



MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

DATE: January 13, 2015

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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

The meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the commission may convene in closed session. The following matters may be considered and acted upon at the meeting:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of previous minutes.
3. Public Comment
4. Follow-up on site evaluations from prior meetings:
 - Request for traffic signal at STH 42 and Columbus St., Two Rivers.
 - Request to review parking on CTH R during races at the 141 Speedway.
5. Request for site evaluations:
6. DOT update report from WI DOT-BOTS representative.
7. Report on recent fatalities.
8. Next meeting date: April 14, 2015 at 10:00 am

Date: January 5, 2015

By: Holly Herzog, Secretary

Any person wishing to attend the meeting who requires special accommodation because of a disability should contact the County Clerk's office at 920-683-4003 at least 24 hours before the meeting begins so that appropriate accommodations can be made. Persons who are members of another governmental body, but who are not members of this commission, may attend this meeting. Their attendance could result in a quorum of another governmental body being present. Such a quorum is unintended and they are not meeting to exercise the authority, duties, or responsibilities of any other governmental body.

MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

January 13, 2015

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Todd Hermann, Michael Panosh, Rick Wolfe, John Kropp, Barbara Herrmann, Allan Hibbard, Scott Nelson, Michael Panosh, Bryan Ashenbrenner, Larry Zimney, and Susie Griepentrog.

Also in attendance: Lynn Kaminski (who will be replacing Barbara Herrmann).

Excused: Scott Schneider.

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

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from October 21 meeting by John Kropp, seconded by Rick Wolfe; motion carried.

Public Input: None

Follow-up on Site Evaluations from Prior Meeting:

Request for traffic signal at STH42 and Columbus St, Two Rivers. Scott Nelson advised that Chief Collins and public officials met on October 22 to discuss this issue. According to these officials, a lot of work needs to be done yet including sidewalks, traffic signals and pedestrian enhancements. The meeting was productive and this site evaluation will be continued to be looked at and worked on. Nelson mentioned that a new, pedestrian-activated sign is being looked at, which will give notice to traffic to slow down for pedestrians. This is a newer device that has been proven to be successful in other states/counties. Guardrail enhancements were also mentioned.

Motion to remove from agenda by Scott Nelson, seconded by John Kropp; motion carried.

Request for Site Evaluations:

Request to review parking on CTH R during races at the 141 Speedway. Todd Hermann met with Town Chairman Richard Wagner. Wagner was in favor of adding signs to the area. Hermann also spoke with Daniel Miller who is the owner of the 141 Speedway. Miller also was in favor of the idea of putting up signs on the east side of the roadway. Discussion continued with the board. The "free-for-all" parking issued was brought up and it was determined that the speedway should have parking attendants that would do their best to fill the lots, which are located on the property, with vehicles first before parking on the road is permitted. This would eliminate a lot of the parking on both sides of the highway which has been an area of concern. Hermann said he would talk to Miller about this. It was also determined that if signs were still needed, the highway department could have these signs in place before the speedway's busy season. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative:

Mike Panosh received a call from the Valders Journal who noticed that even though the State's average traffic fatalities have dropped, this was not the case for Manitowoc County. Panosh stated that 75% of fatalities occur in rural areas and that Manitowoc County is considered a rural county. The fact that there are many 2-lane highways in this county, along with the fact that rural areas have the lowest seat belt rate, all contribute to higher traffic fatalities. Also, there are numerous factors that come into play that will affect the statistics including weather conditions and time of the year. Hermann also mentioned there were more double-fatalities reported.

Panosh will be recognizing the St. Nazianz Police Department, Mishicot Police Department, and Cleveland Police Department for their unfunded grant programs. Panosh will be making a visit to each of these departments to present them with a plaque.

Recent Fatalities:

CORD K at CORD G.: This accident occurred on November 15, 2014 in the town of Maple Grove. The 21-year-old male operator veered off the highway and hit a tree. The conditions were clear, with no precipitation present. The driver was not wearing a seatbelt. The 23 year-old male passenger, who was wearing a seat belt, also died in the crash. Results of the alcohol testing have not yet been received by the Sheriff's Office; however, alcohol was present in the vehicle and it is known that the males were coming from a local tavern.

Other Business: Barbara Hermann announced she is retiring in February and introduced Lynn Kaminski who will be taking her place.

Next Meeting: April 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Kropp at 10:45 a.m., seconded Rick Wolfe; motion carried.

Submitted by:

Susie Griepentrog



MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

DATE: April 14, 2015

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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

The meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the commission may convene in closed session. The following matters may be considered and acted upon at the meeting:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of previous minutes.
3. Public Comment
4. Follow-up on site evaluations from prior meetings:
 - Request to review parking on CTH R during races at the 141 Speedway.
5. Request for site evaluations:
 - Request to review crash history at the intersection at Dewey St. and Harbor Town Ln.
 - Request from Ebert's Antiques for "No Jake Braking" sign on USH 10 near his residence/business.
6. DOT update report from WI DOT-BOTS representative.
7. Report on recent fatalities.
8. Appoint Lynne Kaminski as the Public Health representative replacing Barbara Herrmann.
9. Next meeting date: July 14, 2015 at 10:00 am

Date: April 1, 2015

By: Holly Herzog, Secretary

Any person wishing to attend the meeting who requires special accommodation because of a disability should contact the County Clerk's office at 920-683-4003 at least 24 hours before the meeting begins so that appropriate accommodations can be made. Persons who are members of another governmental body, but who are not members of this commission, may attend this meeting. Their attendance could result in a quorum of another governmental body being present. Such a quorum is unintended and they are not meeting to exercise the authority, duties, or responsibilities of any other governmental body.

MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

April 14, 2015

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Todd Hermann, Michael Panosh, John Kropp, Allan Hibbard, Bryan Ashenbrenner, Larry Zimney, Scott Schneider, and Holly Herzog

Also in attendance: Trooper Andrew Jacobs

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:59 a.m. by Chairman Todd Hermann.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from January 13, 2015 meeting by John Kropp, seconded by Scott Schneider; motion carried.

Public Input: None

Follow-up on Site Evaluations from Prior Meeting:

Request to review parking on CTH R during races at the 141 Speedway. Todd Hermann stated he spoke with the owner of the Speedway, and he will make further attempts to improve parking by having a parking attendant and putting people in the lots to keep them off the highway. The owner does not want "no parking" signs. The situation will continue to be monitored with no action or recommendation at this time. The Highway Department stated they would sign if requested. There was no input from the Town.

Request for Site Evaluations:

Request to review crash history at the intersection of Dewey St. and Harbor Town Lane. Michael Panosh requested this intersection be looked at based on the increase in crashes and possible design flaws. Crash data was distributed for the past 10 years. It was noted that the number of crashes has increased over the years. There are no traffic control lights at this intersection, and there are pillars and planters located near the intersection which could possibly block views. This item was tabled until the next meeting at which time Scott Nelson and the City Engineer will be invited to attend and discuss possible improvements.

Request from Ebert's Antiques for "No Jake Braking" signs on USH 10 near his residence/business. This issue was discussed and it could not be determined if jake braking was occurring on USH 10 or on the I43 off-ramps. Information was relayed that the Town of Manitowoc Rapids would accept the Traffic Safety Commission's decision whether to sign or not. Deputy Inspector Hermann and Trooper Ashenbrenner stated there was no way to enforce no jake braking signs and recommended against installing them. A motion was made to not install "no jake braking" signs by Allan Hibbard, seconded by John Kropp; motion carried.

DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative:

Mike Panosh reported that fatal accidents are way up this year with 114 this year as compared to 87 last year. However, 114 is comparable to 113 two years ago. Last year was a very safe year with 498 fatalities statewide reflecting the lowest number since 1943. So far this year Manitowoc County has one fatality. In the State of Wisconsin in 2015 there have been 8 pedestrian fatalities.

Increasing the speed limit to 70 mph is again in committee and was passed by the House.

Recent Fatalities:

USH 151 / I43: This accident occurred on March 21, 2015 when an 80 YOA male exited I43 and was unable to slow his vehicle. Subject crossed Calumet Ave. and struck a utility pole. Driver and front seat passenger were injured while the 52 YOA male seated in the backseat was fatally injured. Backseat passenger was not wearing a seatbelt. Alcohol is not believed to be a factor. Driver reported a vehicle malfunction which has not been confirmed. Weather was not a factor.

Other Business: A motion to appoint Lynne Kaminski to replace Barbara Herrmann who recently retired by John Kropp, seconded by Scott Schneider; motion carried.

Next Meeting: July 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office.

A motion to adjourn was made by Scott Schneider at 10:35 a.m., seconded John Kropp; motion carried.

Submitted by:

Holly Herzog, Secretary



MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

DATE: July 14, 2015

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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

The meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the commission may convene in closed session. The following matters may be considered and acted upon at the meeting:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of previous minutes.
3. Public Comment
4. Follow-up on site evaluations from prior meetings:
 - Request to review crash history at the intersection at Dewey St. and Harbor Town Ln.
 - Request to review parking on CTH R during races at the 141 Speedway.
5. Request for site evaluations:
 - Request by Town Chairman Dale Markwardt to review intersection located at Goodwin Rd. and CORD Q.
6. DOT update report from WI DOT-BOTS representative.
7. Report on recent fatalities.
8. Appoint Lt. Jason Orth as the alternate for Todd Hermann replacing Michael Bushman.
Appoint Barbara Herrmann as a citizen member of the Traffic Safety Commission.
9. Next meeting date: October 13, 2015 at 10:00 am

Date: June 30, 2015

By: Holly Herzog, Secretary

Any person wishing to attend the meeting who requires special accommodation because of a disability should contact the County Clerk's office at 920-683-4003 at least 24 hours before the meeting begins so that appropriate accommodations can be made. Persons who are members of another governmental body, but who are not members of this commission, may attend this meeting. Their attendance could result in a quorum of another governmental body being present. Such a quorum is unintended and they are not meeting to exercise the authority, duties, or responsibilities of any other governmental body.

MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

July 14, 2015

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Todd Hermann, John Kropp, Allan Hibbard, Gary Markowski (for Bryan Ashenbrenner), Jason Orth, Lynne Kaminski, Rod Hamilton (for Scott Nelson), Karl Puestow (for Larry Zimney), Barbara Herrmann, and Holly Herzog

Also in attendance: Greg Minikel, City of Manitowoc Engineer; Dale Markwardt, Town of Newton; and Scott Ratajczak, Co-Owner 141 Speedway.

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

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from April 14, 2015 meeting by John Kropp, second by Allan Hibbard; motion carried.

Public Input: *Request to review parking on CTH R during races at the 141 Speedway.* Scott Ratajczak, Co-Owner of the 141 Speedway stated that efforts are being made to alleviate the parking concerns. Parking attendants are telling people to park in the lot, areas have been roped off, and there are no parking signs. However, people continue to park on the road for easy access.

Video taken on June 6, 2015 at 6:00 pm, 7:00 pm, and 9:00 pm was reviewed. It was noted that vehicles park on both sides of the road also obstructing the view of exiting vehicles. The property owner in the area also reported damage to a fence caused by people parking on the shoulder of the roadway.

Todd Hermann stated that it is illegal to park on the shoulder of a county highway and if signage was recommended it would have to be placed on both sides of the highway. Rod Hamilton suggested educating patrons might be an option. Scott Ratajczak stated they would try getting the word out through social media to not park along the county highway.

This matter will continue to be monitored and if accidents or problems continue this matter will be reviewed for signage.

Follow-up on Site Evaluations from Prior Meeting:

Request to review crash history at the intersection of Dewey St. and Harbor Town Lane. Todd Hermann stated there are no traffic lights at this intersection and concern has been expressed over limited visibility. Greg Minikel stated this matter was brought before the Public Infrastructure Committee last year. This area averages 8 accidents a year. Traffic signals were discussed, but there was a concern that might back traffic up into Calumet Ave. Greg Minikel also stated that the decorations in question cost approximately half a million dollars and they are hesitant to remove them, and there is not enough room for a roundabout. Approximately 16, 000 cars use the intersection daily.

Allan Hibbard stated that a small car's visibility is really hampered by the decorations. John Kropp stated decorations should be outside of the clear zone. Rod Hamilton suggested looking at the vision triangles. Greg Minikel will take the concerns back to the Public Infrastructure Committee.

A recommendation was made to have the City of Manitowoc review this intersection again through the Public Infrastructure Committee.

Request for Site Evaluations:

Request by Town Chairman Dale Markwardt to review the intersection located at Goodwin Rd. and CORD Q. Pictures of the area were reviewed and Dale Markwardt gave a brief summary of the Town's concerns. Utility poles along with four cedar trees partially block the view of on-coming traffic. John Kropp explained the geometry and special features of the road contributing to limited visibility. John Kropp explained that a vehicle comes into view 5 seconds before it enters the intersection and 2 seconds are lost due to view obstructions. Twelve accidents, mostly small cars, have occurred with 6 being westbound traffic on Goodwin Rd. and southbound on CORD Q. Rod Hamilton suggested painting a Stop Bar to bring vehicles out and into a better position to view on-coming traffic. Dale Markwardt stated getting rid of the trees would help, but the owner is uncooperative. Dale also stated extending the 45 mph speed zone might also help. John Kropp stated extending the 45 speed zone would only reduce on-coming vehicles by 14 feet per second.

Todd Hermann will draft a letter to the property owner John Lukas requesting the removal of the 4 remaining cedar trees. This matter to be included on October's agenda.

DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative:

Rod Hamilton stated there will be a bridge replacement on STHY 42 just south of CORD BB beginning in July and it is a 10 week project.

Recent Fatalities:

Woodlawn and Cottage Lane: This accident occurred on May 26, 2015 when a 25 YOA male lost control on a curve and left the roadway. The vehicle overturned and the driver was ejected. Driver was not wearing a seatbelt. Weather was not a factor.

Other Business: A motion to appoint Jason Orth to replace Michael Bushman by John Kropp, second by Gary Markowski; motion carried. A motion to appoint Barb Herrmann as a citizen member by John Kropp, second by Lynne Kaminski; motion carried.

Next Meeting: October 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Kropp at 11:15 a.m., second Allan Hibbard; motion carried.

Submitted by: Holly Herzog, Secretary



MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

DATE: October 13, 2015

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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

The meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the commission may convene in closed session. The following matters may be considered and acted upon at the meeting:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of previous minutes.
3. Public Comment
4. Follow-up on site evaluations from prior meetings:
 - Request to review crash history at the intersection at Dewey St. and Harbor Town Ln.
 - Request by Town Chairman Dale Markwardt to review intersection located at Goodwin Rd. and CORD Q.
5. Request for site evaluations:
 - Request to review crash history STHY 42 curve near 9007 STHY 42, Newton.
 - Request by Tom Markvart to place stop signs at 45th St. and Tannery Rd.
 - Request by Liz Neuser to place flashing lights at CTH R and CTH P.
 - Request by Jolene Vanne to review crash history at CTH Q and CTH V.
6. DOT update report from WI DOT-BOTS representative.
7. Report on recent fatalities.
8. Appoint Marc Holsen as the Highway Department representative replacing Gary Kennedy.
9. Next meeting date: January 12, 2016 at 10:00 am

Date: September 29, 2015

By: Holly Herzog, Secretary

Any person wishing to attend the meeting who requires special accommodation because of a disability should contact the County Clerk's office at 920-683-4003 at least 24 hours before the meeting begins so that appropriate accommodations can be made. Persons who are members of another governmental body, but who are not members of this commission, may attend this meeting. Their attendance could result in a quorum of another governmental body being present. Such a quorum is unintended and they are not meeting to exercise the authority, duties, or responsibilities of any other governmental body.

MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

October 13, 2015

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Minutes amended 10/14/15

Present: Todd Hermann, John Kropp, Allan Hibbard, Bryan Ashenbrenner, Lynne Kaminski, Scott Nelson, Larry Zimney, Barbara Herrmann, Joseph Collins, Nick Reimer, Michael Galvan, Marc Holsen, Scott Schneider, Rick Wolfe, and Holly Herzog

Excused: Jason Orth

Also in attendance: Tom Markvart

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

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from July 14, 2015 meeting by Scott Schneider, second by John Kropp; motion carried.

Public Input: None

Follow-up on Site Evaluations from Prior Meeting:

Request to review crash history at the intersection of Dewey St. and Harbor Town Lane. A recommendation had been made to the City of Manitowoc's Public Infrastructure Committee to review site obstructions at the intersection of Dewey St. and Harbor Town Lane. The city consented and placed the request on file.

Nick Reimer stated that the committee discussed placing a stop and go light or a roundabout, but creating congestion in the intersection located close by was a concern. The Infrastructure Committee will continue to study this dangerous intersection as vehicles cross four lanes of traffic with vision obstructions. This matter to be included on the Traffic Safety Commission's January agenda.

Request by Town Chairman Dale Markwardt to review the intersection located at Goodwin Rd. and CORD Q. John Kropp reported that another accident occurred at this intersection since the last meeting. This accident was the result of driver error and the setting sun was a factor. Todd Hermann stated that a letter had been written to the property owner for the removal of the trees with no response. Scott Nelson stated he will speak with John Kropp and will look at the intersection and road characteristics. This matter will remain on the agenda for the next meeting.

Request for Site Evaluations:

Request by Tom Markvart to place stop signs at 45th and Tannery Rd. Tom Markvart stated that he has been a resident near this intersection since 1972. He stated speeds have increased and drivers are not slowing down when coming from the 45 mph speed zone, to

the 35 mph speed zone and into the 25 mph speed zone. Tom Markvart's petition requesting stop signs at the intersection of 45th and Tannery Rd. is on file. Tom Markvart also pointed out that bike lanes exist in this area creating another safety concern. It was noted that there is a hill in the area which might interfere with stop sign placement.

Joseph Collins reported that the City of Two Rivers Public Works Committee discussed this issue and conducted traffic counts with approximately 125,000 vehicles using this roadway during a 3 week period. A speed study was also done. A bike trail will also be added in this area as part of the Safe Trails to Schools Project. The completion date for the trail is unknown at this time.

Recommendations from the City of Two Rivers Public Works Committee include: 1) Petition the County to move the 25 mph speed limit sign to a location 1,000 feet east of the intersection, across the road from the 35 mph sign for traffic heading east. Additionally, move the "reduced speed zone ahead" sign an appropriate distance to the east. 2) Petition the County to place a flashing warning sign (pedestrian crossing ahead or similar) to indicate an upcoming intersection and to prepare drivers for the future recreational trail crossing. This may also be augmented by another warning sign placed west of the intersection by the City. 3) Increase law enforcement presence on an intermittent basis periodically to issue warnings and citations.

It was agreed that the City of Two Rivers and the Manitowoc County Highway Department would share the cost of the yellow flashing solar light and the maintenance for the light.

A motion was made to support the changes proposed by the City of Two Rivers Public Works Committee and to recommend implementation to the Manitowoc County Highway Department by Scott Schneider, seconded by John Kropp; motion carried.

Request to review crash history STHY 42 curve near 9007 STHY 42, Newton.

A list of accidents occurring within a .5 miles radius of 9007 STH Y 42 since 2005 was distributed. Scott Nelson stated that he reviewed the accidents occurring within the last 5 years. These accidents were the result of ice, driver error, OWI, and inattentive driving. Allan Hibbard stated that a citizen in the area expressed her concern and noted that the curve is not signed. Scott Nelson explained that signage depends on the curvature of the road and there is not enough crash history to raise any flags.

Recommendation was made to take no action by John Kropp, second by Scott Nelson; motioned carried.

Request by Liz Neuser to place flashing lights at CORD R and CORD P.

In 2004 the flashing light was removed to reduce costs and due to changes in the environment. From 1999 to 2004 there had been 11 accidents at this location. Most accidents were minor and occurred when vehicles were making turns and were rear ended or failed to stop.

In 2013 a request was received to replace the stop sign with a yield sign. This request was denied. There are no rumble strips at this location, but it does have a reflective arrow sign. The representatives from the Highway Department stated the area is well light with adequate signage.

Recommendation was made to take no action by Rick Wolfe, second by Joseph Collins; motion carried.

Request by Jolene Vanne to review crash history at CORD Q and CORD V. A list of accidents occurring at this intersection was distributed. Within the last 10 years 25 accidents have occurred with 10 being property damage, 11 deer and 4 personal injury. Most accidents involved operator error. The intersection was reviewed finding it to be open with good visibility.

Recommendation was made to take no action by Joseph Collins, second by John Kropp; motion carried.

DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative:

Scott Nelson reported ~~that fatal accidents are up from last year and are higher than the 10 –15 year average.~~ on Wisconsin fatality statistics for this year. As of Sunday, October 11, 2015 we have had 437 fatalities compared to 378 at the same time last year. The 5-year average between 2010-2014 is 432 fatalities. Scott also talked about several major road projects occurring in Brown County and Sheboygan County.

Recent Fatalities:

I43 near STHY 147: This accident occurred on August 7, 2015 when a northbound milk truck was unable to stop rear-ending a car causing it to go into the median and roll over. The cab was crushed with the operator inside. The milk truck was carrying a full load. Seatbelts were used and the roadway was wet.

Other Business: A motion to appoint Marc Holsen to replace Gary Kennedy, Sgt. Michael Galvan to replace Christopher Jushka, and to remove Nancy Crowley at her request was made by John Kropp, second by Rick Wolfe; motion carried.

Todd Hermann reported that Lt. Jason Orth is currently in Virginia attending a Traffic Safety Conference.

Next Meeting: January 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Kropp at 10:52 a.m., second Barbara Herrmann; motion carried.

Submitted by: Holly Herzog, Secretary