

TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

Friday, December 14, 2018

10:00 a.m.

South Conference Room

Steuben County Office Building

Bath, New York

****MINUTES****

PRESENT: Chief Chad Mullen, Bath Village Police
James Allard, Steuben County Sheriff
Amy Dlugos, Planning Director
Carol A. Ferratella, Legislator, District 13
Cathy Rouse-Nicholson, Magistrate's Association
Sgt. Jim Feeley, New York State Police
Martin Butler, New York State Department of Transportation
Tim Marshall, Director, Emergency Management Office
Steve Catherman, Steuben County Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2018, MEETING MADE BY JUSTICE ROUSE-NICHOLSON. SECONDED BY MR. MARSHALL AND DULY CARRIED.

III. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been scheduled for Friday, March 29, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. and will be held in Conference Room D in the Annex Building.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

A. *Town of Wayne* – Chief Mullen stated they received a request from the Town of Wayne to reduce the speed limit to 45mph on CR 97 (West Waneta Lake Road) between CR 87 and Schuyler CR 25. Mr. Catherman commented he has been on this road several times. This is a pretty straight road and cars travel 55mph pretty easily. He would guess this request will not be granted by NYSDOT as the 85th percentile is traveling 55mph.

Mr. Butler stated we did a speed study on CR 97 which is a straight and basic county road. Toward the north end, there are a few houses set back off the road. He stated they rejected the reduction in the speed limit and will be sending a letter to the town.

B. *Town of Avoca* – Chief Mullen stated they have received a request from the Town of Avoca to establish a lower maximum speed on Waterbury Hill Road between CR 6 and State Route 415. Mr. Catherman commented this request just came in this week and has not yet been sent to NSYDOT.

Mr. Butler stated that he just received this request and has not been out yet.

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

A. Magistrate's Association

- Justice Rouse-Nicholson stated we are still waiting for the hub court to start and to reschedule our training for that. Sheriff Allard commented the State is telling us January 1st will be the start date. Justice Rouse Nicholson commented we were told to hold up our training.
- Justice Rouse-Nicholson reported they received a memo from Amy Monachino, Town & Village Court Liaison for the 7th Judicial District, alerting us to an issue with TRACS downloading some traffic tickets. We have been instructed that if there is no ticket and someone shows up to court, to just hang onto it as we need an actual hard copy to be able to enter it into the system. If the court does not receive the court copy from the arresting agency and the ticket does not come through on a download on or before the appearance date, the court does not have jurisdiction. If and/or when the ticket eventually comes through on download, it is not timely and should be dismissed.
- Justice Rouse-Nicholson informed the Board that there will be a number of new judges coming on board in January

B. Public Works

- Mr. Catherman announced they will be closing the CR 22 bridge in Cameron on February 1, 2019. There will be no on-site detour.

C. Planning

- Mrs. Dlugos stated she had been working with the Prattsburgh and Campbell-Savona School Districts on their healthy schools/healthy communities grant, however, the individual she was working with, Beth Burdick, has been out of contact. She stated that Cornell Cooperative Extension has applied for a health research grant involving bicycle and pedestrian safety to increase physical activity for the Avoca and Prattsburgh Schools.

Mr. Butler asked have they had any dealing with the Department of Transportation? Mrs. Dlugos replied that Ms. Burdick works for Genesee Valley BOCES and they were trying to help her get in touch with various people and they are not sure what happened to her. Mr. Butler commented there are a couple of places where that money comes from and the local money for that has been distributed. Mrs. Dlugos stated the money Prattsburgh and Campbell-Savona received came from the NYSDOH Healthy Communities, Healthy Schools Grant.

- Mrs. Dlugos stated she had someone contact her about the Dorman library and how there are a lot of people crossing the street near the point there. Chief Mullen stated an individual also got in touch with him and he suggested they attend a Village Board meeting to address their concerns. Mrs. Dlugos stated there are a lot of bicycles and kids, and the individual was looking for some type of controlled crossing. Chief Mullen stated he agrees something needs to be there.

