

STEBEN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

Friday, June 30, 2023

10:00 a.m.

*Legislative Chambers, 3rd Floor, Annex Building
Bath, New York*

****MINUTES****

PRESENT: James Allard, Steuben County Sheriff
Todd Housel, Deputy Commissioner, Public Works
Carol Ferratella, Steuben County Legislator, District 13
Marie Myers Shearing, Director, Steuben County Planning Department
Kyle Amidon, Chief, Canisteo Village Police Department

ABSENT: Ted Murray, Chief, Hornell City Police Department
Brooks Baker, Steuben County District Attorney
Lorelei Wagner, Steuben County Public Health
Tim Marshall, Director of Public Safety
Peter Bierweiler, Steuben County Magistrate’s Association
Kenzie Spaulding, Chief, Corning City Police Department

EX-OFFICIO: John McCumiskey, New York State Department of Transportation

OTHERS: Christopher Brewer, Deputy County Manager

I. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Allard called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. As there is not a quorum present, no action items will be entertained.

II. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been scheduled for Friday, September 29, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

III. ANNOUNCEMENT

A. *Grants* – Sheriff Allard announced that grant applications were received by the Corning, Bath, Canisteo and Hornell police departments and were approved and sent to the State.

B. *GTSC Representative* – Sheriff Allard announced that Maureen Kozakiewicz has been promoted and will no longer be our GTSC representative. Her replacement will be Alyssa Reth.

IV. DEPARTMENT/AGENCY/MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

A. Sheriff’s Office

- Keuka Wine Trail – This is a campaign funded by GTSC to promote safe travels and positive messaging regarding the use of the DWI App and to have a plan. We will be moving to expand this to breweries and distilleries. He noted there are more rideshares available in the summer months and we are trying to create as many partnerships as we can throughout the community.
- Sheriff Allard commented they had a long vehicle pursuit that came through Steuben County yesterday. We are seeing more and more of these kinds of chases where people are not stopping and are putting others in harm way.
- Traffic Safety Trailer – Sheriff Allard stated whenever the traffic safety trailer is employed, he will send the information they capture to the Legislator of the district and to the village/town board members.

- Sheriff Allard stated they have been conducting additional traffic enforcement in Prattsburgh on State Route 53. There have been requests from residents for better signage.

Chief Amidon commented in the Village of Canisteo, residents have asked about school zone signage. We have signs coming into the Village, but not on the back side going out. Sheriff Allard asked is that outlined in the Village Ordinance? Chief Amidon replied yes, but there is not signage. Mr. McCumiskey stated there should be signage and State DOT is in the process of correcting that. We have a legal order of record of where that signage starts and stops and that is filed through Albany.

B. Legislature

- Mrs. Ferratella asked are there plans to pave the area from State Route 415 from the Village of Riverside to North Hamilton Street in Painted Post? Mr. McCumiskey replied that is a sizeable project and they are currently in the design phase. He is not sure when they anticipate that is coming up, but it will not be this season.

C. NYS Department of Transportation

- Sheriff Allard asked is there a plan for the detour on I-86? Mr. McCumiskey replied it will not be this weekend as it is a holiday weekend and we will need to have it opened by Monday morning. We are not allowing the contractor to do a closure the following weekend either as we anticipate higher than normal traffic. We are planning for the weekend of July 14th. Mr. McCumiskey stated this is the bridge between Coopers Plains and Campbell. We will need to close it to traffic as we need to rehabilitate the bridge. There is approximately four feet in the middle that needs to be worked on and that will require weekend closures and a detour onto State Route 415. Sheriff Allard asked when they get a solid date to let the municipal partners know so they can plan for the detour. Mr. McCumiskey commented that will be done through their public information officer.
- Mr. McCumiskey reviewed the list projects:
 - State Route 415 between Bath and Savona (Paving)
 - I-99 – Presho (Paving)
 - State Route 417 – Greenwood to Allegany County Line (Paving)
 - Slope Repair – Greenwood Hill
 - Millenium Pipeline – paving over area where gas line crosses the road
 - State Route 414 – County Line to Kerrick Hill
 - State Route 225 – South Corning
 - Bridge Work – State Route 226, Town of Bradford
 - Canisteo Project – milling work to be done July 10th and project to be finished by mid-August
 - Bath Sidewalk Improvements – ongoing project and will be completed this season
 - State Route 54A – FEMA relief project starting July 5th
 - Up to Labor Day there will be restrictions on lane closures. Planning for two crews to start working on the south end and work their way north. There will be a temporary traffic signal and one-lane traffic. After Labor Day there will be less restrictions on the closures, but they will still close one lane. They have until 2025 to complete this project, but anticipate finishing in 2024.
 - Bridge Bearing Replacement – State Route 417, Town of Greenwood – there will be minimal impact to traffic.
 - Bridge Replacement, Town of Wayland – temporary signal and full season
 - Grinding, I-99, Town of Lindley – Mr. McCumiskey noted the bids came in significantly high and that project may or may not happen this season.
 - State Route 414, Railroad Bridge, Corning – North of the Interchange and two-way traffic will be maintained.
 - Bridge Joint Replacements – I-99, I-86 and State Route 415
 - Pavement Marking
 - Guiderail Replacement

- Bridge Washing
- Small Culvert Replacements
- Mr. McCumiskey stated they have a consultant engineering firm doing a horse buggy study in Yates County. It is a smaller issue here in Steuben County, but Yates County has had some severe horse buggy accidents. Sheriff Allard commented he has not seen the full crash data, but we have seen an increase in crashes with farm equipment and other slow moving vehicles. As tourism traffic has increased on State highways, people think they can go 65 mph. Steuben County has populations of Amish, Mennonite and Old Order Amish. Mr. McCumiskey noted Yates County has a population of Mennonites. The study is currently underway and we are working with Sheriff Spike to look at crash history. We are hoping to find some patterns and through this have some treatments that we can use to address to make the roads safer and use elsewhere.

D. Planning

- Ms. Myers Shearing stated they just went through a transportation system review, which is done every three years with NYS DOT and the Federal Transit Authority. All of the buses seem to be running fine. She noted she toured the Elmira bus garage and was able to see where they maintain and clean the buses and they have a good process in place. Sheriff Allard commented it would be good to encourage more use of them. Ms. Myers Shearing stated there is money for a transportation study. Mr. Brewer stated the City of Corning is looking at doing a transportation consolidation plan and that morphed into doing that countywide as that would be the most efficient way to provide service. Sheriff Allard asked will they be expanding bus service hours? Mr. Brewer replied they are looking at expanding hours and ~~rates~~ routes.

E. Village of Canisteo Police Department

- Chief Amidon reported the village's street and water project are ongoing and they are also doing an HVAC project. Everything in the village is tore up. Construction is moving along. Many of the sidewalks are done and residents are starting to see the final outcome. The next part will be the maintenance.
- Chief Amidon stated they are gearing up for the annual Smoke in the Valley event.
- Chief Amidon noted they are down manpower and are also dealing with a lot of juvenile issues.
- Chief Amidon noted things in North Hornell are good and he has a request from the Village of North Hornell for the speed trailer.

F. Public Works

- Mr. Housel stated our contractor for paving projects has completed projects on CR 16, CR 74, CR 125. They still have to do projects on CR 11, CR 65, CR 35, CR 12, CR 42, CR 70, CR 5 and CR 37. Once these projects are completed they will have milled and oiled 94 miles of road and completed 36 miles of chip seal.
- The bridge project on 5 Corners Road and Dry Run Road is completed and was reopened today. They are currently working on bridge projects on CR 88 in Urbana and CR 41 in Corning and both are on schedule.
- Upcoming bridge projects include Cemetery Road and re-decking the Wood Road Bridge in Campbell.
- They will be doing shoulder reconstruction on CR 15. There will be one lane traffic on CR 76 for slope barriers. Additionally, CR 333 is being scheduled for a mill and fill next year and the shoulder will be closed down.

Sheriff Allard commented every job Public Works has done over the last couple of years has held up and look phenomenal. The County roads are in great shape.

G. Sheriff (Cont.)

- Sheriff Allard commented the State's traffic safety dashboard is up and you can get all of the crash data and that is searchable by type, County, location, etc.

- Prom Trailer – The insurance company has taken possession of the vehicle and we are waiting for the title. We hope to get the trailer ready for next year’s prom season. This trailer will have the vehicle, videos, camera footage, etc.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature