

MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

October 18, 2016

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Todd Hermann, John Kropp, Bryan Ashenbrenner, Joseph Collins, Barbara Herrmann, Allan Hibbard, Lynne Kaminski, Scott Nelson, Jason Orth, Michael Panosh, Scott Schneider, Rick Wolfe, Scott Luchterhand, and Judy Stahl

Excused: Holly Herzog, Marc Holsen, and Lynne Kaminski

Also in attendance: Thomas C. Fricke, citizen

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chairman Todd Hermann.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from July 19, 2016 meeting by Scott Schneider, second by Allan Hibbard; motion carried.

Public Input: None

Request for Site Evaluations:

Request by Thomas Fricke to lower the speed limit to 35 mph on CORD R in front of County Industrial Park. Thomas Fricke requested that the speed limit be lowered from 55 mph to 35 mph on County Road R near Redwood Dr. In addition, he believes the speed limit should be consistent all the way on North Rapids Road to Calumet Avenue as it changes several times while driving North to South. Discussion was held and it was noted while speeds in residential areas are 35 mph, this road has several areas that would allow for higher speeds in less populated areas. Therefore, it isn't feasible to keep the speed limit consistent throughout the entire length of the road. Motion was made by John Kropp to conduct a speed study and compile crash data for the area in question (CORD R / Redwood Dr.); seconded by Scott Schneider; motion carried. This matter will be held open pending further information. Request tabled.

Follow-up on Site Evaluations from Prior Meeting:

Request by Matt Richmond to conduct a speed study on CORD B between the intersection of VV and V. Matt Richmond did not attend the meeting. It was determined that there is no need for change based on the crash data. This item was resolved and can be removed from the agenda.

Request by Kiel School District to investigate the intersection of CORD AA (Park Ave.) and Meggers Road (6th St.) to determine if it can be designated as a hazardous transportation zone. Todd Hermann followed up with Benjamin Hill and Two Rivers PD. He provided the Kiel School District with the letter they requested. This item was resolved can be removed from the agenda.

Request by Town Chairman Dale Markwardt to review the intersection located at Goodwin Rd. and CORD Q. No further information received and there are no recommendations at this time. This item can be removed from agenda until new information is received.

DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative:

Michael Panosh reported that Wisconsin has had 463 fatalities so far in 2016, up from 446 at this same time last year. The 5 year average for the state is 440. Manitowoc County only had 2 fatalities so far this year compared to 5 at the same time last year. The 5 year average for the county is 10.

The OWI Task Force will continue, it has been very successful and grant money will again be provided for additional officer hours.

The new law regarding cell phone use in construction areas is in effect. Drivers can't use phone to head (ear) while driving through construction zones.

Recent Fatalities:

09/11/16 - a single vehicle drifted off the roadway and hit a culvert in the Town of Two Rivers (Viceroy Rd./Sandy Hill Ln.) The 78 year old driver was not wearing a seat belt. The odor of intoxicants was detected, however, results from the Coroner are not back yet.

10/03/16 – Car vs. Semi in the Village of Mishicot. Driver of car failed to yield from stop sign to semi on STHY 147 and CORD B. Victim was driver of car; 59 years old from out of state; not familiar with area. No history of crashes prior to this crash.

Appointments:

Sgt. Andrew Hyer to replace Sgt. Michael Galvan. Motion by Bryan Ashenbrenner; second by Jason Orth; motion carried.

Lt. Karen Elsenpeter as alternate to Joseph Collins replacing Shawn Engelman. Motion by Joseph Collins; second by Scott Schneider; motion carried.

Upcoming Event:

Scott Nelson indicated that the T.I.M.E. meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16th from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon at the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office, Conference Room A.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office.

A motion to adjourn was made by Joseph Collins at 10:39 a.m.; second by John Kropp; motion carried.

Submitted by: Judy Stahl