

**LANGLADE COUNTY
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD:
February 20, 2014**

Members Present: Brian Lenzner, Sheriff's Dept.; Sheila Rine, Health Dept.; Mike Panosh, WSP/BOTS; Tim Rusch, Langlade Cty. Highway Dept.; Aimee Loudenslager, DOT; Dale Dahms, Public Safety Committee, Norm Cejka, Brad Henricks WEM, Lloyd Vollmar WSP,

Members Absent: James Kolpack, Antigo Police Dept; Public Safety Committee; Karen Hegrans, 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 10:04 a.m. at the Langlade County Highway Department. Brian Lenzner served as Chairperson and Heather Stern recorded the minutes

Call meeting to order

Brian Lenzner called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Approval of minutes after Norm Cejka pointed out errors in attendance, Norm feels the meeting is not run properly due to motions being made and not seconded. Motion by Dale Dahms 2nd by Norm Cejka for approval of minutes with corrections to be made. Voted on and motion carried.

Old Business

Aimee Loudenslager addressed the STH 64 and USH 45 intersection turn lights from East and West. Amy stated that they are still working through the jurisdiction and funding issues but the turn lights should be installed in spring or early summer.

County Rd M in White Lake by the school. Request was made for extra patrol. Brian had dispatch make an informational complaint for additional patrol. Additional complaints have not been received since that time by Tim Rusch or Brian. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**

Bike Lights to be given away. 112 sets were purchased at \$8.00 a pair. Lights are to be given away at functions such as Elcho Easter egg hunt and the Optimist Bike Rodeo. Any other suggestions please contact Brian Lenzner. Lights are kept at the Langlade County Safety Building. Lights were purchased with 2014 budget money and not 2013 because of delay of obtaining the receipt for reimbursement. Brad Henricks stated that finance had already closed out the 2013 account but will attempt again. Lights were purchased through Antigo Bicycle Repair who received no extra money for the sale.

STH 52 and County Rd B intersection. Aimee Loudenslager stated that all East bound traffic will have to stop on STH 52. The state will be taking off the right turn no stop sign along with bringing some of the other signs up to standards. Rumble strips are still an option but not going that route yet. The state will be putting in a larger stop sign making the intersection a three way stop. The state will also be removing all right turn no stop off the stops signs on STH 52.

STH 64 and County Rd S, STH 64 and STH 52, County Rd C and County Rd H intersections were also discussed. At STH 64 and STH 52 there have been several crashes over the last few years. The intersection is at a significant skew and does not meet WIS DOT standards and the only thing that we can do is reconstruct the intersection. The reconstruction is not planned at this time but will remain on their radar. The majority of the accidents were from not stopping for the stop signs not from cars passing on the right. STH 64 and County Rd S are similar and is also on their radar. County Rd C, H and I is the other intersection, Aimee Loudenslager and Tim Rusch looked it over and there is limited visibility because of the building on the Northeast side. There has only been one accident due to running the stop sign.

DOT Updates—Panosh

Reports that fatalities are down again in 2014. Weather has been a factor in slowing people down. As of 2/2/14 there were 39 vs. 55 in 2013 at this time in Wisconsin. Last year in Langlade County we had two fatalities and this year we have 3 already.

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New Business

Brian received a complaint of intersection of 10th Ave and Superior St requesting stop lights. Aimee states that the intersection is maintained by the DOT and a study was done 10 years ago and did not warrant a stop light at that time and does not think that it would warrant it at this time. The volumes through that area have dropped since 2002. Aimee also checked the crash history and that also does not meet the standards for a stop light. If the city wants to pursue it they can have a study done and pay for it but at this time Aimee does not recommend it.

Guard rail at Pickerel Lake Rd, town board member asked if we were able to put up guard rails in the area across the river. Tim Rusch advised that it would be up to the town to decide and pay for the guard rails.

Bike and walking path lanes on roadways, Tim Rusch advised that they are required to consider pedestrian and bicycle accommodation and sometimes becomes part of the project to add those according to trans 75. If there is state and federal money going into the project the highway department is required to study it and consider.

Flashing light by fairgrounds at a crosswalk. Tim Rusch pointed out that this would be a city and DOT issue. Brad Henricks brought up that there should be someone from the city at these meetings. Brian will make contact with Charlie Brinkmeyer or Mark Desotell. Tim Rusch also said that he would make contact with them.

Stop sign and flashing light by hospital. It was brought up that employees from Langlade Hospital were not using the flashing light properly. It was stated that they would cross 5th Ave on the West side of Aurora St then cutting across Aurora st without using the crosswalk. Sheila made a motion to send a letter to the hospital to encourage use of the light for their safety. Brad 2nd the motion and the motion was carried.

Money report- Brad Henricks

Money report was addressed with Brad during prior discussions.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2014.

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Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Brad Henricks 2nd by Dale Dahms, all in favor, motion carried.

Brian Lenzner, Chairperson

Date