

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

HELD ON 08/27/2019 AT 12:30 P.M. AT THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT,
RHINELANDER, WI

**MEMBERS PRESENT: KIRBY/CHAIRMAN, COOPER/SECRETARY,
STEFONEK/COORDINATOR, OLIG/WISDOT BOTS, KEMNITZ/WISDOT,
JENSEN/COUNTY BOARD**

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/Jensen to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Stefonek/Kirby to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All ayes.
4. Oneida County Crash History and Data. Statewide: 315 crashes to date compared to 346 this time last year. 339 fatalities to date compared to 381 this time last year. 53 motorcycle deaths. Oneida has had 4 fatalities to date. 2 since last meeting. One on County Highway 'H' and one on Three Lakes Town Road, County 'X'. 15 ATV/UTV fatalities in the state to date; none in Oneida County. 53 Motorcycle driver fatalities, and 5 motorcycle passenger fatalities in the state to date. Changes to Community Maps discussed. Changes include: More detail on the accident in the header. Unmapped crashes can still pull up crash report. Additional flag for drivers 65 and older. Additional flag for government property damage.
5. Budget Items for 2020. Cooper mentioned that 2019 funds purchased cell slips for the high schools in the area. Rhinelanders chose to purchase their own. There are still quite a few reflective slap bracelets left, but only a couple reflective walking vests. The committee agreed that the walking vests are a good idea. The committee also discussed purchasing dash cameras for the flagger trucks for the county workers. Cooper will check with area law enforcement for ideas on where to purchase and get pricing.
6. WisDOT Highway Safety Reports. Kemnitz reported that the Oneida County Sheriff's Dept made a request to use the portable message boards to re-route traffic going to and from the Hodag County Music Festival away from the roundabout construction at USH 8 & STH 47. State approved funding and the county moved and programmed the boards. The Oneida County Sheriff's Dept has now come to Wisconsin Department of Transportation for assistance in doing a lane closure on USH 51 in Hazelhurst at Gangster Park for an Autism event during Tomahawk Harley Fall Ride weekend. WisDOT has designed the closure but would not have any funding for the project. The Sheriff's Dept then came to the Oneida County Public Works for assistance. They agreed to only delivery cones and barrels for the event. Stefonek said the Sheriff's Dept would be setting them up. Olig discussed Legislative Updates.
7. WisDOT Construction updates. USH 51 work in Woodruff, only punch list items remain. This project is expected to be completed by mid-November. USH 8 and STH 47 roundabout. Completion date on target for mid-October. Kemnitz will be doing a presentation at the Oneida County Senior Center to show the correct way to drive through a roundabout for those that have never driven in one. 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. The presentation has not yet been scheduled. 2020 State construction/maintenance: Bridge maintenance on USH 8 over the Wisconsin River and on USH 51 over Minocqua Lake.
8. County Construction. Stefonek reported that the eastbound lane of Kemp Street is the remaining county construction for 2019.

9. No Public Comments
10. Future meeting dates: November 19, 2019 at 12:30 p.m. at the Rhinelander Highway Shop. Topic: Oneida County Highway Department winter snow plowing policy.
11. **Motion:** Kemnitz/Kirby to adjourn at 1:55 p.m. All ayes.

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Committee Chairperson

Committee Vice-Chairperson