

## WAUPACA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

JULY 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by Patrol Captain Todd Rasmussen. The meeting location was held at the Waupaca County Sheriff's Office in Waupaca, Wisconsin.

Members Present: Patrol Captain Todd Rasmussen, Sheriff Brad Hardel, State Patrol Trooper Kendi Linjer, Highway Commissioner Dean Steingraber, Emergency Management Director Andrew Carlin, Coroner Barry Tomaras, District Attorney John Snider, State DOT Representative Tony Kemnitz, Population Representative Bob Fleese, County Board Chairman Dick Koeppen, Mukwa Town Supervisor Lee Shaw, and Law Enforcement Committee Representative Bill Jonely. Also present were community citizens Stan Winrich, Town of Dayton resident, John Rohrer, also a Town of Dayton resident, Bill, director at Spencer Lake Bible Camp, and Terry Wilson who lives on the corner of Cty Hwy E and Cty Hwy EE, and Becky Rickle from a local driving school.

Patrol Captain Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 11:08 am.

Patrol Captain Rasmussen read the open meeting statement.

Motion by Tony Kemnitz, seconded by John Snider.

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, no questions on the minutes from the meeting prior on April 16, 2015. Motion to approve those minutes was approved.

Agenda was approved without a negative vote, although Barry Tomaras advised he was at the previous meeting, but was not on the roster.

**Public Input-** Stan Winrich (lives at E2571 Cty Hwy E, Waupaca), requesting the speed limit of 35 mph to be extended past his residence to at least the intersection of Cty Hwy E and Ash st. (See hand out). Requesting a speed study to be done. Also with Stan is John Rohrer, a resident in this same area. Stan also played several videos of vehicles speeding past his residence. All of the public attendees, John Rohrer, Bill (director at Spencer Lake), Terry Wilson are in agreement to Stan's request.

Terry Wilson advised he has called into the Sheriff's office to report the traffic issues.

**Sheriff Brad Hardel-** Advised that this area is one of the Sheriff's Offices extra patrol areas in the summer time because of all the people in the area of the bible camp.

**Tony Kemnitz-** Requested to know when the video was filmed.

**Terry Wilson-** Advised the video was taken the day or two prior to the meeting.

**Tony Kemnitz-** How long has everyone lived there.

**Terry Wilson-** Advised he moved in about a month ago, February, 2015.

**John Rohrer**- 22 years

**Terry Wilson**- 20 years

**Dean Steingraber**- There is a construction project going on in this particular area, and there are a lot of work crews working out there. Advised even with the heavy equipment out in the middle of the road, the cars continue to go by, so it will be even worse when the construction project is complete and the road is smooth. Speed study would be done after the construction project is complete.

**Brad Hardel**- It might be better to extend the speed zone prior to the project being done.

**Dean Steingraber**- We will start with getting the ordinance changed, then the speed study with the state, and the sheriff's office can enforce it. Once the work is done there, there will be new signs put up there.

**Patrol Captain Rasmussen**- The quarterly report for 2015 for the Sheriff's Office was passed out. See attached report. Waupaca County has 185 property damage accidents for April, May, and June, 39 accidents in the quarter with injuries, 56 total people injured. Three total fatality accidents. No questions on the report.

**Tony Kemnitz**- Provided an update to the Commission via the attached power point presentation. DOT updates, Hwy 10 & Vaughan Rd intersections will have flashing yellow warning signs. Hwy 45 & Hwy 15 traffic signals have been changed out, waiting on a sign that says "left turn on signal only". US 45 bridge deck over Hwy 54, sealing with granite has been done. Hwy 22 in Clintonville, bridge is being demolished and will be replaced this summer/ fall with a new one. The DOT website now contains construction updates. Members are directed to this for the most current project information.