D. New York State Police

- Sgt. Feeley informed the Board that there will be a Trooper change happening during the first week of February, so they will see a lot of turnover in Painted Post and a little in Bath.
- Sgt. Feeley stated they are working on their first quarter traffic safety plan. They will be conducting DWI now through the end of the year in the Corning area.

E. New York State Department of Transportation

- Mr. Butler reviewed a list of projects scheduled for 2019:
 - SR 415 Over Salmon Creek in Cohocton – replacing the truss bridge and installing a roundabout at the intersection of SR 415 and SR 53. Both bridges will be done at the same time.

- I-390 Over CR 7 north of Avoca – deck replacement
- SR 54A – retaining wall work. He stated they are trying to be proactive and have set money aside to repair the retaining walls. This project will be ongoing for several years.
- Mr. Butler stated they are working on the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. They have finished the final design and will be ready to go to bid in April. The plan consists of crosswalk and signage improvements for pedestrians. In Steuben County, these improvements will take place in Hornell, Bath, Corning, Painted Post and Riverside. These improvements will happen this construction season. Additionally, they will also be working on a sidewalk project in Bath on Buell Street.

F. Sheriff's Office

- Sheriff Allard informed the committee that they are working on their Bicycle Safety Grant and will be holding bicycle safety rodeos to eight school districts two times in the spring. At these events they will be distributing bicycle helmets and safety education materials.
- Sheriff Allard stated DWI Crackdown works continues. They have seen DWI numbers double over last year.
- Sheriff Allard reported that Deputy Butler applied to the DRE program and was accepted. By the end of next summer, we will have our second DRE in the office.
- Sheriff Allard stated that for next year's Wineglass Marathon, instead of bicycle donations, he has requested they provide drones for every agency along the route. Drones will help us identify the route and intersections so we can review everything for next year. We did receive positive feedback for that request. He commented he is a big fan of drones because they let us see an overall view of things.

G. Emergency Management Office

- Mr. Marshall stated they have received one request from the North Corning Fire Department for TIM (Traffic Incident Management) training.

H. Bath Village Police

- Chief Mullen commented Mayor von Hagn had asked him to do a traffic study with the new Annex Building. The municipal and utility trucks cannot see until they are out in the intersection. We had an officer conduct traffic studies in the morning and afternoon. He would like to look at putting up a four-way stop at that intersection.

Mr. Butler asked what about the beacons you had mentioned at the last meeting? Chief Mullen replied the only problem with those is the cost. The initial thought was the problem was a failure of traffic to yield, but pedestrian traffic is the problem. The pedestrians do not cross at the crosswalks. Mrs. Dlugos commented it seems like the new building is helping to slow traffic down and more are stopping. Chief Mullen stated he would still like to see a four-way stop. He is worried about the municipal trucks and not being able to see until they are way out in the intersection. Sheriff Allard asked is that the only exit they have? Chief Mullen replied yes.

VI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. *NY 6-Hour Motor Vehicle Accident Prevention Course* – Justice Rouse-Nicholson stated that she recently took her 6-hour course on line in order to reduce her auto insurance and she noticed the information provided in the course was incorrect. Can we write a letter to the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to review this presentation and have them update it? She stated that she does not remember the company, but that she took the course through GEICO. Sheriff Allard stated that his office teaches the National Safety Council course. The course material may differ depending on who the company is teaching the course.

Secretary's Note: Following the meeting, Justice Rouse-Nicholson forwarded an email to Chief Mullen and Sheriff Allard stating that the Certificate of Course Completion for her NY 6-Hour Motor Vehicle Accident Prevention Course – Internet Version, was from the American Safety Council. She stated in her email, her opinion is that this should be reported to the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee as something to review.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. MARSHALL. SECONDED BY SHERIFF ALLARD AND DULY CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted by

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Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature