**MINUTES**

PRESENT: Sheriff James Allard, Steuben County Sheriff’s Office
Chief Jeff Spaulding, Corning City Police Department
Carol A. Ferratella, Steuben County Legislator, District 13
Jesse Charles, Steuben County Public Works
Todd Housel, Deputy Commissioner, Steuben County Public Works
Chief Kyle Amidon, Canisteo Village Police Department
Chief Ted Murray, Hornell City Police Department
Captain Mike Szockei, Zone Commander, New York State Police
Martin Butler, New York State Department of Transportation
Maureen Kozakiewicz, NYS Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee
Christopher Brewer, Deputy County Manager

I. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Allard called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 26, 2021, MEETING MADE BY MRS. FERRATELLA. SECONDED BY CHIEF MURRAY AND DULY CARRIED.

III. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been scheduled for Friday, September 24, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. and will be held in the Legislative Chambers, 3rd Floor, Annex Building.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

V. DEPARTMENT/AGENCY/MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

A. Public Works

- Todd Housel introduced himself as the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.
- They are currently doing bridge washing.
- They are chip sealing CR 113, CR 96, CR 32, CR 73 and CR 69. This will likely continue through July and August.
- Paving projects on CR 18, CR 46, CR 117, CR 57 and CR 58 and will continue through the summer.
- Bridge projects on CR 4, Curtis Creek in Campbell, and CR 5, Clendenning Creek in Tuscarora have been completed. We are currently working on bridge projects on CR 14, Campbell Creek in the Town of Howard and CR 21, Tuscarora Creek in Canisteo.
- Steven Catherman has been overseeing the project on CR 115 and we anticipate that being opened by the end of October.
- A new fuel monitoring system is being installed at Public Works and should be completed by July 4, 2021.
• Mr. Housel reported roadside mowing is on schedule and we have also been working on work zone set up.

B. Hornell City Police Department
• Chief Murray reported everything is good in Hornell. The Gus Macker Tournament has been postponed and probably will not happen this year.
• The City will be holding their Fourth of July fireworks; however, some of the activities have been scaled down for the day. The event will be held at the park. Sheriff Allard asked are they still holding the parade? Chief Murray replied I believe so.

C. New York State Department of Transportation
• Mr. Butler reported they have been doing bridge deck and joint repairs, bridge washing, pavement striping and sign replacements in various locations.
• There are a number of construction projects that are currently taking place:
  o Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) in various location – the contract has been extended and some sites have been removed.
  o Route 54 Loughline Creek Bridge Replacement in Hammondsport will be completed July 1, 2021.
  o Route 248 Over Bennetts Creek Bridge Replacement in Greenwood will be completed December 17, 2021.
  o Bath sidewalks project will be completed August 31, 2021.
  o I-86 Cici’s Bridge facia repairs will be completed November 19, 2021.
  o Paving SR 54/SR 54A to Yates County line will be completed this construction season.
  o SR 54A wall and slope repairs will be completed this construction season.
• Maintenance paving is occurring at the following locations:
  o SR 415 Bath to Avoca scheduled for August 9, 2021
  o SR 417 Jasper to Woodhull is scheduled for August 18, 2021
  o SR 21 Fremont to Wayland is scheduled for June 22, 2021
  o SR 36 Hornell/SR 21 to SR 70 is scheduled for July 19, 2021
  o SR 36 Canisteo to Jasper is date to be determined
  o SR 36 Jasper to PA State Line is date to be determined
  o SR 248 Canisteo to Rexville is scheduled for August 2, 2021

D. Legislature
• Mrs. Ferratella stated one of the safety issues she is concerned about is speed in work zones. Mr. Butler stated we are very aware of that and the State Police have been checking the work sites and we are ticketing.
• Mrs. Ferratella stated she attended the Town of Corning meeting on Tuesday and there is an issue with the light that is a stop and go at the intersection of East Corning Road and SR 352. This issue has been brought up before and they have been talking about near misses. Sheriff Allard stated East Corning Road is still at 45 mph. Mrs. Ferratella stated she had suggested the Town contact the Sheriff. Sheriff Allard stated the Town Supervisor contacted him and Mrs. Chapman sent them everything they need to go through the process to request a speed reduction.

