

**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  
Matt Sousa, Senior Planner, Steuben County Planning Department  
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  
Lorelei Wagner, Public Health Educator

**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 DECEMBER 14, 2018, MEETING MADE BY MR. MARSHALL, SECONDED BY MRS. FERRATELLA AND DULY CARRIED.**

**III. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Friday, June 28, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room D of the New Annex Building.

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

A. *Training Opportunity* – Chief Mullen provided copies of a training opportunity for the 2020 grants that will be held on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Town of Big Flats Community Center.

B. *Town of Avoca* – Chief Mullen stated NYSDOT sent a letter to the Town of Avoca regarding the results of a floating car speed study on Waterbury Hill Road, between County Road 6 and State Route 415. The study concluded that the fifty-five miles per hour (55 mph) would be an appropriate speed limit for this roadway. Additionally, they conducted an accident investigation for the previous three years and during that time, no accidents were reported. As such, no speed limit reduction is warranted.

C. *Town of Wayne* – Chief Mullen stated NYSDOT sent a letter to the Town of Wayne regarding the results of a floating car speed study and a field review on County Road 97, between County Road 87 and Alderman Road. The study concluded that the fifty-five miles per hour (55 mph) would be an appropriate speed limit for this roadway. This road also has a marked curve with an advisory speed posted and the curve is a self-regulating road feature. Additionally, they performed an accident investigation for the previous five years. During that time, half of the accidents reported were deer related, but there was discernable pattern in any of the accidents reported. As such no speed limit reduction is warranted.

## V. DEPARTMENT/AGENCY/MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

### A. Sheriff's Office

- Sheriff Allard reported they are working on bicycle safety. They will be holding events at eight schools, two times, as part of the current grant cycle.
- The Prom Safety meetings are up and going and will include impaired driver education. They will try to do four school districts during May for the upcoming prom and graduation season.
- Sheriff Allard stated he is putting together the next PTS grant.
- Other events upcoming are Empty Chair Week and Occupant Restraint

### B. New York State Police

- Sgt. Feeley stated No Empty Chair Week is a week-long campaign that we hold in advance of prom and graduation. Monday through Friday of that week is dedicated to a specific issue such as texting, speeding, DWI, etc. Our patrols during this week are focused in or near school zones. Additionally, Safe Stop is also that same week, where we shadow buses on their routes to ensure that people are not passing stopped school buses.
- They are working with the Sheriff and the Wayland-Cohocton and Canisteo Schools to do the mock DWI crash on May 31, 2019 in the Village of Cohocton.
- Sgt. Feeley announced their Traffic Safety Officer, Trooper Vince Corona's last day is today. His replacement will be Trooper Brian Bernard. Additionally, Lt. Stebbins is transferring to Auburn, so you will see a different Assistant Lieutenant.
- Woodstock 50 – this event is not being held in Steuben County, but there will be a lot of traffic coming through the area. Mr. Marshall stated they will be reducing the number of tickets sold to 75,000. Mr. Butler commented that they have encouraged the organizers to do contingent planning for additional numbers, but they have been pushing back on that.

Sgt. Feeley stated Exits 42 and 46, along with SR 414 will be the main issues. Every exit is a potential route. Mrs. Ferratella asked what has the feedback been? Sgt. Feeley replied it has been mixed. Sheriff Allard stated a lot of folks were at Woodstock in 1973 and remember what that was like, so there is a lot of anxiety. Sgt. Feeley stated the production people they have contracted with seem like they have the credentials to make it happen. Sheriff Allard stated one of the issues is that the production people are changing things daily. Sgt. Feeley stated one of the things that has changed is they have eliminated off-site parking.

### C. Magistrate's Association

- Justice Rouse-Nicholson informed the committee that CAP officially started on March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Public Safety Building. Sheriff Allard commented we are pushing for a clerk in order to process things in a timely fashion. They have sent several emails to Judge Pirro regarding this. Justice Rouse-Nicholson commented she thinks this is a wonderful thing; there are just some issues that still need to be worked out.

### D. Emergency Management Office

- Mr. Marshall informed the committee that his office is also involved with the mock DWI drills.
- He stated his office is working with the Sheriff, New York State Police and NYS Department of Transportation on Woodstock 50.
- Mr. Marshall stated they are doing some contingency planning with NYSDOT regarding SR 54A (West Lake Road). NYSDOT has looked at all of the culverts, cross pipe, drop inlets. They have identified an enormous amount of work that needs to be done and have applied for mitigation grants. If we have a rain issue, we will have major washout road damage and access to emergency services will be cut off and limited for a long period of time. We are working with the utilities and other vendors on this contingency plan.
- Mr. Marshall announced they completed TIMs (Traffic Incident Management) training in Corning. They had a good turnout and will continue to do these trainings as requested.

E. New York State Department of Transportation

- Mr. Butler stated there have been no changes to their work program since his last report.
- Pedestrian Safety Action Plan – This will help to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility throughout the County and region. The bids will be let on April 11, 2019. This is a new top of contract, so it will be interesting to see what we get back. Mr. Butler commented they had received a question regarding the completion date of November 2019. There was concern with that date and we have pushed that date of as an addendum to the contract
- Mr. Butler stated they have been working with the Emergency Management Office on contingency planning regarding SR 54A. The DOT's role is to create stock detour plans.
- TIMs training has been a big push from Albany in the wake of the death of a DOT worker one month ago. Everything at that work site was set up as it was supposed to be. We are making sure that we are requesting police presence on all of the interstate projects where are workers are not working behind concrete barriers.

Sheriff Allard commented recently on I-86 there were some DOT workers in the median, with a flashing truck on the right shoulder and everyone is moving over toward the workers. Mr. Butler stated that is our standard procedure, but he will look into that. We will be meeting with TIMs officers to discuss the new protocols.

- Mr. Butler informed the committee that they met with the owners of the Dandy Mini Mart on Goff Road in Corning. It looks as though there will be an opportunity to improve that area. They have not yet submitted their highway work permit yet, but they wanted input from our office.

F. Public Works

- Mr. Catherman informed the committee the CR 22 bridge in Cameron has been closed since February 1, 2019, and will remain closed until October.
- The department is starting the construction schedule for the year and there is a lot of work taking place around the County. One job of note is Nicholson Road in the Town of Howard; that road will be closed, however, there will be off-site detour routes.

G. Public Health

- Ms. Wagner stated they continue to hold car seat education classes for DSS caseworkers, expectant parents and foster care parents. They have two car seat events scheduled for this spring, one in May, two in June and one in July.

H. Planning

- Mr. Sousa stated they are starting up the Outdoor Recreation Committee again. One of the areas they will be looking at are trails with off-site parking.
- Mr. Sousa stated they have not yet heard if there will be additional funding for the Safe Routes to School grants for Prattsburgh and Campbell-Savona Schools.

I. Legislature

- Mrs. Ferratella asked with the drones that are being donated for the Wineglass Marathon, will those be able to be used for other situations/events? Sheriff Allard replied yes. The Sheriff's Office, Bath Police Department and Corning Police Department are each getting one drone. We will use the drone during the Wineglass Marathon and then they are ours to use the rest of the time. Drones are being used more and more.
- Mrs. Ferratella commented the viaduct by the Store-Flex area is always under disrepair. Are there any plans to reconstruct that area? Mr. Butler replied we did discuss it, but he will check on that.

J. Bath Police Department

- Chief Mullen stated May 3, 2019, they will be doing a DWI reenactment at the Bath Fairgrounds.

- Next week they will be holding a car seat event in the Village.
- Chief Mullen announced they will be putting a repeater up on Mossy Bank and are looking to convert over to digital. Our Town Board approved that, and with this we will be able to blanket the entire Village and that will help us with our radio issues. Mr. Marshall commented we may also need to look at taking you off that frequency.
- Chief Mullen stated they are getting two new vehicles and they are also gearing up for grants.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

A. *2020 Grant Training* – Chief Mullen informed the committee that Maureen Kozakiewicz has requested dates/times that she could come down to provide training on the 2020 grant applications. The committee agreed that the first week of May would work well. Chief Mullen stated if you are sending anyone to the April training in Big Flats, just email Ms. Kozakiewicz to let her know.

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY JUSTICE ROUSE-NICHOLSON. SECONDED BY MR. MARSHALL AND DULY CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman  
Deputy Clerk  
Steuben County Legislature