

STEBEN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

Friday, March 30, 2018

10:05 a.m.

*Legislative Committee Room
Steuben County Office Building
Bath, New York*

****MINUTES****

PRESENT: Chief Chad Mullen, Bath Village Police
Carol A. Ferratella, Legislators, District 13
Sgt. James Feeley, New York State Police
Justice Cathy Rouse-Nicholson, Magistrate’s Association
Amy Dlugos, Planning Director
James Allard, Steuben County Sheriff
Mike McCartney, District Attorney’s Office

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. ELECTION OF CHAIR/VICE CHAIR

1. **Chair** – Mrs. Chapman called for nominations for Chair. *Sheriff Allard nominated Chief Mullen, seconded by Mrs. Ferratella and duly carried.*

2. **Vice Chair** – Chief Mullen called for nominations for Vice Chair. *Justice Rouse-Nicholson nominated Sheriff Allard, seconded by Mrs. Dlugos and duly carried.*

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2017, MEETING MADE BY MRS. FERRATELLA, SECONDED BY JUSTICE ROUSE-NICHOLSON AND DULY CARRIED.

III. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, June 29, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the South Conference Room.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

A. **Town of Urbana** – Chief Mullen stated the Town of Urbana submitted a request to NYSDOT requesting a speed reduction on Greyton H. Taylor Memorial Drive between Sanford Road and Stephanie G. Taylor Memorial Drive. The DOT responded stating they performed a floating car speed study and conducted a field review. They have concluded at a speed limit of 45 mph would be appropriate for that section of road. They also recommended the Town install advance pedestrian warning signs in advance of the Bully Hill Vineyard building and pedestrian crossings.

B. **Town of Campbell** – Sheriff Allard explained he received an email from a resident who resides on Clawson Drive requesting that the speed limit be reduced. Sheriff Allard commented this is a shortcut between 333 and 415. Mr. McCartney suggested putting the speed trailer on site to help with education of the drivers about their speed. The committee agreed to have Sheriff Allard email the resident to suggest taking his request to the Town Board to go through the appropriate process for a formal review by State DOT.

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

A. District Attorney's Office

- Mr. McCartney stated they are still trying to figure out how to adequately handle traffic issues. A lot of staff time is dedicated to dealing with calls and then having to enter the information into the system.

B. Magistrate's Association

- Justice Rouse-Nicholson asked why is Probation taking over the supervision of the Ignition Interlock Devices? Sheriff Allard replied we were the only county in the State where the Sheriff's Office was providing the supervision. It made more sense to have everything go through Probation. Mr. McCartney commented the ignition interlock device is a condition of Probation.
- Justice Rouse-Nicholson stated they have a new supervisor and new special counsel for town and village courts and monthly meetings will be held at the Bath American Legion starting this month.
- Justice Rouse-Nicholson asked the Sheriff if it would be possible to use the speed trailer in some of the towns for a three-day weekend during the summer? Sheriff Allard replied we absolutely can do that. We typically start rotating the speed trailer when the weather warms up. We can set up a tentative schedule for particular areas.

Chief Mullen commented the computer in their speed trailer will not open the data that it collects. Mr. McCartney stated it is too bad with all the advances in technology that they do not have a speed trailer with a sensor that would relay information. Sheriff Allard commented there are many smaller trailers that we could purchase. Chief Mullen stated that would like to have the analytics that the trailers capture. He and the Sheriff agreed to do some research on the speed trailers.

- Justice Rouse-Nicholson asked if the Sheriff could hold some community meetings with the Amish and Mennonite communities about traffic safety. She has encountered many Amish buggies that are not obeying traffic signals. Sheriff Allard commented the Department of Motor Vehicles is hosting a conference on slow moving vehicles as this has become a big issue across the State.

C. New York State Police

- Sgt. Feeley stated they will be implementing the "No Empty Chairs" traffic safety campaign during the third week of April and we are in the process of scheduling. This is a weeklong campaign geared for prom and graduation season. Each day during that week there will be a different component. The components include targeting speeding in and near school zones, texting and cell phones, "Operation Safe Stop" which is school bus safety and underage drinking detail.
- They are in the planning stage of conducting a mock DWI crash presentation at Wayland-Cohocton School sometime in June for graduating seniors.

Sheriff Allard commented they also provide a drunken driving presentation to the schools. They use the Amy Stock Trailer. Amy Stock was a professor who was killed in a drunken driving accident. The family took her car and put it into a trailer with plexi glass with her story written around the outside. The trailer is equipped with speakers that play the 911 calls. Additionally we also have the DWI simulator and the field sobriety goggles. We usually do six school presentations. We just finished a presentation at Hammondsport.

C. Planning

- Mrs. Dlugos announced there is a new initiative for creating healthy schools and communities. Prattsburgh and Campbell-Savona are the two school districts in the county that meet Department of Health's criteria for the program. This initiative is spearheaded by Genesee Valley BOCES located in Allegany County. One of the potential outcomes is to create a complete streets concept for both communities, which will encourage students and members of the community to get more exercise safely. She stated her office would try to help them with walking and biking plans. Mrs. Dlugos

stated there was a very good speaker at the initial community meetings. Beth Burdick is coordinating the program thru BOCES.

Justice Rouse-Nicholson commented the State is pushing for more sidewalks across the State. There is new funding available and everything has to be ADA compliant. Chief Mullen asked Mrs. Dlugos to invite Ms. Burdick to give a presentation to the Traffic Safety Board at the June meeting.

D. Sheriff's Office

- Sheriff Allard informed the Board that he has been involved with Raise the Age meetings to talk about the changes that are coming. He has not heard much about how it will affect the felony vehicle and traffic convictions for 16 and 17 year olds. Mr. McCartney stated he believes there will be an exception for vehicle and traffic felony convictions.
- Sheriff Allard stated the Senate has passed a bill that would allow the Jail to be a holding facility for hub court. We will see if that ends up being included in the budget. Justice Rouse-Nicholson asked how many holding cells would you have? Sheriff Allard replied if the proposal is adopted, we would be looking at the booking area and would have 1 group cell and 4 individual cells. It would require the approval of the Commission of Corrections. There is talk that they would plan arraignments between 7 – 8 in the morning and 7 – 8 in the evening.
- The Drug Forums have been going well and most likely will continue. They have started doing interdiction training in-house.

E. Legislature

- Mrs. Ferratella asked if we wanted to put the speed trailer on Route 352 and Buffalo, is that something we could ask the Sheriff's Office to do? Sheriff Allard replied yes.

F. Bath Village Police

- Chief Mullen stated that in conjunction with what Justice Rouse-Nicholson was saying about the State DOT wanting to see more sidewalks, we are looking at putting in sidewalks up West Morris Street and Geneva Street.

MOTION: TO AJDOURN MADE BY JUSTICE ROUSE-NICHOLSON, SECONDED BY MRS. DLUGOS AND DULY CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk