



MANITOWOC COUNTY

MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

MEETING NOTICE

DATE: January 17, 2012

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Manitowoc County Sheriff's Dept. (Conference Room A)
1025 S. 9th St., Manitowoc WI 54220

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2. Approval of previous minutes
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4. Follow-up on site evaluations from prior meetings
 - Request to lower speed limit on STH 42, .5 mile each way from Fricke Drive
 - No Parking Signs on STH 310 at Bar None tavern
 - Request for 25 mph sign installed on Pigeon Lake Road south of Autumn Ridge Road for motorists exiting the Golf Course and turning south on Pigeon Lake Road
5. Request for site evaluations
6. Legislative update report from WIDOT-BOTS representative
7. Report on recent fatalities
 - Follow-up on contact with Town of Gibson regarding stop sign height and condition on West Assman and Princel Road (scene of 9/03/11 fatality)
 - Follow-up on triple fatality on 10/12/11 on Shoto Rd.

Date: January 10, 2012

Todd E. Hermann, Chairperson

By: Kathy Leist, Secretary

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Date: January 17, 2012

Location: Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department

Present: Todd Hermann, John Kropp, Rick Wolfe, Rick Habeck, Barbara Herrmann, Joe Collins, Michael Panosh, Allan Hibbard, Rob Kappelmann, Scott Nelson and Kathy Leist

Excused: Scott Schneider, Bryan Aschenbrener, Bradley Seymour

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m.

Public Input: None

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of 10/18/2011 meeting by Joe Collins, second by John Kropp; motion carried.

Follow-up on Site Evaluations from Prior Meetings:

Request to lower speed limit on STH 42, .5 mile each way from Fricke Drive: Scott Nelson reported the preliminary speed zone study did not support a lower speed limit. The Town of Manitowoc Rapids will have to request a formal study if they wish to pursue it.

No Parking Signs on STH 310 at Bar None tavern: Scott Nelson stated there is no update on this issue. We are waiting for some indication of support from the Town of Two Rivers. Todd Hermann spoke with the town chairman who had no opinion of which way to proceed. If there is no support from the Township, Scott suggested to leave it as is. Todd also spoke with the tavern owner who expressed her concern with parking for big events. Todd reiterated the safety issue, but Scott Nelson stated that the State will not move forward without Township support.

Request for 25 mph sign installed on Pigeon Lake Rd, south of Autumn Ridge Rd, for motorists exiting the golf course and turning south on Pigeon Lake Rd.: The concern here is the curve area without a speed limit sign. Todd Hermann contacted the Town by letter but received no response. He spoke with Chairperson Pitz, and another 25 mph speed limit sign was installed. John Kropp provided an aerial view map showing the locations of four 25 mph signs. The additional sign was installed south of Autumn Ridge Drive (south of boat landing), and John felt there is now adequate signage.

Request for Site Evaluations:

Bryan Aschenbrener called in an issue related to the stop light at the top of the off-ramp from I-43 leading to Highway 151. One of the lights is not pointing in the right direction which is caused by semis taking the corner too wide. Scott Nelson said this is a common occurrence, and he will follow up with Manitowoc Department of Public Works.

Legislative Update Report from WIDOT-BOTS

Mike Panosh has returned as the WIDOT-BOTS representative to our Commission. He reported the OWI task force in Brown County is very successful and received good publicity.

Ashwaubenon and DePere officers are working in Green Bay. They are trying the same for the same program in Appleton.

Mike Panosh also reported on fatality statistics. There were 570 traffic fatalities in Wisconsin in 2011 compared to 562 in 2010. Thus far in 2012 there have been 20 vs. 19 last year. Manitowoc County reported 8 fatalities in 2011 compared to 10 in 2010. Mike stated additional grant monies should become available for Manitowoc County in the future. Changes in their methodology, should allow for the availability of more grant money.

An inquiry on the progress of sobriety checkpoints was made. Mike Panosh stated it has been proposed but probably won't be going anywhere. Wisconsin is the leader of binge drinking in the country, and Barb Herrmann said it is important to put information out to the news media on OWI BAC levels.

Report on Recent Fatalities:

Follow-up on triple fatality on 10/12/2011: Todd Hermann provided an update on a triple fatality that occurred on 10/12/2011 at 3:51 p.m. on Shoto Road. Three pedestrians standing on the side of the road were killed. Alcohol was a factor. The reconstruction of the accident is not yet back from the Wisconsin State Patrol.

