

## MARQUETTE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 3, 2024

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

Members present: Mike Kowalski, Aaron Williams, Joe Konrath, Trace Frost, Brian Trebiatowski, Jason Stauffacher, Cara Abts (via phone), Matt Strickland, Michael Kohnke, Sharon Galonski, Karen Wampler, Glen Bubolz, Dave Benson, and Stephanie Warren.

The Traffic Safety Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mike Kowalski at 9:00 a.m.

Moved by Jason Stauffacher and seconded by Dave Benson to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Jason Stauffacher and seconded by Karen Wampler to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2023, meeting. **Motion carried.**

### Citizen Concerns

None.

### Old Business

Briggsville has installed the orange metal speed warning signs similar to the Village of Oxford. Briggsville has also received a \$3,000.00 grant through Operation Roundup from Adams-Columbia Coop to purchase a flashing speed sign. The total cost will be approximately \$4,000 - \$4,500.

Mike Kowalski reported there were 15 extra patrol requests made in 2023 with law enforcement working in those areas when possible.

### New Business

A speed study on STH 82 from the Village of Oxford to I39 was discussed. Previous studies were conducted in 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2021. Cara Abts will put in for another to address speeds where school buses stop to pick up and drop off students and where pedestrians cross STH 82 to get to the school mainly from a sub-division known as Driscoll's subdivision near CTH J and STH 82. Contact will be made with the Westfield School District to find out if school buses stop on STH 82 or if they can stop in the subdivision to avoid potential accidents.

Brian Trebiatowski reported that 64% of county roads in Marquette were open to ATV travel. Applications have been received from other towns that would bring that up to 82%. The discussion has been to open all county roads in Marquette County to ATV

travel, however safety concerns are an issue. ATV crashes are not reportable unless a motor vehicle is involved. There has been a total of 55 ATV crashes involving motor vehicles in the State of Wisconsin in 2023. The Highway Committee will need to review and approve a resolution for all county roads to be open and pass that on to the County Board for approval.

#### Crash Review

There has been a total of 224 crashes with 92 injuries and 1 fatality in 2023 for Marquette County.

#### Transportation Safety Report and Highway Safety Input

Trace Frost advised of 565 fatalities as of December 29, 2023, compared to a total of 594 in 2022. Final totals for 2023 are not in yet.

Crash hotspots in Marquette County are on I39 near Endeavor and STH 23 near Montello. Speed grant money is available to work in these areas. Need to apply for the grant.

A new program is being started to train law enforcement to perform their own blood draws. This is a volunteer program and would be a 10-day class.

The 511 Road System is a good tool to review road conditions. They also have an app for your phone.

#### Highway Construction Update

Brian Trebiatowski stated the causeway project will start in mid to late June of 2024 with a 6–8-week closure. CTH CH paving from Westfield to the Waushara County line will also be completed in 2024. The asphalt plant should be operational sometime in late 2024.

#### Other Business

Michael Kohnke advised that reconstruction of the intersection of Church Street and STH 22 will start in February. This will include a new curb, gutter, sewer/water, and sidewalk. Will also be doing Park Street from Doty to Church Street.

Moved by Joe Konrath and seconded by Sharon Galonski to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m. **Motion carried.**

The next meeting was set for April 3, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by Stephanie Warren