

STEBEN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

*Friday, June 24, 2016
South Conference Room
Steuben County Office Building
Bath, New York*

****MINUTES****

PRESENT:

Chief Salvatore Trentanelli, Corning Police Department, Chair
Chief Chad Mullen, Bath Police Department
Undersheriff James Allard, Sheriff's Office
Lieutenant Jeff Spaulding, Corning Police Department
Sgt. James Feely, New York State Police
Matt Sousa, Steuben County Planning Department
Carol Ferratella, Steuben County Legislator
Noel Terwilliger, Criminal Investigator, District Attorney's Office
Martin Butler, New York State Department of Transportation

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chief Trentanelli called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2015, MEETING MADE BY UNDERSHERIFF ALLARD. SECONDED BY CHIEF MULLEN AND DULY CARRIED.

III. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been scheduled for Friday, September 30, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in the South Conference Room.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Trentanelli stated Tim Marshall forwarded a copy of the Governor's announcement regarding his \$110 million initiative to keep pedestrians safe across the State. He stated we all previously received a copy of this announcement.

V. DEPARTMENT/AGENCY/MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

A. Village of Bath – Chief Mullen stated things are going well; we've participated in every program we have available to us. We are almost up to full staffing and the parking lot is finally done.

B. Planning – Mr. Sousa stated we are undertaking a transportation research plan with Southern Tier Central Regional Planning. I am sure there will be a traffic safety component in this plan.

C. Sheriff's Office – Undersheriff Allard stated we are getting a lot of information about slow moving vehicle crashes. He received a visit from a representative of the NYS Traffic Safety Board. They spoke about more funding avenues for the County. The child seat grant is going back the other direction

now as the Federal government reversed their decision. There also may be more funding available through the bike safety program because of all of the groups that do riding around Keuka Lake.

Undersheriff Allard noted they conducted ten road checks in the past 2 months around the County. The 4th of July is a big weekend so if anyone wants to team up on a road check, contact his office.

D. NYSDOT – Mr. Butler stated this probably should be under old business but the Town of Campbell and Town of Urbana speed requests were revisited by my department and they were both denied. It was reflected in the previous minutes that we could probably extend the 40 mph zone in Campbell, but that didn't make it into the denial letter to the municipality, so he is going to get with his group and review that possibility, so we still have plans to do that.

Mr. Butler stated there was a request again to study the intersection of Goff Road and 352. We will look at the accident reports but basically problems occur when people are leaving the Dandy Mini Mart. One possibility is to do a raised median, but we would need to justify that large cost, so we will look at other possibilities as well; maybe one way signs or changing the parking lot entry.

Mrs. Ferratella stated at the Town of Corning board meeting, there was also a concern of having people going across Goff Road to the mini mart, is that true? Mr. Butler stated he just received the accident reports so he is not sure yet if that is an issue. The main issue is people coming out of that parking lot and taking a left onto 352. We will have more to come on this study.

Mr. Butler stated projects in the area include the bridge on 415 over I-86, which is on schedule, and the bridge should be open by the middle of October; he noted the project won't be done but the bridge will be open. We're also working on the bridge on 415 over Meads Creek. There was a hold up on that but they are working on it now. They are on schedule and it also should be open by winter. The road construction on 54A is pretty much finished. That project went better than expected. The I-86 Exit 46 (Corning) to Chemung is our first night time project in the area. That will be interesting as it is one of our highest volume locations on I-86. There has been some work on exit 43 over the railroad. They are out of there now, but there is one spot left to repair and they are negotiating that now. To do that repair, we will have to close exit 43 for about 24 hours.

C. District Attorney – Mr. Terwilliger stated they have nothing to report.

D. Corning Police Department – Chief Trentanelli stated they have nothing really to report. We are just waiting to see what happens with the detour through the city when NYSDOT begins working on that project at night.

E. NYSP – Sergeant Feely stated they have been active in ongoing traffic safety enforcement missions: Buckle Up New York, Border to Border Initiative and Speed Enforcement Week. All of these were successful. We are also going to be doing DWI road checks over the 4th of July weekend.

VI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Chair – Chief Trentanelli stated Chief Mullen has expressed a willingness to serve as the new Chair.

MOTION NOMINATING CHIEF CHAD MULLEN AS CHAIR OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD MADE BY UNDERSHERIFF ALLARD, SECONDED BY MR. TERWILLIGER AND DULY CARRIED.

The members thanked Chief Trentanelli for his service to the City of Corning and to the Traffic Safety Board. Sergeant Feely stated that the New York State Police say this board is one of the most active

Traffic Safety Boards and it is to Chief Trentanelli's credit. Mr. Butler agreed and stated this board is definitely a good example to follow.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY UNDERSHERIFF ALLARD, SECONDED BY MR. TERWILLIGER AND DULY CARRIED.

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