

**LANGLADE COUNTY
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD:
MAY 19, 2011**

Members Present: James Kolpack, Antigo Police Dept.; Brian Lenzner, Sheriff's Dept.; Sheila Rine, Health Dept.; Mike Panosh, WSP/BOTS; Brad Henricks, WEM; Lloyd Vollmar, State Patrol; and Norm Cejka, Public Safety Committee

Members Absent: Chris Drews, DOT Traffic; Charlie Brinkmeier, Antigo Public Works Dept.; Jon Petroskey, COA Fire Dept.; Douglas Nonnenmacher, Public Safety Committee; Jeff Paulson, Antigo High School; and Crystal Wells, Langlade Cty. Highway Dept.

Others Present: Lisa M. Volkman, Police Resource Assistant

This meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission was called to order on the above date at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room at the Safety Building. Jim Kolpack served as Chairperson and Lisa Volkman recorded the minutes.

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Moved by Cejka and seconded by Rine to approve the minutes from the February 2011 meeting. Carried.

APPROVED

Any Old Business

Kolpack advised that he reviewed the previous minutes and there were no issues carried forward for discussion.

NO ACTION

2011 TSC Budget

Kolpack stated that \$157 was utilized to reimburse the City for Volkman's safety seat training. He suggested the remaining \$843 be used to purchase safety vests for distribution throughout the county.

Cejka asked for committee input regarding whether or not the townships would be liable for injuries if various 4-H clubs were allowed to pick up trash along the roadways. It was noted that there are usually several adults supervising when this is done and many townships do allow it. Kolpack advised that AAA does have some grants available for clubs to purchase their own vests for such events.

Kolpack stated vests currently cost \$2.75 each.

Moved by Henricks, and seconded by Cejka to use the remaining budgeted funds for the purchase of vests. Carried.

APPROVED

DOT Updates--Panosh

Panosh noted there have been 144 deaths to date in Wisconsin compared to 159 in 2010. None of these deaths have been in Langlade County. Possible reasons for the decline could be rising gas prices, increased seat belt usage/enforcement, and a change in attitude

about drunk driving. He advised approximately 40% of deaths in the state are usually alcohol related. Motorcycle deaths are also down from last year.

Panosh also advised that he recently attended the Safety Coordination Association meeting in Green Bay and it was well attended by North Central Wisconsin participants. That area also has the highest seatbelt usage in the state.

He will discuss possible legislation changes at the next meeting.

INFORMATION ONLY

Any Other New Business

Henricks advised that the traffic stop data collection forms are one step closer to being discontinued.

INFORMATION ONLY

Lenzner asked what could be done to encourage the Towns of Summit and Peck to update their fire numbers to the blue and white signs as they are much easier to read. It was noted that it is the townships responsibility; however, letters could be sent to the Town Chairmen.

Moved by Vollmar, and seconded by Lenzner to send letters to the Town Chairmen for the Town of Summit and Peck.

SEND LETTERS

Cejka advised that he received a complaint from a farmer on Flight Road that the mailboxes on that street are too close to the road and they are having a hard time traveling the road with farm equipment. It was noted that the postal service does have guidelines for the installation of mailboxes. Kolpack will contact the postal service to get a copy of their requirements.

REFERRED TO KOLPACK

Cejka noted the bridge on Monarch Rd. will be reconstructed this summer and the road will be closed for a time. He was told to contact dispatch with dates.

INFORMATION ONLY

Rine stated through Kids Travel Safe, she was asked to organize an event where car seat techs and Police Officers observe vehicles as they arrive at school to direct parents when children are not buckled properly. Kolpack thought there might be grant money available for an event like this and to keep him informed about dates. It was recommended that the event take place in the fall of 2011 as there is not sufficient time to do it before school is done for the year. She is currently thinking about doing All Saints and Peace Lutheran.

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The next meeting is scheduled for August 18.

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Adjournment

Moved by Henricks and seconded by Cejka to adjourn at 10:45 a.m.

CARRIED

Jim Kolpack, Chairperson

Date