

**STEBEN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD**

*Friday, December 16, 2016*

*9:00 a.m.*

*South Conference Room*

*Steuben County Office Building*

*Bath, New York*

**\*\*MINUTES\*\***

**PRESENT:** Chief Chad Mullen, Chair, Bath Police Department  
Undersheriff James Allard, Sheriff's Office  
Lieutenant Jeffrey Heverly, Corning City Police Department  
Justice Cathy Rouse-Nicholson, Magistrate's Association  
Carol Ferratella, Legislator, District 13  
Amy Dlugos, Planning Director  
Steve Catherman, Public Works  
Sgt. Richard Feely, NYSP  
Martin Butler, NYS Department of Transportation  
Lorelei Wagner, Public Health Educator, Public Health  
Denise Hoyt, Ardent Solutions  
Maureen Kozakiewicz, Governor's Traffic Safety Committee

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chief Mullen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 30, 2016, MEETING MADE BY JUSTICE ROUSE-NICHOLSON, SECONDED BY MRS. DLUGOS AND DULY CARRIED.**

**III. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 31, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. and will be held in the South Conference Room.

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

A. *Speed Request – Town of Corning* – Chief Mullen stated the Town of Corning requested a speed reduction on College Avenue and we have received a response from NYS DOT stating that the posted speed is appropriate for conditions and they recommended no change. Mr. Catherman stated he looked at the information on this and the speeds were generally 45-50 mph. He thought they might reduce it but maybe they didn't want to for a 5 mph difference. Discussion followed.

B. *Speed Request – Town of Thurston* – Chief Mullen stated we also recently received a response from NYS DOT related to a request from the Town of Thurston for a speed reduction on the Savona-Campbell Back Road. They have determined that a reduction from 55 to 45 mph is appropriate and have recommended that change.

**MOTION: APPROVING THE SPEED REDUCTION REQUEST SUBMITTED BY THE TOWN OF THURSTON FOR SAVONA-CAMPBELL BACK ROAD FROM 55 MPH TO 45 MPH AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NYS DOT MADE BY MRS. DLUGOS, SECONDED BY MRS. FERRATELLA AND DULY CARRIED.**

V. **DEPARTMENT/AGENCY/MEMBERSHIP REPORTS**

A. Legislature

- Mrs. Ferratella thanked NYS DOT for the speed reduction in the East Corning area when they had the construction going on.

B. New York State Police

- Sgt. Feeley stated we have had some successful campaigns related to traffic safety so we are continuing on with those.
- Sgt. Feeley stated we will be seeing some staffing changes soon; transfers and such, and we are looking forward to that as some people from the area are coming back and we are hoping they will stay.

C. Sheriff's Office

- Undersheriff Allard stated we are having a car seat technician meeting for law enforcement so that we can plan things better with our limited resources.
- Undersheriff Allard stated we are partnering with the NYSP and Corning PD for enforcement through the holidays.

D. Planning

- Mrs. Dlugos stated she and Mr. Butler were at a meeting for the new St. James Hospital and we learned that they are also updating the Kwik Fill across the street from there. She noted they are also going to re-use the Kmart plaza for medical offices. She stated Mr. Butler suggested they conduct a traffic impact study, but they didn't appear interested. Therefore, she will be recommending to the Hornellsville Planning Board and Zoning Boards that they require one. Discussion followed.

E. Public Health

- Ms. Wagner stated they are participating in the car seat meeting, and we will be talking about DSS's offer of funds to supplement the funding for this program.

F. New York State Department of Transportation

- Mr. Butler stated construction season is all but over and we are into snow and ice season. Everything is business as usual.

G. Public Works

- Mr. Catherman stated we are looking to fill our vacant position of Deputy Commissioner in charge of snow and ice. We are advertising for the position and we are hopeful to have someone by March.

H. Magistrate's Association

- Justice Rouse-Nicholson stated felony DWI tickets are being downloaded to us as misdemeanors. The bottom line is it is up to the Troopers to make sure it is correct as we are not allowed to change it. She provided the information to Sgt. Feeley so he is aware of the problem.

I. Corning Police Department

- Lieutenant Heverly stated he has nothing to report.

J. Bath Police Department

- Chief Mullen stated he has nothing to report.

K. Governor's Traffic Safety Committee

- Ms. Kozakiewicz stated for law enforcement, if anyone went to the DRE School and failed, it is an intensive and exhaustive training. Of the 48 that just went through, 30 failed. She noted that they recommend they try the course again; the committee will work with them.

- Ms. Kozakiewicz stated they have scheduled a Slow Moving Vehicle symposium in Syracuse. Slow moving vehicles include agricultural vehicles and buggies. We would like everyone, especially the southern tier, to come to the table and make suggestions so that we can develop one information packet to be used on a statewide level.
- Ms. Kozakiewicz stated they have 4 LETS (Law Enforcement Training Symposiums) scheduled. She noted that if anyone from this group would like to attend, you can write the registration and conference fees into your grants.

**VI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

A. Update – Mrs. Ferratella asked for an update on the status of Goff Road. Mr. Butler stated we have looked at it and we do have a suggestion; one being to contact the owner to have them close off one of the entrances.

B. Ardent Solutions – Ms. Hoyt stated when she spoke with Chief Mullen about coming to one of your meetings I had intended to come talk about car seats, but Ardent is doing a lot of other things with Traffic Safety Grants. We have been working with WIC clinics in Allegany and it was suggested for us to expand into Bath. We want you to know we are here as a resource. She provided a handout of the tentative dates at the WIC clinics in Steuben County. Car seat wise, we have set up a fitting station starting in Addison for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. She stated none of us has a lot of money for car seats; we have one third the amount of money and we have to spread that amount among three counties. However, we have already secured additional money from Cattaraugus County and we are working on some in Steuben. It is great to hear that DSS in Steuben County is going to help. Budgets are what they are. We will do this until we run out of seats. At that point, we will put people on hold or find more money.

Ms. Hoyt noted we are a resource and if there is someone you can't meet with, just send them my number. With each WIC satellite site, we will do one car seat check event through the year. Historically, those have been well attended as it is a type of one-stop shopping situation.

Ms. Hoyt stated we do also provide other programs in connection with their grant, including the Distracted Driving Initiative, as well as the Carfit Program for older drivers. Discussion followed.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MS. DLUGOS, SECONDED BY UNDERSHERIFF ALLARD AND DULY CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Brenda K. Mori  
Clerk of the Legislature