2014 on Highway K. The Sheriff's Dept requested the DOT electronic portable message boards that are housed at the Highway Dept. Keiffer said the DOT would be fine with that, just follow policy. Cooper said she would have Weis contact the department to let us know what time on Saturday and what he would like the boards to say. Cooper will be present at the ceremony to hand out the remaining bike lights.
5. Discussed ATV crossing on State highways. Keiffer explained that ATV's do not need a permit to cross a state highway; it is allowed. He submitted the WisDOT Highway Maintenance Manual Chapter 01, Interim Policy and Procedures for ATV's using State highways to connect trails and routes. He explained that ATV's can now cross a State bridge that is approximately 1,000' or less in length to connect trails or routes, only if the county and the local jurisdiction, i.e. city, town, or village, enact an ordinance allowing them to do so, and notify local law enforcement of the ordinance. Keiffer explained that this would give them, the county and the city, town, or village authority and supersede the State, even though it is a State road. Bennett explained that he checked with the county's Corporation Counsel and was told that the county would be taking on the liability if they did this. Bennett does not feel comfortable giving authorization on a State road. The matter is being taken up by the Public Works Committee.
6. Mike Ponash was present to discuss State reports and year to date figures
 - So far for 2014, fatalities are down from last year; 278 compared to 300 at this time last year. Well below the five year average. Five to date for Oneida County, compared to 9 this time last year.
7. Keiffer listed upcoming construction projects slated for Oneida County
 - October 2014 let, complete in 2015, seven miles of crack sealing on State Hwy 70
 - April 2015 let, USH 8 West overlay from Stratton's General Store near USH 51 west to North Rifle Road. A center turn lane will be put in at Crescent Road. Construction is expected to be done summer of 2015.
 - 2016 – USH 51 from Rocky Run to CTH Y. Will be let in January 2016 with construction that summer.
 - 2016 – Bearskin Trail Overpass on USH 51 near CTH D. Will be let in January 2016 with construction that summer.
 - 2019 – reconstruction of the USH 8 and STH 47 intersection

8. Public Comments
 - Kirby gave out bike lights at the Fireman's Picnic in Three Lakes.
9. Future meetings scheduled for: November 18th, 2014, February 17th, 2015. All meetings are at 12:30 p.m. at the Rhinelander Highway Shop.
10. **Motion:** McEldowney/Wrycha to adjourn at 1:35 p.m. All ayes.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Vice-Chairperson