E. Canisteo Village Police Department
• Chief Amidon introduced himself and stated this is his first meeting. Sheriff Allard asked will you be having the Smoke in the Valley event this year? Chief Amidon replied yes, it will be held on July 31, 2021. An application was submitted to NYSDOT for a permit for SR 36. Other than that, no other events are scheduled in the village as Crazee Days was cancelled.
F. **Corning City Police Department**
   - Chief Spaulding reported they had a pretty successful seatbelt campaign last month. We wrote a good number of tickets along with tickets for the use of cell phones.

G. **NYS Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee**
   - Ms. Kozakiewicz stated they are holding the “Protect Your Melon” campaign in conjunction with Watkins Glen International. The event will be held on August 4th and 5th in downtown Watkins Glen.
   - Click it or Ticket – thank you for all that participated. I will need your activity reports first and then you can do your claim for payments.
   - Ms. Kozakiewicz stated that she will be scheduling visits as soon as they are done with the grant review.
   - For 2022, we will be doing a five-year look back. For 2020, COVID wreaked havoc with details and we had to look back pre-COVID. The initial data for 2021 is coming out. Because the Click or Ticket campaign was not in, we are operating blind. You may see a slight decline in your grant funds. If there was not data to support the request/problem area, we had no choice but to cut grants.
   - She stated with the PSAP (Pedestrian Safety Action Plan) engineering activities are going on and are near completion. For those of you that have those, do you have enforcement ready to do education/warnings, etc. Basically, are you ready to provide education and warnings to get people to use the crosswalks. There will also be a press release about additional funding for PSAP grants.
   - There are many issues with work zone safety. Some of you may have put that into your grant narratives, however, without data it will be difficult to suggest a dollar amount and you cannot use anecdotal information.

   Sheriff Allard asked does the state have any pamphlets or PSA information for the PSAP that we can use? Ms. Kozakiewicz replied I will send you a link. You can order the pamphlets through Department of Health and I can bring them out to you.

H. **Sheriff’s Office**
   - Sheriff Allard stated they have been busy. They recently completed the boat race in Hammondsport. There was one injury, which was minor. He stated Ken Forenz did an outstanding job with the incident plan.
   - **Wineglass Marathon**
     - They are planning on running both the full and half marathon and planning is already underway.
   - The radar trailer is currently in Savona and there are a number of other places that it will be located this summer.
   - Sheriff Allard thanked the City of Corning and the NYSP for their participation in the Click it or Ticket campaign.
   - Sheriff Allard announced that he submitted Deputy VanSkiver to receive the STOP-DWI award. As of right now, he has 3,000 career DWI arrests. I don’t know of any other individual statewide that has that many DWI arrests.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
   A. **Digital PSA’s for Traffic Safety** – Sheriff Allard stated that he has been working with the Steuben County Conference and Visitors’ Bureau to create a PSA for safe driving for the breweries and wineries in the County. This has grown into looking at an app/website called SafeSteuben which will include traffic information and links to treatment centers, addiction counseling, etc. We have had two meetings so far to discuss this.

   Sheriff Allard stated starting next week they will be recording the PSA from the wineries/breweries and start getting those out. The beverage trail will be suggesting how to travel safely from place to place. He stated he will continue to update the board as they go forward with this. Our goal is to make the app/website universal for all things traffic safety. We will
try to make it a one-stop shop and associate it with the Sheriff’s app. This will be a joint effort with STOP-DWI, the Traffic Safety Board and any other agency that wants to be partnered with it.

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY SHERIFF ALLARD, SECONDED BY MRS. FERRATELLA AND DULY CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted by

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Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature