

MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

April 19, 2022

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Jason Orth, Dan Hartwig, Barb Herrmann, Jason Freiboth, David Funkhouser, Curt Green, Greg Grotegut, Todd Blaser, Gary Mueller, Mason Simmons, Rick Olig, Dave Nickels, and Holly Herzog.

Also Present: Derek Schroeder and Kortney Klipstine WISDOT interns

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Chairman Jason Orth.

Minutes: Motion to approve previous meeting minutes by Dan Hartwig, second by Gregg Grotegut; motion carried.

Public Comment: Mason Simmons introduced Derek Schroeder and Kortney Klipstine interns for the Wisconsin DOT.

Appointment of Members: Motion to appoint Todd Blaser, replacing Gregg Kadow, and Sgt. Justin Hansen, replacing Sgt. Dan Diedrich, to the Traffic Safety Commission by Dave Funkhouser, second by Barb Herrmann; motion carried.

Site Evaluations:

S 10th St. on the east side of the 4200 block: Correspondence was received from the Town requesting a review of this location and addition of a street light near the curve. Jason Orth did not observe anything significant or unusual on this stretch of highway. Jason Orth contacted Wisconsin Public Service and was informed that any requests for an additional light must come from the municipality. A three year contract is required and any costs associated with the light must be covered by the municipality at a cost of \$14.35 per month for a 100W LED or \$22.75 per month for a 250W LED. Greg Grotegut stated the town informed him they do not want to pay for the additional light. The County will not cover the cost as crash data does not warrant it and there is nothing unusual in this area that would create a safety hazard. Dave Nickels stated he is familiar with this area and excessive speed has always been an issue which was already addressed with a speed reduction.

Motion by Greg Grotegut to deny the addition of a street light at this location, second by Jason Freiboth; motion carried.

CORD NN at Man-Cal Road: Greg Grotegut was contacted by the landowner at this location stating people are leaving the roadway at the curve and striking his trees which are beyond the highway right of way. Crash data does not indicate a problem at this location. Mason Simmons stated a comparison of how the road was built and what speed the road was designed for should be completed. Depending on the results there may be funds available to fund improvements or corrections. Chevrons may be a possible solution to increase awareness.

Motion to table matter until information can be gathered by Greg Grotegut; second by Jason Orth; motion carried.

City of Kiel requesting speed study on STHY 67 within the City limits: Mason Simmons stated the speed study will be completed in Spring as soon as the weather permits. Results should be available by the end of summer.

Motion to table matter until study can be completed by Dave Funkhouser, second by Barb Herrmann; motion carried.

Review USHY 151 and CORD W intersection: Greg Grotegut stated rumble strips were installed at this location and the request is completed.

DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative: Rick Olig reported there have been 135 fatal accidents in 2022 as compared to 112 in 2021. Distracted driving numbers have gone up, but this could be due to changes made allowing for better documentation. Community Maps was improved. The seatbelt flag has been changed to include restraint equipment only and will no longer include motorcycle helmets or eye protection. Impaired driving was combined including alcohol and drugs. The Click It or Ticket mobilization will run over Memorial Day weekend. Speed grants have been distributed. The Governor's Conference will be held August 29-31 in Wisconsin Dells. BOTS has divided attention/impairment goggles available for use at events if agencies request them in advance. DRE classes are coming up which include funds for those attending and funds to backfill vacancies while participants attend. Legislative updates were also reviewed. See attached presentation printout.

Recent Fatalities:

January 28, 2022 at 9:48 am on STHY 57 and STHY 32. A 24 YO male was struck by a second vehicle. Driver failing to stop for stop sign was impaired and was not wearing a seatbelt. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

March 25, 2022 at 4:46 am on W Hillcrest Road. Early morning icy conditions. A 70 YO female not wearing a seatbelt lost control of her vehicle, entered the ditch and overturned. She was ejected and pronounced dead at the scene. No crash history at this location and visibility was not obstructed.

Next Meeting: July 19, 2022 at 10:00 am.

Motion to adjourn by Rick Olig, second by Greg Grotegut; motion carried.

Submitted by: Holly Herzog, Secretary