**Lee Shaw**- Sensor on Hwy 15 & Hwy 45 is not tripping turn light.

**Tony Kemnitz**- DOT is aware of the issue and is following up with electrical staff on site. The Village of Scandinavia request to lower the 45 MPH speed limit on Hwy 49 has been sent to Madison for approval. The proposed change will extend the 35 MPH speed limit out of town to just the north of Academy Drive. Tony reported a citizen contacted DOT regarding the Hwy 54 & Cty Hwy D intersection. They expressed concern regarding the westbound HWY 54 lane drop to the west of Cty Hwy D. This area has a merge taper that is shorter than normal. Signs or markings may go up prior to the merge pending the result of DOTs investigation. Tony then provided an informational update regarding changes to the MV4000 "WI motor vehicle accident report" form. This form is being updated by 2017, several new data fields for better national comparisons. Paper copies will no longer be accepted by 2017

**Lee Shaw**- Royalton overpass to Cty Hwy D, requesting an extra lane down through that area. Hwy 54 will be closed down in 2016 for culvert repair.

**Tony Kemnitz**- EMS run numbers will be required on the MV4000 to better track vehicle injury accidents. More descriptive on accidents, and also a box to determine whether a cell phone was in use.

Tony provided an update to the Commissioner regarding ATV use on public roadways in Wisconsin. DOT policy is to allow the accommodation of ATV routes and trails on highway right of way, only when it does not adversely affect safety. Difference between trails and routes (see attached).

**Bill Jonely-** Is there a completion date for the warning lights on Vaughn Rd?

**Tony Kemnitz-** End of summer.

**Trooper Linjer-** Nothing.

**Lee Shaw-** 2.1 million dollar road project on Hwy 54, from Royalton to Plach auto starting July 2016. Hwy 54 will be shut down for 2 weeks.

**Dean Steingraber-** They will be peeling off the black top on Hwy 54.

**John Snider-** Nothing.

**Dean Steingraber-** Third county worker killed in a work zone in Wisconsin in 2015. Money for deer carcass pickup, county will now pay for the pickup on the county highways. Hwy 110 & Cty Hwy S is now opened. The railroad on Hwy 22-110 in Manawa is now safer. Hwy 45 & Church Rd pavement problems. Hwy 45 & Hwy 96 will be putting in a roundabout in a few years. There will be additional Hwy 54 pavement on Hwy 54 through to Royalton, starting end of July 2015. Back up of bus traffic on Hwy 10 & Hwy 54 interchange, also the intersection on Cty QQ is a problem. Per Tony submit a letter requesting signals.

**Todd Rasmussen-** School bus traffic on Hwy 22 on ramp to Hwy 10 is backed up during school times.

**Brad Hardel-** Nothing.

**Andrew Carlin-** Nothing.

**Barry Tomaras-** Nothing.

**Dick Koeppen-** The intersection of Hwy 22 & Green Tree Rd north of Clintonville was determined to have a four way stop instead of a roundabout.

**Bill Jonely-** Hoping to find the most cost effective way to get the deer picked up. Brad Hardel advised that it is not a huge cost.

**Dick Koeppen-** Wondering how long the county has been without another prosecutor.

**John Snider-** advised that he approached the county for a half of the wages to hire another prosecutor, there are an increased number of inmates that need to be charged out in the year, and more officers out there.

**Bob Fleese-** Nothing.

**Todd Rasmussen-** Dr. Salan chooses to retire from the safety committee. This needs to be filled.

**John Snider-** Motion to accept Dr. Salan's resignation. Accept by John Snider, second Tony Kemnitz. Resignation accepted.

**Todd Rasmussen-** Discussed the open meeting requirements, and having the meetings located at a more open room.

**Andrew Carlin-** Court house lower room should be open and large enough.

**Tony Kemnitz-** Bob Bott is involved with a crash mapping project which will be able to allow local police agencies to input crashes into a mapping data base. This will then show where all the crashes are in Waupaca County for the quarter and cumulatively for the year.

**Bill Jonely-** Courthouse is sufficient for meetings.

**Tony Kemnitz-** Shawano county intersection of Hwy 110 & Hwy 45 was brought forward as a potential safety concern by the Shawano County Assist Hwy commissioner. DOT is looking at some possible modifications to the intersection. DOT identified speed as a contributing factor to intersection crashes at this intersection. Tony asked law enforcement present at the meeting is they have noticed this as an issue also on Hwy 45 between Tigerton to Clintonville? He suggested a corridor maybe a target area for a speed enforcement task force.

Becky Rickle from driving school attended for continuing education.

Motion by Captain Todd Rasmussen to adjourn the meeting, second by Sheriff Brad Hardel at 12:33 pm. Motion carried.

Kim Jaeger, Secretary