

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, John Roche Community Room
Friday, November 14, 2008 @ 9:30 a.m.

Members: Doug Jarzynski, Darrell Parker, Pat Beghin, Penny Kiefer, Andrea Loeffelholz, Graham Heitz, Avis Link, Andy Ross, Joanne Wingers, Robert Andler, Kurt Dey, Eugene Brown, Charles Poches, Dennis Weiner

Meeting Called to Order: 9:39 a.m. by Doug Jarzynski

Motion to approve the November agenda was made by Kiefer. Seconded by Link. Motion carried.

Previous meeting's minutes were formally reviewed. ***Motion to approve previous meeting minutes from August meeting made by Andler. Seconded by Brown. Motion carried.***

OLD BUSINESS

1. *Update on request for review of curve for safety improvements on STH 23 at CTH O in the Township of Newport.* DOT indicated that the signage at this location is okay and that at this point there is not much else that DOT is looking at doing at this location. It will be monitored to see if problems continue there and at that point in time it may be put in for a safety improvement project, but that would have to be based on the crash data in the future for that area. No other action was taken on this agenda item.
2. *Update on speed reduction to 35mph on CTH CX from USH 51 north approximately .4 miles in the City of Portage.* Dey indicated the ordinance change and signage should be in place in November.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Request for speed reduction from 35mph to 25mph on STH 22/North Washington Street in the Village of Wyocena.* Jarzynski showed the commission a video of the area in question. Heitz from DOT indicated that the state could do a speed study at this location to determine how it comes up and may also look at it for better signage for the 35mph zone. ***A motion was made by Dey to have the State of Wisconsin conduct a study and determine appropriate signage. Seconded by Kiefer. Motion carried.***

FATAL ACCIDENT REPORT by Pat Beghin

Beghin briefed the commission on the four fatalities that had taken place from our previous meeting. Our fatalities are still down considerably from the previous year as well as the overall state fatal total appears to be down at this point in time.

BOTS UPDATE: Andrea Loeffelholz

The BOTS report was given by Loeffelholz from Wisconsin Department of Transportation BOTS. She provided a number of handouts to the commission detailing some of the activities that were taking place and also legislative action that had not been acted on this year and ones that she believed would be re-introduced again next session for possible movement at that time.

New information provided by Kiefer. Kiefer indicated that she had been contacted by a citizen in reference to a possible speed reduction on STH 33. This area has already been looked at numerous times in the past. Kiefer advised she was just looking to have a speed reduction as you are heading westbound on STH 33 to slow it down past the intersection with Caledonia Street. This item will be put on the agenda for the next meeting (February 2009) and for it to be addressed at that time.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dey at approximately 11 a.m. Seconded by Andler. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, February 13, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, John Roche Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Beghin
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