

MARQUETTE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 5, 2023

Marquette County Sheriff's Office
Public Safety Room – Montello, WI

Members present: Lt. Aaron Williams, Capt. Mike Kowalski, Sheriff Joe Konrath, Glen Bubolz, Tony Kemnitz, Trace Frost, Mike Raddatz, Brian Trebiatowski, Jason Stauffacher, Steve Klump, Rob Lulling, Cara Abts, Wendy Arneson, Karen Wampler and Stephanie Warren.

The Traffic Safety Committee meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Aaron Williams at 9:01 a.m.

Moved by Mike Raddatz and seconded by Joe Konrath to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Steve Klump and seconded by Mike Raddatz to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2023, meeting. **Motion carried.**

Citizen Concerns:

None.

Old Business

STH 23 Project update was given by Tony Kemnitz.

N. Main Street in Westfield update.

New Business

Due to the retirement of Captain Les Crandall, a new TSC Chairperson will need to be elected. Mike Raddatz nominated Aaron Williams; however, the nomination was declined. Steve Klump nominated Mike Kowalski and this was seconded by Glen Bubolz. Nominations were closed and after a unanimous vote Mike Kowalski will be the new TSC Chairperson. Glen Bubolz nominated Aaron Williams to remain as Vice Chairperson and this was seconded by Jason Stauffacher. Nominations were closed and after a unanimous vote Aaron Williams will remain as TSC Vice Chairperson.

Glen Bubolz would like to have speed signs posted on STH 23 east of Montello at 16th Road to be 45 mph to 35 mph prior to hitting the 25-mph sign. Tony Kemnitz indicated a speed study would need to be done and should have the results for the fall TSC meeting.

Steve Klump would like to see better ATV signage throughout the county showing where the ATV routes start and end. Brian Trebiatowski advised the ATV club

handles the signage for the routes and not the county. All agreed there needs to be a better system to identify ATV routes in Marquette County.

Crash Review

Aaron Williams reported 0 fatalities for the first quarter. There was a total of 95 crashes with 19 injuries. This total does include car/deer crashes.

Transportation Safety Report and Highway Safety Input

Trace Frost advised of 93 fatalities so far in 2023 compared to 119 at this time last year in the State of Wisconsin. There was a total of 601 fatalities in 2022 with the total being finalized sometime in May. Trace reviewed the Safe System Principles and showed a new feature on Community Maps where crashes can be viewed using a winter road flag and also if damage was done to government property. On Community Maps there is a new tab called Dashboard that compares the current year's statistics to the previous year. From 2017 to 2022 there have been 203 Amish buggy crashes reported in the State of Wisconsin.

Highway Construction Update

Tony Kemnitz gave a presentation on the STH 23 construction project showing the differences between reconstructing the roadway and applying features to make the road safer. Not only would it cost more it would also delay the project for up to two years. Currently there are 7 miles of STH 23 that will undergo pavement replacement with a wider paved shoulder and rumble strips, a high friction surface treatment to curves, and center line rumble strips. Lines will increase from 4" to 6". Shoulder rumble strips have showed a 29% reduction in crashes. This project will last 4 ½ months and is scheduled for May – September 2024.

N. Main Street to Adams Street in the Village of Westfield is scheduled to start May 1, 2023. This will cause increased traffic on Pioneer Park Road. The project should be completed by September.

Other Business - Round Table

Karen Wampler advised she is still receiving calls regarding speed in Briggsville. Captain Kowalski reported that heavy patrolling is still being done, however, cannot be done all the time. Flashing signs seem to work and may be a solution if the town can purchase one.

Brian Trebiatowski reported weight limit signs will be lifted next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. by Vice Chairperson Aaron Williams.

The next meeting was set for July 5, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by Stephanie Warren