

20 OCTOBER 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by Patrol Captain Todd Rasmussen. The meeting was held at the Waupaca County Courthouse, Conference Room #1037.

Members present: Patrol Captain Todd Rasmussen, Sheriff Brad Hardel, Emergency Management Director Andy Carlin, Drivers Education Representative Becky Rickel, Law Enforcement Committee Representative Bill Jonely, County Board Chairperson Dick Koeppen, Wisconsin State Patrol Sergeant Carrie Johnson, Trooper Kendi Linjer, County Highway Commissioner Casey Beyersdorf, State DOT Representatives Tony Kemnitz and Eric Brattlund, Town of Mukwa representative Lee Shaw, New London Police Chief Jeff Schluetter, Population Representative Bob Flease, and Area DOT Program Manager Mike Panosh.

Patrol Captain Rasmussen read the opening statement.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, with two minor typing corrections. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Public input- Brian Doud, representing the Bear Lake Association, spoke to the committee about reducing the speed limit on Cty Hwy BB/Bear Lake Road and Easy Road/Nuthatch Road. Tony Kemnitz said the Town Board needs to send a letter to the DOT with this request. The DOT has been contacted, but they declined the request because the Town Board did not support the change. The current speed limit is 45 mph. Captain Rasmussen said he will request extra patrol and attempt to get a target speed sign placed in the area.

Patrol Captain Rasmussen- Traffic quarterly report was discussed and placed on file. He discussed the one fatal accident where two people died. Captain Rasmussen also reported on the accident on Hwy 10 earlier today where a semi hauling scrap metal overturned, dumping its load onto the highway. The Highway Department did a very good job of cleaning up the area. Highway Commissioner Beyersdorf will try to get a large magnet to pick up smaller items left in the ditch line.

Captain Rasmussen thanked Highway Commissioner Beyersdorf for the quick response for clean-up by his staff to crashes.

Casey Beyersdorf- He attended Commissioner training in regards to crashes and what the highway department can do to assist. Engineering Specialist Lisa is currently handling this and is retiring.

Becky Rickel- Asked who is in charge of the New London High School parking lot. Students are not stopping at the stop signs within the parking lot. Becky was advised that New London PD, the Sheriff's Office and State Patrol would all be able to ticket students.

Tony Kemnitz - 2016 construction projects are done for the season. The Hwy 54 project on Hwy 54 from Royalton overpass to New London has been completed. The resurfacing of Hwy 45 from Cty Hwy W to Cty Hwy D has been completed. This project addressed some of the signage where you go from two lanes to four lanes.

Cameras were put out on the US 10 westbound ramps at Hwy 22 to collect traffic counts. The DOT study determined that all-way stop and traffic signal warrants were not met. Tony will be talking with the School District of Waupaca about the busses that come into this area.

A new traffic signal is planned to be installed at the US 10 westbound ramp intersection with Hwy 49/Fulton Street interchange. It is currently under design and is anticipated to be constructed in 2018. In conjunction with this, a new 250 foot long right turn lane will be added.

Tony attended a meeting regarding the Hwy 49/96 roundabout. A signal was initially considered, however, DOT ultimately chose the roundabout which was based on local government input. DOT designers held a public information meeting at the New London High School on August 30. Around 10-20 people attended. The biggest concern focused on the closure of Hwy 96 for 3-months to build the roundabout and the resulting diversion of truck traffic. Tony has directed the Town of Dale chairman to contact WI State Patrol should he notice semi's traveling illegally on town roads to avoid the detour.

DOT was contacted by a concerned citizen about the need for right turn lane only signals by the Chain School at Hwy 54 and Silver Lake Drive. The citizen also felt the intersection as designed and marked was unsafe. Tony conducted a field review and traffic count. He determined the intersection was operating as intended. No changes were recommended at this time.

Bob Flease- There has been a request from the Big Falls Village Board to put a 3-way stop sign on CTY C by Big Falls. The speed limit is 35 mph. Captain Rasmussen received a call and did

place extra patrol there. Bill Jonely would like a traffic count done. The Highway Department has the equipment to do this.

Dick Koeppen- Dick and Casey Beyersdorf attended a “Do It Now” meeting at the Union Town Hall. The lack of transportation funding was the main purpose. They were advised to have continual contact with their state representative.

Mike Panosh- A Community Mapping user’s meeting will be held on November 10. A new MV4000 accident report form will be in use beginning January 2017. A drunk driving mobilization will be coming in December. The highway fatalities are currently at 463 for this year compared to 446 at this time last year.

Sheriff Hardel – Nothing

Andy Carlin- Nothing

State Patrol- Nothing

Bill Jonely- Nothing

Lee Shaw- Nothing

Chief Jeff Schluetter- Nothing

Motion by Bob Fleese, seconded by Dick Koeppen to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 am. Motion carried.

Vickie Thoe, secretary