

**LANGLADE COUNTY
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD:
August 15th, 2013**

Members Present: Brian Lenzner, Sheriff's Dept.; Sheila Rine, Health Dept.; Mike Panosh, WSP/BOTS; Tim Rusch, Langlade Cty. Highway Dept.; Amy Loudenslager, DOT; Dale Dahms, Public Safety Committee

Members Absent: Jack Kieffer; DOT, Brad Henricks, WEM; James Kolpack, Antigo Police Dept; Norm Cejka, Public Safety Committee; Karen Hegranes, Langlade Cty Health Dept; Chris Drews, DOT Traffic; Charlie Brinkmeier, Antigo Public Works Dept.; Jon Petroskey, COA Fire Dept.; and Jeff Paulson, Antigo High School.

This meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission was called to order on the above date at 10:00 a.m. at the Langlade County Highway Department. Brian Lenzner served as Chairperson and Heather Stern recorded the minutes

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

APPROVED

Old Business

Amy Loudenslager with DOT states they completed a study on the signals at STH 45/STH 64 intersections the DOT is working on how they will move forward with the recommendations from that study. They will be working with the City of Antigo on that soon. Regarding Fleet Farm they have a preliminary plan for the south entrance. It will be a "right out" only which means traffic will not be able to turn left out of the south entrance to Fleet Farm and the north entrance is going to have a right turn lane that separates it from the through traffic coming in which should eliminate the problem that was there before.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

Brian Lenzner states that he has not heard anything back from Marquette County regarding the additional stop arms on school busses. Mike Panosh states this issue was brought up at the Governors conference by the highway safety coordinators. Amongst the members that were at the meeting, they discussed not taking any kind of action basically due to the cost. The discussion also brought the amount of signage that is already on a school bus is difficult to miss and they felt the extra stop arm was un-necessary. Due to the fact that the highway coordinators at this meeting were not going to go any further with this, it was suggested by Panosh to remove it from the agenda and not go further with it. Panosh states that the number of incidents with traffic not stopping or going around a school bus is very low.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

DOT Updates--Panosh

Panosh discussed the Governor's Conference on Highway Safety. Next conference is August 26th-28th, 2014 in Green Bay. Fatalities for 2013 are down so far. The total is at 297 vs 362 at this time last year so far it is working out to be a record low year. Motorcycles are at 45 vs 70 last year. 1 traffic fatality for Langlade County so far, last year there were 6 total for the year. Panosh states Madison is still working on pushing through some stiffer drunk driving laws specifically for the high BAC's (blood alcohol content) and repeat offenders.

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New Business

Brian Lenzner received a complaint/concern with the STH 64/HH that there is a passing zone there with people coming around from the new bypass they would like to have it changed to a no passing zone. Amy Loudenslager states she looked at that prior to the meeting. Typically they do passing zones if there is not enough side distance which Amy felt there is enough there but she is going to go take a closer look at it. They also looks at the crash history and there is none in that area. They don't typically do no passing zones through an intersection just because it is an intersection. Amy feels that in her initial look at it, it would not be something they would mark as a no passing zone. Lenzner states in his experience with handling accidents at the intersection, it's usually the traffic coming off of CTH H or CTH HH that pulls out into traffic on STH 64 so there would be no concern of it being a passing zone for that reason. The concern would be traffic passing on STH 64 while someone is pulling out from CTH H/HH.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

Dale Dahms inquired about the flashing light that was put up on CTH C. Lenzner states he has been patrolling that area more frequently. Lenzner states he has sat there a few times since the last meeting. Other deputies have been sitting out there once in a while. There is an issue of finding a place to park without being seen. That deputy usually parks right next to the tavern that is there (Bootleggers) Lenzner reports that some vehicles are still running the stop sign there. Rusch states there is no excuse for vehicles to be running that stop sign since the flashing beacon was put up.

Tim Rusch received a request—In the Village of White Lake just south of where the bypass splits off at the school at School Rd, the Village has requested a 4-way stop at that intersection. Currently the traffic on CTH M does not stop, traffic on School Rd does. Their reason is because traffic is going too fast through White Lake and they would like to stop them somewhere to slow them down. Rusch states the area in question is already a 15 mph school zone and marked with a school sign. Rusch doesn't feel that marking the area with more signs is the answer. There is a crossing guard there when kids are getting out of school. The Village is not necessarily talking in regards to school hours they're saying in general they want to slow traffic down through the Village. The speed issue is both directions but mostly from the south. Committee agrees that it's not appropriate use of a 4-way stop in that area. Brian Lenzner will request extra patrol in the area by the Sheriff's Department for the time being. Committee will evaluate at a further date.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

Sheila Rine reports that the car seat fitting stations have been changed from Tuesdays to the 2nd Wednesdays of the month from 2p-6pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 21st, 2013

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Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Brian Lenzner 2nd by Dahms

MOTION CARRIED

Brian Lenzner, Chairperson

Date