

WAUPACA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION Approved

21 July 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Patrol Captain Todd Rasmussen. The meeting was held at the Waupaca County Courthouse, room #1037.

Members present: Patrol Captain Todd Rasmussen, Emergency Management Director Andy Carlin, Coroner Barry Tomaras, Drivers Education Representative Becky Ricel, Law Enforcement Committee Representative Bill Jonely, County Board Chairperson Dick Koeppen, Wisconsin State Patrol Sergeant Carrie Johnson, Trooper Kendi Linjer, Trooper Mitch , County Highway Commissioner Casey Beyersdorf, Town of Mukwa representative Lee Shaw, New London Police Chief Jeff Schlueter, Population Representative Bob Flease, and State DOT Representative Mike Ponish.

Patrol Captain Rasmussen read the opening statement.

Motion by Andy Carlin, seconded by Dick Koeppen to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Motion by Andy Carlin, seconded by Barry Tomaras to approve the agenda. Motion Carried without a negative vote.

Public input- None

Patrol Captain Rasmussen- Traffic quarterly report was discussed and placed on file. He discussed the 2 fatality accidents, and spoke to Mike regarding the other two fatalities that were showing up on the report.

Patrol Captain Rasmussen discussed DOT Traffic Operations Engineer Tony Kemnitz's report. Hwy 45 north of Church RD left turn bypass lane will be continued to be monitored by DOT.

Regarding the Hwy 10 westbound by Hwy 22 traffic study, they did a count and video, between 6 am and 6pm they had 6900 vehicles pass through that intersection. They are going to do a study to determine if a signal would be a good solution for this intersection.

The signal at Fulton St and Hwy 10 westbound the study has shown that they need a signal light at W Fulton St and Hwy 10, and they anticipate it being installed within the next two to three years.

As far as new business, a request was made by a resident that lives south of Scandinavia regarding the speed leaving Scandinavia on Hwy 49. DOT advised the resident should work with the village of Scandinavia to request the speed zone adjusted, and to work with the Sheriff's office to do extra patrol.

Hwy 54 from Royalton overpass to New London has started with the resurfacing.

Hwy 45 from Cty Hwy w to Cty Hwy D resurfacing will start in August and be completed Labor Day.

Hwy 22 at Clintonville project is on hold until next year.

County Highway Commissioner Casey Beyersdorf- Hwy 10 accident where the accuator was crumbled up has been replaced and ready to work.

Low shoulders on Cty Hwy C so it is still listed as closed, although it is marked we are still listing it as closed.

Cty Hwy T is paved, shoulders are striped and crews will be moving to Cty Hwy W south of Hwy 96 as early as this week. Full blown closures until the contractor comes in and removes the old pipe and puts the new pipe in the ground.

Cty Hwy I east out of Clintonville, people should still be using detour.

Driver's Education Representative Becky Rickle- Question regarding kids with probationary license being pulled over for speed, but not being cited for the violation of the probationary license. Basically it is a matter of discretion for the officer.

Barry Tomaras- Nothing

Bob FLease- Nothing

Dick Koeppen- New highway building has moved forward.

Mike Ponish- Traffic fatalities discussed. 310 statewide fatalities for 2016, in 2015 we have had 279. Causes maybe gas prices are low and weather has been good.

Motorcycle fatalities statistics were 38 fatals in 2016 and 44 in 2015 statewide. With no link to cell phones that can be determined at this point.

70 mph speed limit has not been a huge change in traffic related accidents. 3-5 years of statistics to be able to determine effects of the speed limit increase.

Andy Carlin- Nothing.

Sgt Carrie Johnson- Traffic volume during car show on Friday at Main St and Mill St not needed. Saturday afternoon also not needed at Main St and Water St, as the volume is very low. Requesting to keep all other intersections open all day, and only morning shift at Mill St and Water St.

Bill Jonely- Nothing

Lee Shaw- Nothing.

Chief Jeff Schluetter- Nothing

Motion by Bob Flease, seconded by Barry Tomaras to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 am. Motion carried.

Kim Bosquez, secretary