

MARQUETTE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 9, 2024

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

Members present: Mike Kowalski, Aaron Williams, Joe Konrath, Trace Frost, Brian Trebiatowski, Cara Abts (via phone), Matt Strickland, Michael Kohnke, Dave Benson, Mike Raddatz, Ron Barger, Ben Nadolski, and Stephanie Warren.

The Traffic Safety Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mike Kowalski at 1:00 p.m.

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

Moved by Brian Trebiatowski and seconded by Dave Benson to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2024, meeting. **Motion carried.**

Citizen Concerns

None.

Old Business

Mike Kowalski reported he has observed Lamers bus stops on STH 82/CTH J and was good with how they conduct their stops. Cara Abts stated they will be collecting more speed data this summer on STH 82.

Brian Trebiatowski advised the entire county road system has been opened for ATV use for 2024 on a trial basis and will be addressed again in December at the Highway Committee meeting. Signs have been ordered and will be put up as soon as received.

New Business

Trace Frost has requested the Traffic Safety Committee submit a Letter of Support to BOTS to obtain a \$25,000 grant to be used for overtime reimbursement and equipment. 30 of 72 counties receive grant money as targeted counties. Not all of the money is used, and BOTS wants to redistribute that money to untargeted counties. This grant could be used to purchase a speed trailer with an estimated cost of \$14,000 and offset overtime costs for speed enforcement. Moved by Mike Raddatz and seconded by Dave Benson to authorize a Letter of Support be sent to BOTS for the grant. **Motion carried.**

ATV/UTV speed limits are 35 mph per State Statute and that has been adopted by Marquette County. Most fatalities on ATV/UTV are caused by speed and no seatbelt use.

Ben Nadolski will forward the 2023 report of ATV/UTV crash statistics to the Traffic Safety Committee.

Aaron Williams discussed training ideas for the Traffic Safety Committee outside of meetings. This could be specialized training or even travel to a troubled area in the county to observe issues. Ideas should be presented for discussion.

Crash Review

There has been a total of 89 crashes with 27 injuries and 0 fatalities so far in 2024 for Marquette County. 4 of the injuries were listed as severe.

Transportation Safety Report and Highway Safety Input

Trace Frost advised of 578 fatalities in the State of Wisconsin for 2023, compared to a total of 594 in 2022. As of April 8, 2024, there have been 96 fatalities compared to 103 last year.

The Governors Conference will be on August 19-21, 2024 at the Kalahari Resort.

Speed Awareness Day will be on July 31, 2024.

Dispatchers should notify TMC of wrong way driver incidents. There were 571 reports in 2023.

Highway Construction Update

Brian Trebiatowski stated CTH CH resurfacing will start mid-June to August. The project will start at the high school and progress north. CH will be open to traffic using flaggers.

The causeway project was awarded to Kopplin and Kinas with a project schedule to be determined. There will be no in-water work before June 15th per DNR regulations. The causeway will be closed for a period of time due to culvert replacements and fill placement. Once a schedule is received by the contractor it will be released.

Resurfacing of STH 23 from Morningside Court to I39 will begin this summer.

Other Business

None.

Moved by Dave Benson and seconded by Mike Raddatz to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m. **Motion carried.**

The next meeting was set for July 2, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by Stephanie Warren