

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

HELD ON 08/18/2020 AT 12:30 P.M. AT THE ONEIDA COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER, RHINELANDER, WI

MEMBERS PRESENT: KIRBY/CHAIRMAN, COOPER/SECRETARY, OLIG/WISDOT BOTS, BAIER/WISDOT, ENGLAND/NICOLET COLLEGE, KELLER/OC SHERIFF'S DEPT, ELLENBECKER/RHINELANDER HIGH SCHOOL DRIVER'S EDUCATION, 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:** Jensen/Olig to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Olig/Jensen to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All ayes.
4. Oneida County Crash History and Data for 2020. 295 Statewide fatal crashes through 8/17/2020 not including deer crashes; compared to 301 this same time last year. 326 Statewide fatalities compared to 325 this same time last year. Wisconsin has seen 6 fatalities in August so far. Motorcycle accidents are up. England commented that the majority of motorcycle accidents occur with driver's that do not have the proper endorsement to drive motorcycles. They feel it is cheaper to ride unendorsed and take your chances of being caught than it does paying to take a course. Could be beneficial to talk to the District Attorney about possibly waiving the court fee or penalty or defer prosecution if the driver agrees to take the course and get endorsement.
5. 2020 Budget Items. Cooper mentioned that the dash cameras for flag persons were too expensive for our budget. The committee discussed other options. Putting messages on the electronic billboard downtown. Messages or banners to help senior drivers. Masks with messages on them ex. 'buckle up', 'safety first'. Every agreed that was a good idea. Cooper will get some prices on masks.
6. WisDOT County Profile Report. Oneida County has had 336 crashes (not including deer crashes) to date compared to 440 same time last year. Fatalities to date, three. All of 2019, 7. 2018, 6. 2017, 3. Two of the three fatalities this year involved alcohol and no seat belt. Oneida County has no grants targeted for 2021. Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over runs August 21 – September 7th, 2020.
7. WisDOT Construction updates. 2020 - Highway 47 from USH 8 to Kildeer in under way. 2" mill and overlay. County "Y" from S. Leisure Drive to S. Garth Lake Road in progress. Extensive repairs to the Pelican River Bridge on USH 8. USH 51 from County "Y" to Oneida Street; overlay. 2021 – Highway 32 culvert replacement in Three Lakes. USH 8 from Highway 45 to Highway 32 in Crandon, resurface. 2022 – Highway 47 from Kildeer to the Vilas County line and USH 45 from Highway 32 to Vilas County Line.
8. County Construction update. County "C" reconstruction in under way. County "Y" Surface Transportation Program (STP) in conjunction with WisDOT from S. Leisure Drive to S. Garth Lake Road is in progress.
9. Public Comments. It was requested that the Oneida County Public Works Committee review the speed limit on Kemp Street, now that the roundabout has been done a year. Would like to see the 45 MPH sign in the westbound lane moved further east, just west of Sutliff Ave and the east bound 25 MPH sign moved further east, closer to Sutliff Ave.
10. Future meeting dates: November 17th, 2020; February 16th, 2021; May 18th, 2021; August 17th, 2021; and November 16th, 2021.
11. **Motion:** Olig/Cooper to adjourn at 1:40 p.m. All aye.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Vice-Chairperson