

**LANGLADE COUNTY
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD: May 16th, 2013**

Members Present: Amy Loudenschlager, DOT; Brian Lenzner, TSC Commissioner; Sgt James Kolpack, Antigo Police Dept; Sheila Rine, Health Dept.; Mike Panosh, WSP/BOTS; Lloyd Vollmar, State Patrol; Tim Rusch, Langlade Cty. Highway Dept. and Dale Dahms, Public Safety Committee

Members Absent: Brad Henricks, WEM; Norm Cejka, Public Safety Committee; Jack Kieffer, DOT; Sgt. James Kolpack, Antigo Police Dept.; Norm Cejka, Public Safety Committee; Karen Hegranses, 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.

Others Present: Keith Wilson

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

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from last meeting by Vollmar and Rusch 2nd. Motion carried
APPROVED

Old Business

Tim Rusch gave update on CTH B/CTH C intersections. TSC committee had recommended that a beacon be placed on the stop sign for WB traffic on CTH C. That was approved by the Highway Committee and was installed. Sheila Rine states that drivers are still running the stop sign there. This was reported to her by the citizens that were involved in the accident. Brian Lenzner states the intersection is well marked and visible with the flashing beacon there. Updates on the traffic lights at STH 45/STH 64--Amy Loudenschlager states she will be there next week doing traffic counts and moving forward.

Signage in the Crestwood school area--Brian Lenzner went out there and checked and there appears to be adequate signage there. Tim Rusch also checked and the current signs meet the MUTCD (Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices) for that area, it's a 55mph zone and they are compliant with that. One of the complaints was that people aren't slowing down in that area. Rusch states traffic is not expected to slow down unless there is a crosswalk in that area. Stops signs were also a concern and Rusch states the school can put stop signs on their outlets but they are not required since it's a municipal driveway onto a county road. Drivers must yield before pulling out of the drive and onto the highway.

Fleet Farm updates- Amy Loudenschlager states they are working on the preliminary design. They will most likely be putting in a ramp style turn lane at the entrance. It would be an additional turn lane that would allow vehicles that are turning out of Fleet Farm to see both lanes of traffic instead of being blocked by the right turn vehicles that are slowing down. Fleet Farm would have to change their infrastructure but they are very interested in changing it for the safety of their customers. Fleet Farm has been very cooperative and has participated in this study. Rusch states that on the exit they have agreed to put in a turn lane coming out of Fleet Farm so that the traffic isn't so backed up.

Held in committee

DOT Updates--Panosh

Fatalities are down so far this year. No fatalities in Langlade County so far for 2013.

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New Business

The committee received a request from Marquette County Traffic Safety Committee asking the committee to send a letter to the state and support the idea of a second stop arm on the rear of school busses in an attempt to give people more warning. Panosh states the issue with those additions is cost. Tim Rusch states he would support it if they had statistics that show it reduces the percent of accidents. TSC agrees to hold for now until more information is known.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

The next meeting is scheduled for August 15th, 2013

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Adjournment

Lenzner-Motion to adjourn at 10:30am. Second by Rine. Motion carried

CARRIED

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Brian Lenzner, Chairperson

Date