

# MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

HELD ON 02/19/2019 AT 12:30 P.M. AT THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT,  
RHINELANDER, WI

**MEMBERS PRESENT: KIRBY/CHAIRMAN, COOPER/SECRETARY,  
STEFONEK/COORDINATOR, PANOSH/WISDOT BOTS, WRYCHA/WISC STATE PATROL,  
KEMNITZ/WISDOT, ENGLAND/NICOLET COLLEGE, KELLER/O.C. SHERIFF'S DEPT,  
SCHREIER/ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD, JEROW/RHI CITIZENS**

## 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:** Cooper/Kemnitz to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Stefonek/Kirby to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Kemnitz abstained. All others ayes.
4. Discussed the speed limit on Kemp. Stefonek explained that the speed limit on Kemp Street will remain as it is until after construction of the roundabout. Discussions are in the works with the City of Rhineland. Schreier informed the committee that the City of Rhineland made a unanimous decision to approve lowering the speed limit from the roundabout to the bridge to 35 MPH. Asked about future construction work for Kemp Street. Stefonek said the county is working with Ayres Associates, the engineering firm on the roundabout, to go in with the DOT on constructions bid for Kemp Street. The eastbound lane would be no problem because it will be closed off during construction of the roundabout, but because the westbound lane will be used as part of the detour, construction of Kemp Street will probably have to wait until next year. Schreier said the County and the City of Rhineland need to get some definite answers, in writing, on who has jurisdiction on Kemp Street.
5. Oneida County Crash History. No fatalities through February 15<sup>th</sup>, although two were killed in a head on collision on USH 45 on Monday February 18<sup>th</sup> when the northbound vehicle crossed the centerline.
6. Budget Items. Kirby mentioned that he miscalculated the total amount we would need to purchase cell slips for all three high schools. 800 for Rhineland High School, 675 for Lakeland High School, and 150 for Three Lakes High School. Our budget is \$1,900 and the 1600 slips would cost approximately \$4,900. That would include the slips, logos, and shipping. Kirby said the Rhineland High School has \$2,700 in funding from SADD, Students Against Destructive Decisions. They might be willing to contribute. Lakeland High School may be willing to pitch in also. Schreier mentioned he would bring the information to the Health and Aging Committee and see if they would contribute, or possibly find grant money to contribute.
7. WisDOT Highway Safety Reports. Statewide fatalities through February 15<sup>th</sup>: 1 bicyclist, 37 drivers, 5 passengers, and 7 pedestrians killed in vehicle accidents. Again, 2 more should be added to totals from Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>: one driver and one passenger. The Governor's Conference on Highway Safety is scheduled for August 20 – 22, 2019 in Wisconsin Dells. Click It or Ticket, seat belt enforcement will begin May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
8. WisDOT Construction updates. STH 47/USH 8 Roundabout construction this summer. Eastbound Kemp Street will be closed and rerouted down Boyce Drive. USH 51 Minocqua Lake Bridge joint repairs. Local bridge maintenance around Oneida County.
9. County Construction. Kemp Street, if the county can work it out around the roundabout construction. If any money is left, 2.5 miles of Highway D may be reconstructed. County Y still needs shouldering work and striping. The last phase of County Y has now been moved to 2021.
10. Public Comments:
  - Keller reported that Oneida County has had 3 snowmobile fatalities to date.

11. Future meeting dates: May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019; August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019; November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. All meetings are at 12:30 p.m. at the Rhinelander Highway Shop.
12. **Motion:** Wrycha/England to adjourn at 1:25 p.m. All ayes.

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Committee Chairperson

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Committee Vice-Chairperson