Manitowoc PD Capt. Rick Habeck reported on a fatality that occurred on 1/04/2012 on Memorial Drive at Spruce St. The driver suffered an aneurysm, lost consciousness, left the roadway and struck a tree. The vehicle burst into flames, and the victim died from trauma caused by the accident.

Todd Herman stated that a fatality occurred this morning on Dairyland Drive, Cleveland. No details available.

Follow-up with Town of Gibson regarding stop sign height on West Assman and Princel Rd. (scene of 9/03/2011 fatality): John Kropp attended a town board meeting in December on the issue of the height of the stop signs. The Town had ordered posts shorter than standard and installed them. They will go back and reset them. It should be noted that Trooper Aschenbrener had noticed many signs on shorter posts in that area, and the Town agreed to change them.

Other Business: Scott Nelson stated the safety zone guidelines have been upgraded. There will be a training session to train the trainer. The material is divided into different modules to take back to agency staff.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m. on motion by Joe Collins, second by John Kropp; motion carried.

Next meeting: ~~April 17, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.~~ ***Note: The meeting date is rescheduled for April 24, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office.***

Kathy Leist, Secretary



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 - Request to lower speed limit on CTH C at Stecker Machine, east of CR from 55 to 45 mph
6. Legislative update report from WIDOT-BOTS representative
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Date: April 24, 2012

Location: Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Todd Hermann, Rick Henrickson, Barbara Herrmann, Rick Wolfe, Scott Schneider, Al Hibbard, Brad Seymour, Colin Brown, Bryan Ashenbrenner, Mike Panosh, Scott Nelson, John Kropp, Kathy Leist, Bob Ziegelbauer, and Holly Herzog.

Excused: Nancy Crowley

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Todd Hermann.

Public Input: None

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of 01/17/2012 meeting by Rick Henrickson; seconded by John Kropp; motion carried.

Follow-up on Site Evaluations from Prior Meetings: None

Request for Site Evaluations:

Request to install horse and buggy signs on CORD K, west of CORD W. Citizen Kurt Nousaard has requested horse and buggy signs in this area as it is used by local Amish families and he feels there is a safety issue. It was noted that Reedsville did install similar signs on Taus Road in 2007. Rick Henrickson felt additional signs would increase public awareness. Rick Wolfe felt it would be beneficial to map the Amish farms in the area to see which roads would be used most often. John Kropp stated the commissioner did not have a problem with the signs being put up and the county would be responsible for the cost of these signs. It was noted that this area does contain the county's largest Amish community. Scott Nelson stated the three criteria to be used in this matter would be reoccurring and frequency of use, availability of parallel or alternative routes, and looking at the highway itself to see if adding the sign would cause it to be unsafe. Rick Wolfe felt it would be beneficial to contact the township for their recommendation. John Kropp noted that the previous request in 2007 was made by the Amish community and this one is not. Todd Hermann will contact the Townships of Maple Grove and Franklin for their recommendation. Matter tabled until the next meeting.

Request to lower speed limit on CORD C at Stecker Machine, east of CR from 55 to 45 mph. This request was received from an employee of Stecker Machine. Todd Hermann stated that CORD C was reviewed in 2008, and a recommendation was not made until a traffic pattern could be established in relationship to the new CNC Links. It was noted that there are 3 driveways and a stop sign already in the area causing traffic to slow down. John Kropp stated the driveway for Stecker Machine is near the crest of a hill and there is a concern for semis leaving Stecker. Todd Hermann felt any recommendation should also be approved by the township. Scott Nelson stated sign placement should also be taken into consideration as a "stop ahead" sign and stop sign are also in the area and the location may be more impacted by the stop sign than a reduced speed limit. It was suggested that a hidden driveway sign or truck entrance sign may be a better option. John Kropp felt reducing the speed would not help. There were no crash reports for this area. Motion to not make a recommendation to lower the speed on CORD C and put up a sign was made by John Kropp; second by Rick Henrickson. An amended motion was then made to deny the request to lower the speed limit; second by Brad Seymour; motion carried.

DOT update report from WIDOT-BOTS representative:

Mike Panosh reported on fatality statistics. So far there have been 140 fatal accidents in 2012 as compared to 120 in 2011 which is below the 5 year average. The weather may be a contributing factor for the increase as we went through a freeze, thaw, freeze circle and good weather also resulted in more traffic. So far in 2012 there have been 12 motorcycle fatalities as compared to 5 in 2011. Fatal accidents involving pedestrians are down with 8 in 2012 compared to 16 in 2011. Manitowoc County currently has 7 fatal accidents in 2012 as compared to 8 total in 2011. Fatal accidents in surrounding counties include Sheboygan 3, Brown 8, and Kewaunee 0. Wisconsin overall had 108 fatalities in 2011 and 122 in 2012. Alcohol is believed to be involved in 40% of these accidents.

Barb Herrmann questioned if any statistics are available regarding prescription drug use. Mike Panosh stated this information is not broken out at this time.

Mike Panosh also handed out a summary of recent bills passed affecting the traffic safety community. Act 73 was discussed which expands the definition of a bicycle. Act 164 was also discussed which prohibits instructional and probationary license holders from using a mobile phone while driving. Act 208 deals with ATV/UTV operation. It was noted that Reedsville and Gibson currently allow ATV/UTV to operate on the roadway. Barb Herrmann questioned if there are age limits. Todd Herrmann stated the road must be posted as a trail and operators must possess an ATV training certificate.

Al Hibbard questioned Act 241 and why Wisconsin was going to a black and white driver's license. Mike Panosh explained that there are Federal requirements requiring Wisconsin to change. The new driver's licenses will be printed out of state and mailed to individuals. Driver's licenses will look different and will not be immediately available.

Act 279 regarding weight limits and the hauling of manure was discussed. It was noted that the excessive weight of the trucks while hauling manure is causing damage to local roads and bridges. Barb Herrmann questioned if any other types of vehicles are overweight or if the problem is limited to manure haulers. She also questioned if there was some way to have them contribute to the maintenance of the roadways. Bob Ziegelbauer stated this was a very complicated issued and is gaining a lot of attention. Progress is incremental and on-going. John Kropp stated Two Creeks requires haulers to notify them of their hauling route. Barb Herrmann felt rules should be established to help maintain the roads and bridges. John Kropp stated haulers are using portable pits which reduces the amount of mud on the roadway. Mike Panosh stated that weight limits are posted on the roads.

Report on Recent Fatalities:

January 17, 2012, Dairyland Dr. south of S Cleveland Rd. Trooper Brad Seymour stated this accident was a result of driver error and was weather related. There was a heavy snow falling at the time and the driver was going too fast for conditions. Nothing could have been done to prevent this accident. The driver was using seatbelts and the air bags did deploy.

January 29, 2012, CORD JJ west of Rockea Rd. Trooper Ashenbrenner stated this accident occurred because the driver took a curve too fast, over corrected, and overturned. The driver died. He was not wearing a seatbelt and alcohol was a factor.

March 21, 2012, CORD LS north of Silver Creek Rd. Two teenagers died in this crash. No seatbelts were used and excessive speed was a factor. The vehicles left the roadway with the back of the vehicle

striking a tree. The operator survived with the front seat and back seat passengers being killed. The weather was not a factor in this crash.

March 23, 2012, CORD S south of Hilltop Rd. Elderly individual gradually left roadway striking driveway embankment and tree. Individual died the next day. The roadway was wet and straight, a seatbelt was used, alcohol was not a factor.

April 5, 2012, CORD X west of Rust Rd. Roadway was straight and level and the accident occurred during daylight hours. Vehicle travel off the roadway, over corrected and overturned. Individual died 8 days later. Alcohol was a factor and seatbelts were not used. Air bags did not deploy.

Other Business:

Kathy Leist was thanked for her service to the commission as she is retiring May 11, 2012. Holly Herzog was approved as Kathy Leist's replacement.

A short discussion was also held regarding why there was no warning on Memorial Dr. announcing the change from 45 mph to 35 mph. It was advised that any reduction in 10 mph increments does not need to be posted in advance.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m. on motion of Scott Schneider; second by John Kropp; motion carried.

Next Meeting: July 17, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Holly Herzog, Secretary

Bills of Interest to the Wisconsin Traffic Safety Community
2011-2012 Legislative Session (Current as of April 17, 2012)

Enacted into Law

- **Act 2 (Tort Reform):** Effective February 1, 2011, creates stricter standards for negligence, strict liability, and punitive damage awards; does not apply in civil suit arising from OWI (cf. SS-SB-1).
- **Act 14 (Auto Insurance):** Effective November 1, 2011, reduces required minimum coverage to \$25,000 for injury/death, \$50,000 for multiple injury/death, and \$10,000 for property damage; expands uninsured motorist coverage to include a "phantom motor vehicle" (cf. AB-4).
- **Act 20 (Granular Roofing Material Transport):** Effective June 8, 2011, repeals August 1, 2011 sunset on issuance of overweight permits for moving granular roofing materials (cf. SB-61).
- **Act 29 (Traffic Stop Racial Data):** Effective June 30, 2011, repeals the requirement that law enforcement officers capture racial data on every traffic stop (cf. SB-15).
- **Act 32 (Governor's Budget and OWI Test Costs):** Effective July 1, 2011, requires individuals found guilty of OWI to reimburse law enforcement agencies for costs (cf. AB-108 via AB-40).
- **Act 33 (Motor Carrier Liability):** Effective July 20, 2011, prohibits motor carrier transportation contracts indemnifying promisee against liability resulting from negligence (cf. SB-41).
- **Act 35 (Concealed Carry):** Effective November 1, 2011, creates concealed carry permit with training requirement (cf. SB-93).
- **Act 51 (Uncased Firearms):** Effective November 19, 2011, permits carrying unloaded and uncased firearms, bows, and crossbows in vehicles, boats, and on ATVs (cf. SB-228).
- **Act 52 (Certain Agricultural Weight Limits):** Effective November 24, 2011, extends weight limit exception for certain agricultural products from November 30 to December 31 (cf. AB-252).
- **Act 53 (Max. Length for Pole Trucks):** Effective November 24, 2011, allows permit-free operation of vehicle 60' long, 120' in combination, to carry pipes and poles (cf. AB-253).
- **Act 54 (Max. Length for Single Vehicles):** Effective June 1, 2012, increases maximum length for single vehicle without over-length permit to 45' (cf. AB-254).
- **Act 55 (Overweight Permit for Sealed Loads):** Effective June 1, 2012, allows DOT to issue overweight permit for vehicles carrying sealed loads not to exceed 90,000 pounds (cf. SB-222).
- **Act 56 (Overweight Agriculture Permit):** Effective June 1, 2012, allows DOT to issue overweight permit for vehicles carrying fruit, vegetable, grain, or livestock, not to exceed 90,000 pounds (cf. SB-223).
- **Act 57 (Mobile Home Transport):** Effective November 24, 2011, allows issuance of single permit to move multiple sections of home on a single transport (cf. AB-64).
- **Act 58 (Over-Height Hay or Straw Permit):** Effective February 1, 2012, allows issuance of permit to exceed 13.5' height restriction for transporting hay or straw (cf. AB-248).
- **Act 59 (Three-Vehicle Combinations):** Effective November 24, 2011, allows permit-free operation of combination of vehicle, RV/camper, and RV/camper or trailer carrying vehicle for recreational use (cf. AB-267).
- **Act 73 (Bicycle):** Effective March 1, 2012, expands "bicycle" to include hand-pedaled device; permits signals with right arm; permits red rear lamp in place of reflector; permits metal studded tires; permits crossing center line to pass slow-moving vehicle; permits ordinance to ban moped parking on sidewalk (cf. AB-265).
- **Act 74 (Soft Tissue Injury to Officer):** Effective December 2, 2011, adds soft tissue injury to felony violation of resisting arrest or obstructing officer (cf. SB-109).
- **Act 90 (Dealer Plate Stickers):** Effective December 21, 2011, permits dealers to affix serial stickers to plates (cf. AB-300).
- **Act 91 (Disabled Parking Cards):** Effective December 21, 2011, increases penalty for fraudulent production, sale, and/or use of disabled parking cards (cf. AB-98).

Note: the introduction of a bill does not mean the law has changed or is certain to change.

Bills available at <http://legis.wisconsin.gov> and updates available via DOTNet at W:\HSSA\LEG\Updates

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2011-2012 Legislative Session (Current as of April 17, 2012)

- **Act 111 (Child Restraint):** Effective December 21, 2011, permits transport of a child in a more restrictive restraint than required by law (AB-208).
- **Act 113 (OWL/OAR/OWS):** Effective March 3, 2012, increases penalties for operating without a license, operating after revocation, and operating while suspended (AB-80).
- **Act 141 (Traffic Control Attendants V.2):** Effective April 5, 2012, authorizes local governments to appoint attendants to control traffic for special events, but creates no penalties (SB-458).
- **Act 164 (GDL Phone Ban):** Effective November 1, 2012, prohibits instructional and probationary license holders from using a mobile phone while driving, except to report an emergency (AB-291).
- **Act 173 (Failure to Yield):** Effective August 1, 2012, increases penalties for violation, and shifts burden of enforcement from courts to DOT (AB-55).
- **Act 184 (Open Doors on Emergency Vehicles):** Effective April 17, 2012, permits emergency personnel to leave vehicle door open when stopped and performing official duties (SB-341).
- **Act 208 (UTV Operation):** Effective July 1, 2012, requires registration sticker on private-use ATV/UTV; requires plates and sticker on public-use ATV/UTV (SB-354).
- **Act 223 (School Bus Mirrors):** Effective April 20, 2012, permits additional mirrors on the right side of a school bus that do not interfere with required safety equipment (SB-547).
- **Act 235 (Registration of Vehicles):** Effective July 1, 2012, requires DOT to approve any military vehicle submitted for registration (SB-462).
- **Act 241 (B&W DL Photo):** Effective April 20, 2012, permits DOT to use black and white photos on motor vehicle operator's license (SB-397).
- **Act 243 (Maximum Length for Combined Vehicles):** Effective November 1, 2012, increases maximum allowable length for vehicle combinations generally to 70 feet (SB-422).
- **Act 247 (List of Hazardous Materials):** Effective August 1, 2012, replaces statutory list of vehicles carrying hazardous materials that must stop at railroad crossings with placard requirement (AB-611).
- **Act 251 (Possession of Roadkill):** Effective April 20, 2012, expands current law to include bears and turkeys, as well as certain small game if in season (AB-334).
- **Act 256 (Failure to Notify of Crash):** Effective August 1, 2012, increases penalties for failure to notify law enforcement of a crash, and extends those penalties to all occupants of a vehicle (SB-478).
- **Act 279 (Transporting Manure):** Allows vehicle hauling manure to exceed weight limit from September 1st to December 31st (cf. SB-410).





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 - Request to review condition of Lincoln Ave., Two Rivers; Jim Abner
4. Follow-up on site evaluations from prior meetings
 - Request to install horse and buggy signs on CTH K, west of CTH W
5. Request for site evaluations
 - Request to lower speed limit on CTH LS from S 26th St. to Carstens Lake Road
6. DOT update report from WIDOT-BOTS representative
 - Centerline Rumble Strips
7. Report on recent fatalities

Date: July 5, 2012

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Present: Joseph Collins, Todd Hermann, Barbara Herrmann, Holly Herzog, Allan Hibbard, John Kropp, Randy Asman, Michael Panosh, Rick Wolfe, and Trooper Bryan Ashenbrenner.

Excused: Nancy Crowley and Larry Zimney

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Todd Hermann.

Public Input: None

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of 04/24/2012 meeting by John Kropp, seconded by Barb Herrmann; motion carried.

Request for Site Evaluations:

Request to review condition of Lincoln Ave., Two Rivers. Citizen Jim Abner contacted Deputy Inspector Todd Hermann requesting the Commission review the condition of Lincoln Ave. in the City of Two Rivers. Abner was concerned for the safety of pedestrians and motorists. Two Rivers Police Chief Joseph Collins stated that he is familiar with the issue stating that Abner purchased the house and is now concerned with the traffic noise. Chief Collins confirmed with the DOT representatives that the road is scheduled to be rebuilt in 2017, and will be a multi-million dollar project. Lincoln Ave/State Highway 42 is currently rated 6 for deterioration and repairs are normally not considered until a road has a rating of 3. Chief Collins stated in the last 5 years 10 accidents have occurred between 22nd St. and 31st St. none of which were caused by road conditions. The Dairy Queen located in the area appears to contribute more to the accidents. The Two Rivers Police Dept. has increased patrol, placed a radar trailer in the area and is screening vehicle speeds finding that 95% of the vehicles travel under 40 mph. A recommendation was made to take no action until reconstruction of the road in 2017. Motion to accept recommendation made by Rick Wolfe, seconded by Allan Hibbard; motion carried.

Follow-up on Site Evaluations from Prior Meetings:

Request to install horse and buggy signs on CTH K, west of CTH W. Todd Hermann stated that he did follow-up with the Town of Franklin, Jerold Korinek and the Town of Maple Grove, Robert Schuh regarding the request for horse and buggy signs. Both towns stated they would support the Commission's recommendation, but felt the signs were not needed. Jerold Korinek felt there was more of an issue with bicycles on the roadway and wondered if bicycles signs would be of more value. Michael Panosh stated too many signs only make people numb to them and decrease their effectiveness. Barb Herrmann questioned who the original request was from. Todd Hermann stated the original request was from Kurt Nousaard who has horses in the area, but does not have a buggy. Chief Collins asked if there have been any accidents in the area. Todd Hermann stated there was one accident years ago at which time horse and buggy signs were put up in that area. It was the consensus of the Commission to make no recommendation at this time.

Request to lower speed limit on CTH LS from S 26th St. to Carstens Lake Rd. John Kropp reported that this issue has been looked at in the past. John Kropp read from this Commission's Minutes dated 10/19/10:

“Request for Speed Reduction on CTH LS, north of CTH C: Todd Hermann reported on a speed limit reduction request for a residential area on Lakeshore Rd from CTH C to 26th St. The request came from Gary Truettner who resides on CTH LS. Mr. Truettner addressed the Newton Town Board on 10/13/10 and asked for Board approval to proceed with the speed reduction request. On 10/14/10 the Newton Town Board prepared a letter. Because the matter was not on the agenda, no official action was taken. However, the Board went on record supporting a study for the speed limit reduction within certain sections of Lakeshore Road in the interest of public safety. The request was discussed by Commission members. As that portion of Lakeshore Rd. is a straight road and no accident history identified, especially after the Truettner Berry Farm closed, motion was made by Rick Wolfe, second by Allan Hibbard to oppose reduction of the speed limit. Motion carried.”

John Kropp pointed out that speed reduction starts at 26th St. and then decreases into the city. There are 10 driveways in that area and it is straight. Most drivers are traveling between 50 and 53 mph. Trooper Ashenbrenner stated there are not many speed violations in that area. Chief Collins asked if there was any development planned. John Kropp stated there is development further to the south, but that area does have controlled access and a frontage road. Michael Panosh pointed out that people choose to move to these rural areas and the speed limit cannot be lowered for every subdivision. Todd Hermann stated when the study was done in 2010 there were no crashes and no need. Barb Hermann stated that she drove through the area and did not observe any traffic. A recommendation was made to take no action on this request. Motion to accept recommendation was made by Allan Hibbard, seconded by John Kropp; motion carried.

Review of Parking on Goodwin Road during Airshow: Todd Hermann stated the following item is not on the agenda, but it was brought to his attention that a problem may exist on Goodwin Rd. during the Manitowoc Airshow. Barb Herrmann stated that she has driven on Goodwin Rd. during the airshow and has noticed that cars park on both sides of the roadway and traffic is very tight. Todd Hermann stated the road is closed when the large military aircraft land for public safety. John Kropp stated that this area may need to be posted by the townships for no parking. Todd Hermann stated the Sheriff's Office is not part of the airshow planning committee. It was the consensus of the Commission to table the matter until the next meeting and place this item on the next agenda.

DOT Update Report from WIDOT-BOTS Representatives: Michael Panosh reported that 298 fatalities have occurred this year as compared to 258 last year which is 15% higher than last year. He felt that the nicer weather enabled people to get out more and earlier than in past years. Motorcycle fatalities are also up with 57 occurring this year as compared to 39 last year. Walworth County had 5 fatal motorcycle accidents in a period of 2 weeks and Fond du Lac County had 8 cyclist hit in a single occurrence. Manitowoc County has had 10 fatalities so far this year placing it 4th in the state behind Milwaukee, Dane, and Waukesha. Although the numbers are bad they are nowhere near 2007 which is positive.

Randy Asman a DOT Traffic Engineer stated the DOT is installing a centerline rumble strip on USH 10 from I43 to the county line. A map detailing the 2012 Rumble Strip Retrofit Sites was also handed out.

Centerline 7" rumble strips are being installed on 2 lane rural highways, and roads with a 5 ft. paved shoulder will receive an edge line strip. The purpose of the rumble strips is to reduce the number and severity of crashes. The installation will be covered by the media and departments may receive calls regarding concern for noise, bicycles and buggies, but the DOT feels the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages. Michael Panosh pointed out that noise will only occur when someone actually crosses the centerline or fog line. The rumble strips will be cut out and no rebuilding will be necessary. This is a pilot program.

Report on Recent Fatalities:

Trooper Ashenbrenner stated there has only been one fatal accident since the last meeting. This accident occurred on STH 57. Two vehicles were involved resulting in a double fatality on 06/02/12. The driver of the vehicle is still in the hospital in serious condition. Preliminary investigation indicated alcohol was not a factor and drug tests have not yet come back. The vehicle causing the accident was driving the wrong way on STH 57. John Kropp asked about the age of the drivers. The driver causing the accident was in his 30's and the victim an off-duty New Holstein police officer was in his 20's. Trooper Ashenbrenner stated he had patrolled the area 30 minutes prior to the crash and traffic was light.

Next Meeting: October 16, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m. on the motion of John Kropp, seconded by Barb Herrmann; motion carried.

Holly Herzog, Secretary



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5. Request for site evaluations
 - Request from Robert Waniger to lower speed limit on CTH J in Clarks Mills from 35 to 25 mph.
 - Request from James Lax to remove large pine tree in NW corner of Lax Chapel Rd. and CTH X.
 - Request from Tim Kenneke to extend 35 mph speed zone on CTH JJ to the end of residential area W of Collins.
6. DOT update report from WI DOT-BOTS representative
7. Report on recent fatalities

Date: October 4, 2012

Todd E. Hermann, Chairperson

By: Holly Herzog, Secretary

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MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Date: October 23, 2012

Location: Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Joseph Collins, Todd Hermann, Barbara Herrmann, Holly Herzog, Allan Hibbard, John Kropp, Michael Panosh, Rick Wolfe, Trooper Bryan Ashenbrenner, Scott Nelson, and Larry Zimney.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Todd Hermann.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of July 17, 2012 meeting by Rick Wolfe, seconded by John Kropp; motion carried.

Public Input:

Request to extend 35 mph speed zone on CTH JJ to the end of residential area west of Collins. Tim Kenneke requested that the 35 mph speed limit be extended on CTH JJ to the end of the residential area west of Collins. Tim Kenneke stated that there are lots of kids in the area and semi traffic. Todd Hermann stated that a street has been added, but the 35 mph zone was not extended.

Scott Nelson stated 55 mph is appropriate for a rural area and according to statute there must be 5 driveways with residences within a 1,000 feet to go to a 35 mph speed limit. The governing authority could lower it by 10 mph to a 45 mph speed limit, but it does not meet the statutory requirements to lower it any further. Barb Herrmann asked if it would make sense to lower it to 45 as there is a curve a short distance away with a suggested speed of 45 mph.

Joseph Collins recommended that this issue be sent back to the Town Board for their recommendation prior to taking any action. Tim Kenneke stated the Town Board told him this was a County issue, but he will take it back to the Town Board if necessary. Barb Herrmann suggested sending a copy of the statutory requirements to the Town Board for their consideration. Todd Hermann stated he will forward the information to the Town Board and wait for their response.

Follow-up on Site Evaluations from Prior Meeting:

Request to review parking on Goodwin Rd. during Manitowoc Airshow. It was agreed that parking on Goodwin Rd. could create a traffic hazard. Officer Zimney stated the Manitowoc Police Department would not get involved in this issue as it is outside their jurisdiction. John Kropp stated that the Airshow Committee does post no parking signs on Nagle Ave. and Menasha Ave. The Airshow Committee will start meeting soon and has invited someone from this Commission to attend their meetings in regard to public safety. The Committee stated they would post Goodwin Rd. with no parking signs, but questioned who would enforce the no parking. Todd Hermann state he will attend the Airshow Committee meeting and Manitowoc County Sheriff's Officers would enforce the no parking if posted.

Request for Site Evaluations:

Request to lower speed limit on CTH J in Clarks Mills from 35 to 25 mph. Citizen Robert Waniger requested that the speed limit on CTH J be lower to 25 mph. Pictures of the area were viewed by the Commission noting a parking lot across from the church on the other side of CTH J. John Kropp noted that on Sunday mornings and on school days people are crossing CTH J to access the parking lot. John Kropp stated the Highway Commissioner would endorse lowering the speed limit to 25 mph. Todd Hermann stated since 2007 there has been one accident near the end of the zone. This accident

occurred at an intersection. Scott Nelson pointed out that this would be an abrupt change from 55 mph to 25 mph.

A **recommendation** was made to change the 35 mph speed zone to a 25 mph speed zone going into the Clarks Mills area on CTH J. Motion to accept recommendation made by John Kropp, seconded by Barb Herrmann; motion carried.

Request to remove large pine tree in NW corner of Lax Chapel Rd. and CTH X. Citizen James Lax reported a large pine tree creating a view obstruction at the corner of Lax Chapel Rd. and CTH X. Todd Hermann stated there have been one deer accident, two property damage accidents and one non-reportable accident in the area since 2007. John Kropp stated he visited with the land owner Melvin Watt who lives on the NE corner. Melvin Watt gave him permission to take the tree down. John Kropp stated the intersection would be cleaned up this November. Todd Hermann stated that was acceptable and the matter was closed.

Request to review lane painting on N 8th St. at Franklin St. Allan Hibbard has received a complaint regarding drivers being cut off by drivers entering N 8th St. from Franklin St. or changing lanes in the middle of the intersection. Larry Zimney stated there was an accident there last week as people from out of town do not realize they are entering a one way street. Scott Nelson stated the State would not address painting lane lines as the State pays the City of Manitowoc to maintain these roads. Todd Hermann stated he would pass the information on to the City Public Works Department for discussion.

Meadow Lane School Crossing. Allan Hibbard questioned why cones and markers are being left up at school crossings even when not needed. He feels this is causing people to ignore the cones and markers making this a dangerous situation for children. Larry Zimney explained that due to recent budget cuts the crossing guard was discontinued at this location. The cones and markers are being used until a better solution can be found. The City Police Department has set up its speed trailer in the area in an attempt to slow motorists.

DOT update report from WI DOT-BOTS representative:

Michael Panosh reported that there have been 81 traffic fatalities this month which is much higher than last year's 49. So far this year there have been 514 fatalities as compared to 446 in 2011. The dry weather and longer season may have also contributed to the increase in motorcycle fatalities which is currently at 112 as compared to 84 in 2011. Bike and pedestrian accidents are down.

Statistics from around the area show increases in Manitowoc 2012-14 and 2011-8, Fond du Lac 2012-18 and 2011-9, and Sheboygan County 2012-8 and 2011-7. Brown County is slightly lower this year with 2012-12 and 2011-14.

The OWI Task Force will be operating in Manitowoc County the first weekend in November. Participating agencies include the Manitowoc Police Department, Two Rivers Police Department, Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office, and smaller agencies will also be helping. The Task Force will be announced in advance to hopefully prevent people from operating while intoxicated. Last weekend Brown County's Task Force arrested 6 individuals for OWI with 9 officers participating.

Scott Nelson distributed information on the upcoming WisDOT Emergency Traffic Control and Scene Management Guidelines training that will be held at various locations throughout the state beginning in

October of 2012 and running through June of 2013. The training is free and will be held in Manitowoc on May 14, 2013.

Report on Recent Fatalities:

E Tuma Lake Rd .3 of a mile East of Harpt Lake Rd. This accident occurred on 07/28/12 at approx. 2:50 a.m. The vehicle and driver were found the next morning. The vehicle left the roadway, rolled over, ejecting the driver who was not wearing a seatbelt. Weather and road conditions were not a factor. Alcohol was a factor.

CTH R 500 feet South of Schley Rd. This accident occurred on 08/12/12 at approx. 11:47 p.m. The vehicle left the roadway, rolled over, ejecting the driver who was not wearing a seatbelt. Weather and road conditions were not a factor. Alcohol was a factor.

CTH XX .1 of a mile West of Rangeline Rd. A complaint was received on 09/10/12 regarding this driver, but the crash occurred before officers could locate him. The operator lost control of the vehicle causing it to leave the roadway, roll over, and eject the driver. Weather and road conditions were not a factor. Alcohol was a factor.

STH 42 at Nuclear Rd. The victim of this fatal crash on 09/13/12 failed to stop for a stop sign and collided with a livestock hauler. The victim was not wearing a seatbelt and was ejected upon the highway speed crash. Weather and highway conditions were not a factor. The victim was an elderly driver being 79 years of age.

It was noted that alcohol was a factor in 3 out of the 4 accidents. Joseph Collins requested that alcohol statistics be put together and possibly published prior to the OWI Task Force enforcement. Todd Hermann stated he will gather the information. It was also noted that Coroner Green has had 32 deaths related to drugs and alcohol this year.

Next Meeting: January 15, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m. on the motion of John Kropp, seconded by Joseph Collins; motion carried.

Holly Herzog, Secretary