STEUBEN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD  
Friday, March 29, 2013  
10:00 a.m.  
South Conference Room  
Steuben County Office Building  
Bath, New York

**MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chief Salvatore Trentanelli, Corning Police Department  
Chief David Rouse, Bath Police Department  
Justice Cathy Rouse-Nicholson, Magistrate’s Association  
Steve Catherman, Steuben County Public Works Department  
Martin Butler, NYS Department of Transportation  
Sgt. James Feeley, New York State Police  
David Cole, Steuben County Sheriff  
Ken Isaman, Steuben County Risk Manager  
Patty Baroody, OFA/NY Connects  
Tim Marshall, Acting Director, Steuben County Emergency Management Office  
Carol A. Ferratella, Legislator, District 13

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chief Trentanelli called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Chief Trentanelli welcomed Sheriff Cole and Mrs. Ferratella as new members to the Traffic Safety Board.

II. SELECTION OF CHAIR

Chief Trentanelli asked for nominations for the Chairman of the Steuben County Traffic Safety Board. **Chief Rouse nominated Chief Salvatore Trentanelli, seconded by Mr. Marshall.**

Motion to close nominations for Chairman of the Steuben County Traffic Safety Board made by Mr. Isaman, seconded by Sheriff Cole and duly carried.

**MOTION: APPOINTING CHIEF SALVATORE TRENTANELLI AS CHAIRMAN OF THE STEUBEN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD MADE BY CHIEF ROUSE. SECONDED BY MR. MARSHALL. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.**

Chief Trentanelli asked for nominations for the Vice Chairman of the Steuben County Traffic Safety Board. **Justice Rouse-Nicholson nominated Chief David Rouse, seconded by Sheriff Cole.**

Motion to close nominations for Vice Chairman of the Steuben County Traffic Safety Board made by Mr. Isaman, seconded by Mr. Marshall and duly carried.

**MOTION: APPOINTING CHIEF DAVID ROUSE AS THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE STEUBEN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD MADE BY JUSTICE ROUSE-NICHOLSON. SECONDED BY SHERIFF COLE. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.**
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 14, 2012, MEETING MADE BY MR. MARSHALL. SECONDED BY JUSTICE ROUSE-NICHOLSON. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

IV. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Board will be held on Friday, June 28, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in the South Conference Room.

Chief Trentanelli stated that we will also need to hold a special meeting prior to May 15th to approve the GTSC grants. The committee agreed to hold a Special Meeting on Friday, April 26, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be held in the Legislative Committee Room. Please note that a quorum must be present to approve grants. All departments should submit their applications prior to the April 26th meeting.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Request from Town of Prattsburgh for Speed Reductions – Chief Trentanelli stated that the Town of Prattsburgh requested a speed reduction on CR122 and CR74. In a letter received from the NYS Department of Transportation, they indicated that these roads do not qualify. Mr. Butler explained the roads need to be entrances to the school in order to qualify. These are public roads and do not qualify, however, there is a school zone on Main Street.

MOTION: ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE TOWN PRATTSBURGH SPEED REDUCTION REQUEST, ALONG WITH THE RESPONSE LETTER FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MADE BY MR. CATHERMAN. SECONDED BY CHIEF ROUSE. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

VI. DEPARTMENT/AGENCY/MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

A. OFA/NY Connects

  Ms. Baroody informed the committee that she attended a meeting with the Department of Transportation, Youth Bureau, and Chemung County Planning regarding replicating some work that Chemung County and the BAC/PAC committee have done relative to walkability and bike safety. The theme is getting people of all ages moving safely. The plan is to have a community brainstorming session with a broader range of stakeholders to gauge interest and to set priorities. She wanted to mention it due to its relevance to traffic safety.

B. Risk Manager

  Mr. Isaman informed the committee that recently the County Auditor was struck by a car while walking in the crosswalk. This continues to be a concern as many people are walking back and forth between the County Office Building and the Wilson Avenue parking lot.
  
  Mr. Isaman commented that the bridge in Painted Post was struck by a semi and they are working to determine the amount of damage.
  
  Mr. Isaman informed the committee that another issue has been towing. Next Monday, the Public Safety & Corrections Committee will be providing the tow companies with an opportunity to give their opinions regarding the RFP.
Sheriff Cole commented by allowing only certain companies to provide towing, it allows for price gouging. He would propose a way to regulate that and allow for a fair distribution of tows from a list. We have to do all or nothing. Mr. Marshall stated this is also an issue for the fire departments as there are times when a tow company shows up with improper equipment for a particular situation. Sheriff Cole stated you have to say that everyone can tow as long as they are qualified to do so. Mr. Isaman stated the County went and looked at all of the qualifications of the tow companies and we felt that it was within the parameters. This is a tough decision for the Legislature as liability issues are involved. Justice Rouse-Nicholson asked did you look to make sure that the drivers’ licenses say that they are certified for towing? Mr. Isaman replied yes, the licenses did indicate that. Sheriff Cole stated there are many variables. He has sympathy toward the people that have the equipment and can tow legitimately, but are not included.

C. Sheriff’s Department
- Sheriff Cole stated that he has been able to renegotiate a better working with the New York State Police and they have been working on doing stationary road checks. We are also looking to do some roving DWI road checks.
- Sheriff Cole stated that his department does have a radar sign and he is very aggressive using both radar signs and deputies on patrol to check traffic.
- Sheriff Cole stated that he will be meeting with the Public Safety & Corrections Committee to propose an SRO Program.
- Sheriff Cole stated that on April 17th he will be sponsoring a drug/alcohol program with all schools at the Sheriff’s Department. The New York State Police and the District Attorney’s Office will also be participating. We have asked each school to send three or four students. This program will run from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. This will really be a good thing and he is hopeful that the schools will send their at-risk students. He commented that Hammondsport and Jasper-Troupsburg have indicated that they will not be participating. He plans to continue this program monthly.

D. New York State Police
- Sgt. Feeley stated that they have a renewed working relationship with the Sheriff’s Department on some road that they have put together.
- Sgt. Feeley stated that their manpower situation has improved.
- They are continuing to use the site vehicle in Painted Post and they have the latitude to go where they vehicle is needed. This vehicle is used to identify cell phone and texting use while driving.

E. New York State Department of Transportation
- Mr. Butler announced the Patterson Street Bridge project has been awarded to Cold Springs Construction. Originally, they were going to begin construction in the spring, but due to stream restrictions, they will begin in July.
- Currently we have a signal project going on at Denison Parkway and that is also part of the Patterson Bridge Project. We are retiming several of the lights on the Parkway.
- Mr. Butler stated the new Variable Message Sign (VMS) boards are out. We have a total of 20 boards and 18 of those will be deployed by the end of today.
Justice Rouse-Nicholson commented that she understands that the Michigan Hollow Bridge will be closing on April 15th, however, there has been no notification to the public, other than the VMS boards. Mr. Butler stated that he would look into that.

Mrs. Ferratella asked do you have any updates on the I-99/I-15 bridge project? Mr. Butler replied that he believes they are on schedule and he can provide Mrs. Ferratella with that schedule.

F. Public Works
   - Mr. Catherman informed the committee that they are beginning their construction season. The Seneca Street Bridge in Hornell will be closed the Tuesday after Memorial Day and will remain closed until November. There will not be an onsite detour.

G. Bath Police Department
   - Chief Rouse informed the committee that on April 24th Bath Ambulance will be sponsoring a mock DWI event at the Bath Fairgrounds. This will be in conjunction with the Bath Police Department, Bath Fire Department, the Sheriff’s Department and the New York State Police. Several area high schools have been invited to attend.
   - Chief Rouse stated that there will be a summer paving project on Route 415N which will affect West Morris Street and the Boulevard.
   - Chief Rouse stated that they are aware of the car/pedestrian accident in the crosswalk at the County Office Building. The Village of Bath has received a number of emails regarding the need for a traffic signal or something else. He stated that he has received the accident report and in this particular incident, this was not an issue of the car not stopping at the intersection, nor was it an issue of the crosswalk. We do still need to do the pavements markings that were not done after last year’s paving project. In this accident, the driver of the vehicle was making a left turn and the pedestrian was in his blind spot. The village is open to any suggestions. We are concerned about the situation out here. If we posted and made it a four-way stop, that would impede the traffic flow. The best-case scenario would be a traffic signal with a pedestrian pole controls, but he does not see that anyone has the resources to do that.

H. Magistrate’s Association
   - Justice Rouse-Nicholson commented that the courts continue to have problems with the TraCS system.
   - The courts continue to work on providing a schedule of court days. Once we have that, we will make sure that the Sheriff’s Department and the New York State Police get a copy. We would like to make sure that the court days/times are correct when law enforcement is issuing tickets.
   - Justice Rouse-Nicholson distributed a copy of new regulations adopted by the DMV in reference to the A2/Problem Driver Restriction & Ignition Interlock Requirement. This designation will be given to any motorist who may pose a highway risk in light of their entire driving history. In some cases, these individuals may also be required to install an ignition interlock device. This designation is restricted to Class D licenses. She wanted to make sure that the committee was aware of this.
   - Justice Rouse-Nicholson announced that Mary Claire Donovan-Frank will be retiring after 19 years of service. She will be recognized at their April meeting.
I. Corning Police Department

- Chief Trentanelli commented that they have been preparing for the Patterson Street Bridge project.
- Chief Trentanelli stated that Lt. Heverly has been working on a grant for motorcycle awareness. The target group is the motoring public and educating them on how to be aware of motorcycles. He may ask Lt. Heverly to come to our June meeting and do a short presentation. This grant is in conjunction with Ontario County.
- They recently had a traffic study done on Bridge Street. They have had trouble with pedestrians not having enough time to cross. We may need to narrow the crossing distance.
- In the Governor’s budget, they have increased the fines for texting and cell phones. The Governor was also looking to increase speeding fines, but the Senate did not approve that. They have proposed increasing the surcharges by $25.00. Additionally, in the past you could ask for a speeding ticket to be reduced to something lesser, but now there will be a minimum fine of $100.00.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Wineglass Marathon – Chief Trentanelli stated that he and Mr. Marshall met with Mr. McAnany from the Department of Transportation, Mike Case and the Wineglass Marathon organizers. Things are moving smoothly and we will be meeting again in August.

Sheriff Cole stated that he heard rumors that the County Attorney said the Sheriff’s Department could not be involved in the Wineglass Marathon due to liability issues. Mr. Marshall stated the insurance lists every municipality. Sheriff Cole commented that he believes his department should be involved. Chief Trentanelli stated we will have the insurance in place and every municipality that is involved in this event will be named.

Mr. Marshall stated that they also talked specifically about a staggered start at the beginning of the full marathon as well as the half marathon. We are also looking at having a command post established at the EOC. Then everyone will be in one location and will be able to share information.

B. Public Service Announcements – Chief Trentanelli stated that Mr. Marshall has distributed copies of the draft PSA he did regarding ATV use. He did a very nice job. Justice Rouse-Nicholson suggested Mr. Marshall contact the Courier Advocate, The Evening Tribune and The Leader. Chief Trentanelli suggested the PSA also be sent out to the television stations. Justice Rouse-Nicholson suggested that when Mr. Marshall contacts The Leader that he ask to be a guest editor so that they will print the entire PSA. Chief Trentanelli asked that this also be posted on the Traffic Safety Website.

C. Battle of the Belts – Chief Trentanelli stated that following the last meeting, he had sent out information regarding the Battle of the Belts. The issue is finding someone who has the time and motivation to do this. This is something that we could talk to Beverly Butts or Bill Caudill about.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY CHIEF ROUSE, SECONDED BY MR. MARSHALL AND DULY CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature
**MINUTES**

**Present:**  Chief Sal Trentanelli, Corning Police Department  
Chief David Rouse, Bath Police Department  
Justice Cathy Rouse-Nicholson, Steuben Magistrate’s Association  
Carol Ferratella, Steuben County Legislator, District #13  
Sgt. Mark Cleveland, New York State Police  
Tim Marshall, Acting Director, Steuben County Emergency Management Office  
Pam Aini, Steuben County District Attorney’s Office  
David Cole, Steuben County Sheriff  
Chief Ted Murray, Hornell City Police Department

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chief Trentanelli called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

   A. **Review and Approval of TSC Grants** – Chief Trentanelli stated the purpose of today’s meeting is to review and approve TSC Grants. He commented that what used to be known as the BUNY and Step Enforcement have been combined into a Police Traffic Services grant. The following grants have been submitted:

   Bath Police Department
   Child Passenger Safety Program - $1,700.00
   Police Traffic Services - $4,800.00

   Addison Police Department
   Police Traffic Services - $2,829.00

   Corning City Police Department
   Police Traffic Services - $15,400.00
   Child Passenger Safety Program - $8,000.00
   Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program - $11,600.00

   Bath Police Department
   Child Passenger Safety Program - $6,000.00
   Wheeled Sports Safety Program - $1,640.00
   Police Traffic Services - $7,600.00

**MOTION:** AUTHORIZING CHIEF TRENTANELLI TO SIGN AND SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS: BATH POLICE DEPARTMENT (CPSP AND POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES), ADDISON POLICE DEPARTMENT (POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES), CORNING CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT (POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES, CPSP AND MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS PROGRAM), AND BATH POLICE DEPARTMENT (CPSP, WHEELED SPORTS SAFETY PROGRAM AND POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES) MADE BY SGT. CLEVELAND. SECONDED BY CHIEF ROUSE. ALL BEING IN FAVOR AND DULY CARRIED.
III. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Draft Perm 33-c – Chief Trentanelli stated that Mrs. Chapman will email the committee information regarding Draft Perm 33-c which is being proposed by the NYSDOT. This proposal states that if anyone has any event on any portion of a State route, the group hosting the event will need to fill out an application for use. It used to be that if it were a town event, the DOT allowed us close streets. Genesee County is saying that this proposal is in direct conflict to NYS V&T Law, Section 1640, Traffic Regulations in All Cities and Villages. They are opposed to this proposal. Chief Trentanelli commented that there is a belief that an application fee is being included.

Mrs. Ferratella stated this issue was brought up at a recent InterCounty meeting. Without having personally read the proposal, she does not know any more details than the committee. Chief Rouse stated that he is definitely opposed to an exorbitant application fee. We do all the work for these functions and the DOT wants to collect the money. Chief Trentanelli stated DOT is making sure that the organization has the proper insurance when using their right-of-way. He stated the he agrees there should not be an application fee. Chief Rouse stated that he does not think that anyone has a problem within ensuring that organizations have the proper insurance coverage. Chief Trentanelli stated that for any organizations that wants to have an event where the roads need to be closed, there will be a cost associated with that. Discussion followed.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. MARSHALL. SECONDED BY MRS. FERRATELLA AND DULY CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature
I. CALL TO ORDER

Chief Trentanelli called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

As there was no quorum present, the approval of the minutes from the two previous meetings will be deferred until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

III. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Friday, September 27, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in the South Conference Room.

IV. DEPARTMENT/AGENCY/MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

A. Magistrate’s Association

- Justice Rouse-Nicholson informed the committee that tickets for talking or texting on cell phones while driving will result in an automatic 5 points on your license.
- Justice Rouse-Nicholson commented that they are continuing to get tickets without the correct date and/or time for court.

B. Risk Manager

- Mr. Isaman stated that through PERMA, we received a 49-page catalog of various free training videos. He would like to make these available to any municipality that requests them. If anyone is interested in seeing the list of available videos, please contact his office and he will email the catalog.

C. Planning Department

- Mrs. Dlugos informed the committee that the snowmobile trails would like to provide safety training for kids and will be contacting the Sheriff’s Department to see if there would be a deputy available to speak with the group. Additionally, there is grant money available to do law enforcement on snowmobile trails. In the past the County has gotten money (and maybe snowmobiles) to do this. This may be something that other departments could participate in as well.
- Mrs. Dlugos informed the committee that there is a Regional BAC/PAC Advisory Committee (Bicycle Advisory Committee/Pedestrian Advisory Committee) that covers Chemung, Schuyler and Steuben. Both Chemung and Schuyler counties have their own bicycle and pedestrian committees and the regional BAC/PAC has been asking Steuben to create their own committee. A few agencies have gotten together to try to start a committee and define the responsibilities. We do not have the
staff to have a big initiative for the entire County. She stated that the Office for the Aging is interested in this as they would like to look at ways to connect where seniors live with what they need when they can no longer drive, using existing sidewalks. Mrs. Dlugos stated that she would see this group as meeting quarterly and helping to coordinate various initiatives.

D. Legislature
- Mrs. Ferratella stated that at the April meeting the committee had discussed Draft Perm 33-c. Mr. Alger had brought this topic up at the Administration Committee meeting and feels that there needs to be more research into this. Chief Trentanelli stated that he spoke with Mr. McAnany who said that this issue has been blown out of proportion and this is not what everyone thinks it is. This is something that we will just want to continue to keep an eye on.

E. Emergency Management Office
- Mr. Marshall stated that they have not been able to do their fire police training program as they have been working through issues with the instructors. We are looking at having a couple of Sheriff’s Deputies take the fire police training course so they will be able to teach it. Chief Trentanelli asked can you work with the Sheriff’s Department to see if you can get their auxiliary people trained? Mr. Marshall replied yes. The Undersheriff has been talking with other Sheriff’s Departments to see how they do it.

F. Corning Police Department
- Chief Trentanelli informed the committee that work has been started on the Patterson Street Bridge. They have already changed the traffic patterns on Pulteney and Bridge Streets in addition to timing the lights on Centerway differently. The detour will be to go to Exit 46 and go down Centerway.
- Chief Trentanelli stated that all of the grants were turned in on time. We have not received notice of award yet.
- Chief Trentanelli announced that when he attends the State Traffic Safety Board conference, he will be named the President of the State Association. This will be a two-year term.

V. OTHER BUSINESS
A. Amish Traffic – Justice Rouse-Nicholson stated that in her town the Amish do not obey the traffic laws. They are running their buggies through stop signs. Can we do some type of outreach to educate them? Chief Trentanelli replied that the State Sheriff’s Association has a program under the rural roads initiative. Justice Rouse-Nicholson asked if he could bring this up to the Sheriff to address? Chief Trentanelli replied that he would. They actually have a pamphlet that they distribute to the Amish. He stated that Franklin County actually has a program to address those concerns.

B. Wineglass Marathon – Mr. Marshall informed the committee that he and Chief Trentanelli continue to meet with the organizers of the Wineglass Marathon. Chief Trentanelli stated that last year the process was much smoother and we anticipate that it will be even better this year. The event will be held on October 6, 2013. Mrs. Ferratella asked has Boston Marathon bombing had any effect on this event? Chief Trentanelli replied no, they already sold out their registrations. Many security plans will be put into place and we will also be providing homeland security training to everyone involved.

C. Perm 33-c – Chief Trentanelli asked that this item be placed under Old Business on the September agenda.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY JUSTICE ROUSE-NICHOLSON, SECONDED BY MR. MARSHALL AND DULY CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted by Amanda L. Chapman, Deputy Clerk, Steuben County Legislature
Present: Chief Sal Trentanelli, Corning Police Department
Beverly Butts, Public Health Educator
Justice Cathy Rouse-Nicholson, Steuben Magistrate’s Association
Amy Dlugos, Steuben County Planner
Tim Marshall, Acting Director, Steuben County Emergency Management Office
Tammy Hurd-Harvey, Deputy County Treasurer
Ken Isaman, Steuben County Risk Manager
Patty Baroody, NY-Connects
Paul McAnany, NYS DOT
Sgt. Breteski, NYSP

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chief Trentanelli called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES


III. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Friday, December 13, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in the South Conference Room.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Speed Reduction Request for Gorton Road, Town of Corning – The Town of Corning has requested a reduction of speed on Gorton Road between State Route 352 and County Route 45 from 55 mph to 45 mph.

MOTION: FORWARDING THE SPEED REDUCTION REQUEST FOR GORTON ROAD IN THE TOWN OF CORNING TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR REVIEW MADE BY MRS. DLUGOS, SECONDED BY MR. MARSHALL AND DULY CARRIED.

V. DEPARTMENT/AGENCY/MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

A. Emergency Management Office
   ➢ Wineglass Marathon Update
   o Increased number of runners to 5,000; 2,500 runners in the half-marathon and 2,500 runners in the full marathon.
   o Will be doing wave start; anticipate having 4 – 5 waves which will help keep the runners from running in large packs.
   o In an effort to control spectators in Campbell, they will provide spectator parking at the Legion fields.
B. **NY Connects**
- Binghamton DMV office will be closing and now the Rochester office will be handling work related to filing DMV forms for older drivers. The Rochester office encourages that physicians complete the DMV form whenever possible as their submissions get acted on immediately while forms from concerned citizens take longer.
  - Judy Hunter will be calling on our behalf to see if they can find a way to expedite processing of these forms.
  - Rochester office has indicated to us that the doctors should be completing these forms, rather than the families.

C. **New York State Police**
- Working with various agencies on the coordination of the Wineglass Marathon.
- Captain Kevin Riley started on September 26, 2013.

D. **Planning**
- **Bike/Pedestrian Safety Committee**
  - Held their third meeting in Corning.
  - Talked about recreational biking and educating the public.
  - Plan to meet again in January 2014 in Hammondsport at a location/date to be determined.
  - All information from this committee is being forwarded to members of the Traffic Safety Committee.

E. **New York State Department of Transportation**
- Working with various agencies on the coordination of the Wineglass Marathon
- Patterson Bridge in Corning will be closed on Monday, September 30, 2013.
  - Confident that we will be able to move traffic around the City, however, it will be slower.
- Will be doing a traffic study on Route 414 in response to a request for a speed limit reduction.
- **Message Boards**
  - Texting while driving will result in 5 points off license and a $150.00 fine
  - Replacing rest area signs with signs that will say “Texting Stop”
    • part of Governor’s initiative to emphasize the problem with district driving/texting while driving
- **Pathway Through History Initiative**
  - Have changed some attraction signs to a different style to showcase historical areas.

F. **Magistrate’s Association**
- November 14, 2013 will hold an IID (Ignition Interlock Device) Panel discussion

G. **Public Health**
- **Strong Kids Safe Kids Event** was held on September 14, 2013
  - Car seat checks were done
  - 155 bicycle helmets were fitted
- **National Car Seat Check**
  - September 21, 2013
  - Events to be held in Corning and Hornell

H. **Risk Manager**
- Have replaced the pedestrian signs in the crosswalks near the County Office Building and they seem to be helping.

I. **Corning Police Department**
- Have been preparing for the Patterson Bridge closing.
VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Perm 33-C – Mr. McAnany stated that there was a lot of misunderstanding about this. Perm 33-C is an option for municipalities to regulate events on a State highway. If they do not want to do that, then we will regulate it through our regular permitting process. We are redoing the webpage and making this information more clear. This has been a long-standing law. In our area, we are basically only doing it for larger events and when we get complaints. The permit fee is $25.00 and we waive that fee for municipalities. If there are any questions, please contact us.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. MARSHALL, SECONDED BY MRS. DLUGOS AND DULY CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature
**AGENDA**

Present:  
Chief Sal Trentanelli, Corning City Police Department  
Chief David Rouse, Bath Village Police Department  
Carol Ferratella, Legislator, District 13  
David Cole, Steuben County Sheriff  
Sgt. Mark Cleveland, New York State Police  
Amy Dlugos, Steuben County Planner  
Steve Catherman, Public Works  
Beverly Butts, Public Health Educator  
Justice Cathy Rouse-Nicholson, Magistrate’s Association  
Ken Isaman, Steuben County Risk Manager  
Martin Butler, NYSDOT

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chief Trentanelli called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2013, MEETING MADE BY JUSTICE ROUSE-NICHOLSON, SECONDED BY CHIEF ROUSE AND DULY CARRIED.

III. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 28, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. and will be located in the South Conference Room. Meeting dates for the remainder of 2014 will be June 27<sup>th</sup> in the F-1 Conference Room, September 26<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup>, both in the South Conference Room. Please be sure to mark your calendars accordingly.

IV. DEPARTMENT/AGENCY/MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

A. Planning Department
   
   ➢ The Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Committee will be holding their next meeting sometime in January in Hammondsport. The time will be at 10:00 a.m. and the date is yet to be determined.
   
   ➢ Mrs. Dlugos stated there has been a concern with students having to cross State Route 53 in order to catch the school bus. The Prattsburgh School District will be doing a study on site distances on State Route 53.

B. Public Health Nursing
   
   ➢ Mrs. Butts informed the committee that she attended training in Big Flats regarding bicycle and walking communities. It was very interesting.

C. New York State Police
   
   ➢ Sgt. Cleveland announced that they have one Drug Recognition Expert in this zone. The Drug Recognition Identification Program has money available for Drug Recognition Experts to be used at
checkpoints held by the State Police and other law enforcement agencies. This expert is able to identify if an individual at a checkpoint is under the influence of drugs and which drugs they are on. They are certified to testify in court as expert witnesses.

D. **NYSDOT**
- Mr. Butler stated that the Patterson Bridge in Corning is on schedule for completion in the fall of 2014.
- Their department did conduct traffic studies at the intersection of SR36 and CR65 and at SR36 and CR119.
- We have been busy replacing signs in Corning on Route 352 and are also working on getting I-99 designated as an Interstate and doing signage.
- The speed request submitted by the Town of Corning on Gorton Road was approved to be reduced to 45 mph.

E. **Sheriff’s Department**
- Sheriff Cole reported that in 2014 they will be stepping up narcotics enforcement. They will have two canines in the department which will be available for use in schools, investigations and wherever needed. There are two individuals who are being trained through CNET and we will be able to increase our number of investigators to three. This will bring the total number of narcotic investigators in Steuben County to 9. He commented that the narcotics program is run by the District Attorney’s Office.
- Sheriff Cole presented his 2013 and 2014 STOP-DWI budgets for the committee’s review.
- February 27th they will be holding an awards banquet to honor staff.

F. **Public Works**
- Mr. Catherman informed the committee that the Seneca Street Bridge Project in Hornell is complete. They also have completed their other bridge and highway projects for the year.
- He informed the committee that recently there was a fatality on County Route 40 (Spencer Hill Road). We have very good accident information and we are comfortable with the road and the improvements that have been made. Chief Trentanelli commented that a lot of improvements have been made to the road. It may help to put the speed trailer up there.

G. **Risk Manager**
- Mr. Isaman commented that the pedestrian signs in the crosswalk between the county office building and employee parking lot seem to be working.
- Mr. Isaman commented that already have been receiving calls about people involved in car accidents with snowplows. Chief Trentanelli asked Justice Rouse-Nicholson to send out the letter-to-the editor regarding winter driving.

H. **Magistrate’s Association**
- Justice Rouse-Nicholson asked that law enforcement please try to make the arraignments with the towns in where the arrest occurred. Additionally, please make sure that the paperwork has the individual’s name, the charges and the court and/or town that is involved.
- Justice Rouse-Nicholson commented that they also need to do a follow-up on Amish traffic safety. Chief Trentanelli asked Sheriff Cole to check with the Sheriff’s Association to see if they have any more pamphlets.

I. **Corning Police Department**
- Chief Trentanelli stated with regard to the Patterson Bridge, the New York State Department of Transportation has been very good at responding to issues.
- Chief Trentanelli stated they received additional STOP-DWI Crackdown money, in addition to their regular STOP-DWI funding.
Chief Trentanelli commented at the State level, the STOP Association has been looking at doing a Traffic Safety Institute, as there are TSB chairs that are not law enforcement. By enrolling in the Institute, they would be able to get credit, as will the judges who also attend.

The Multi-Cultural Group works with other nationalities to increase traffic safety awareness. This group also works with Veterans and is establishing a Veterans Court in Buffalo.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. HR612 – Chief Trentanelli stated back in 2011 the Traffic Safety Board sent letters to our Federal Representatives regarding a Federal Transportation Bill that would increase the allowable weight limit of trucks from 80,000 pounds to 97,000 pounds. This legislation would also allow for more double and triple trailers. At that time we took a stand in opposition to this proposal as it will do damage to our roads. There currently is no senate bill, but he requested the committee’s approval to send a letter to Senators Schumer and Gillibrand and Congressman Reed.

Chief Trentanelli commented the trucking industry will say this change will be more efficient and save fuel. Mr. Butler asked is this allowed in other states? Chief Trentanelli replied that bigger trucks are allowed in other states that are much flatter and do not have the terrain that we have.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING CHIEF TRENTANELLI TO SEND A LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD IN OPPOSITION TO HR612 REGARDING INCREASING THE ALLOWABLE WEIGHT LIMIT OF TRUCKS FROM 80,000 POUNDS TO 97,000 POUNDS TO SENATORS SCHUMER AND GILLIBRAND AND CONGRESSMAN REED MADE BY CHIEF ROUSE. SECONDED BY JUSTICE ROUSE-NICHOLSON. MOTION CARRIES 6-1.

Secretary’s Note: Sgt. Cleveland stated that he would abstain from voting as he did not feel that he had enough information to make an informed vote. According to Robert’s Rules of Order, an individual may only abstain when there is a personal benefit to them or if there is a conflict of interest. Therefore, Sgt. Cleveland’s vote is recorded as a no vote.

B. Legalization of Marijuana – Chief Rouse stated more and more states are looking at legalizing marijuana. This is creating a problem for traffic safety. He stated that he hopes New York State does not allow this. Chief Trentanelli commented this has come up at the State Chief’s Association meeting. The Governor’s Office has stated that this will be a non-starter. Studies are showing that legalizing marijuana is not as harmless as they originally thought it would be. Absent a DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) or some other type of road test, how would know that someone is under the influence of marijuana? THC will stay in your system for a long time. Sgt. Cleveland stated that the law does not have a legal definition – it is either present or it is not. Discussion followed.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY CHIEF ROUSE. SECONDED BY MR. ISAMAN AND DULY CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted by

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Steuben County Legislature