**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  
Matt Sousa, Steuben County Planning Director  
Jim Risley, Steuben County Public Works  
Jesse Charles, Steuben County Public Works  
Martin Butler, New York State Department of Transportation  
Brooks Baker, Steuben County District Attorney’s Office  
Captain Mick Szockei, Zone Commander, New York State Police  
Maureen Kozakiewicz, NYS Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee  
Amanda Chapman, Deputy Clerk, Steuben County Legislature

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Chapman called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. **ELECTION OF CHAIR/VICE CHAIR**

Mrs. Chapman called for nominations for Chair of the Steuben County Traffic Safety Board for the year 2021.

Motion nominating Sheriff Allard for Chair made by Mrs. Ferratella, seconded by Chief Spaulding and duly carried.

Sheriff Allard called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Steuben County Traffic Safety Board for the year 2021.

Motion nominating Chief Spaulding for Vice Chair made by Sheriff Allard, seconded by Mr. Baker and duly carried.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION:  APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2021, MEETING MADE BY MRS. FERRATELLA. SECONDED BY MR. BAKER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

IV. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Friday, June 25, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the Legislative Chambers.

V. **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence was received.

VI. **DEPARTMENT/AGENCY/MEMBERSHIP REPORTS**

Sheriff Allard stated he would like to welcome Captain Mick Szockei from the New York State Police as the newest member of the Board.
A. District Attorney
- Mr. Baker stated the Traffic Diversion Program is up and running and we are entering into Inter-Municipal Agreements with those municipalities who are involved.
- Mr. Baker stated he will be down two Assistant District Attorneys. Jen Galvan is moving to the County Attorney’s Office and Jim Miller will be retiring effective July. We are working on filling these positions.

B. Corning Police Department
- Chief Spaulding stated his department has been doing more traffic enforcement and traffic stops. They have seen an increase in DWI’s since January and have been stepping up DWI enforcement and doing more traffic details.

C. Sheriff’s Office
- Sheriff Allard stated the Dairy Festival is attempting to get permits and approval to hold their annual parade. Additionally the Snyder Foundation is looking at getting permits and approval to do their Bike Run. Both events, if approved, will be held on June 5th.
- The Hammondsport Fire Department will be hosting a speedboat rally and competition on June 12th.
- We will be getting the radar trailer back out on the roads. This was purchased new last year. The data and printouts are pretty impressive. If you would like to use the trailer, please contact Lt. Logsdon to schedule. The next location for the trailer will be on Route 414 in Hornby.
- DWI’s have trended upward and we had 10 DWI’s in 10 days over the St. Patrick’s Day holiday.
- We are getting our bicycles back on the roads, however, we are not holding a mountain bike course this year.

D. New York State Police
- Captain Szockei announced that all troopers will be ARIDE certified within the next couple of years. We are looking at increased DWAI arrests and are hoping to have more DRE’s. This is a focus of command staff in Albany due to the pending marijuana legalization.
- Captain Szockei stated his agenda is to get back to normalcy with our details and being more visible.

E. Planning
- Mr. Sousa stated he has nothing to report. The County transit system is operating as normal. With COVID, it has been a challenge implementing the masking mandate, but we have not had too many complaints.

F. Public Works
- Mr. Risley stated on March 1st the contractor started on the bridge project on CR115 at Indian Hill Road. Hopefully this project will be completed in October/November.
- March 22nd we replaced a box culvert on CR 4, Curtis Hollow Road.

G. Legislature
- Mrs. Ferratella stated she has nothing to report.

H. New York State Department of Transportation
- Mr. Butler commented staff is diminished at the present time and they are not able to get right out to do speed studies, however, he cannot think of any that are outstanding in Steuben County.
- Projects in the Village of Bath planned for 2021 construction season:
  - Signal Replacements
    - Steuben/Liberty St. – currently under construction
    - West Morris/West Washington – not yet scheduled, but anticipated to be constructed this season
Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP)

- Several locations within the Village of Bath and within Steuben County remain incomplete. We are working Albany to resolve contract disputes and complete, this year, all locations that work has been started.
- Village of Bath Sidewalk Project – resume work this year on this two year project. Completion date is August of this year.

Projects in Steuben County planned for 2021 construction season:
- Wall and Slope Repairs – 54A – construction this year, not sure of start date. Permanent detour signs will be installed under this project.
- Loughline Creek Bridge Replacement – to be completed in July of this year.
- Bridge Deck Replacements
  - I86 – Painted Post, Avoca, Campbell
  - I390 – Avoca
  - 417 – Addison
  - 36 – Troupsburg (2)
- I86 Facia Repairs
  - CiCi’s Bridge (Over Cohocton River just west of Coopers Plains)
- Maintenance Paving Projects
  - 54 – 54A to Yates
  - 36 – 21 to 70
  - 415 – Wayland to Cohocton
  - 36 – Canisteo to Jasper
  - 36 – 417 to PA line
  - 248 – Canisteo to West Union

I. NYS Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee

- Ms. Kozakiewicz stated for those of you that are new to the committee, we provide grants for traffic safety.
- We are actively engaging in ARIDE and DRE training with the probability of legislation legalizing marijuana happening next week. We are trying to get everyone trained and the New York State Police are mandating their troopers get trained for ARIDE. We can get you a seat if you need.
- Grants are due May 1st and we will not be extending the deadline this year. With new administration at the Federal level, we believe our funding will be just as solid as last year and our funding levels are good. We do not expect cuts.
- Data driven grants are what will work this year and I would like to impress upon you to get data. Do your own internal data. The grants are getting more and more competitive each year. It will be all about how you write your narrative.
- April 15th your mid-year reports are due. We understand that productivity will be down, but tell us that.
- We are seeing an uptick in vehicles on the roadway and we have increasing roadway deaths with speed being a big issue.
- Impairment has changed and in some counties we are seeing impairment mid-day and early evening.
- May 24th is Click It or Ticket. This is a 10 day cycle and it is mandatory that you participate.
- Ms. Kozakiewicz stated that the Keuka, Cayuga and Seneca wine trails will carry a traffic safety message at the point of sale. We are trying to get the craft breweries and distilleries to do the same. The Schuyler County Chamber of Commerce has been very helpful with this.
- The GTSC is participating in an equality exercise and we are reaching out to our Traffic Safety Boards and grantees to identify those entities and diverse communities that may or may not be represented in the strategic plan. This includes low-income, elderly, rural versus urban. I am concerned that my counties are going to get lost in this discussion. You will be receiving an email from our office about getting involved in this equality discussion. This will be in the format of regional Zoom calls. I am not sure how to address our Amish and Mennonite populations; maybe we...
will have to speak on their behalf. Amish and Mennonite communities, along with agricultural communities, are our biggest issues. Agriculture equipment on the roadways has become a challenge.

Sheriff Allard commented last year we held one car seat event that was by appointment, compared to the five or six that we normally have.

- Ms. Kozakiewicz stated I am still waiting to hear whether we are having the symposium in the fall; if we do, it may be virtual. The CPS (Child Passenger Safety) conference is also scheduled in September. We have lost about 40 percent of the car seat technicians. We are trying to get technicians certified as best we can in this COVID environment.
- We are projecting a huge increase in traffic as things start to go back to normal. Think about the older drivers that are now getting back out on the road and our younger, inexperienced drivers. It will be tremendously challenging. Motorcycle and car sales are up and we have also seen an increase in the number of first-time drivers.

Sheriff Allard commented boat sales are off the charts as well. We are trying to get a motor for one of our patrol boats repowered and the soonest the motor will be ready is October.

- Ms. Kozakiewicz stated resources are so low and we are asking how you are planning to come out of COVID and will that be reflected in your grant narrative. Are you prepared for another lockdown? Can your grants pivot; are they broad enough that you can go into another COVID-like environment?

Sheriff Allard asked have you heard anything about legislation changing the DWAI with marijuana as a violation infraction? Ms. Kozakiewicz replied I have not. Mr. Baker stated I am hearing from the District Attorney’s Association that the change to the infraction level is not going to happen and will not be part of the bill.

Sheriff Allard asked has there been any talk about getting DCJS certification for ARIDE or ARIDE II? Ms. Kozakiewicz replied no.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. E-Scooters – Chief Spaulding stated we are seeing a huge increase in the use of e-scooters and internally, we are not well-versed with enforcement. Does the State Police or anyone have any pamphlets or education materials that they could share? Captain Szockei replied I am not aware of anything, but I will check around. Ms. Kozakiewicz stated one of our grantees, during the height of COVID, with the increased use of scooters, UTV’s, ATV’s, dirt bikes, did a modification to include enforcement of that and they used their grant funds for that enforcement.

Sheriff Allard commented there has been a push from rural areas to register and insure ATV’s and UTV’s for road use. Have you heard anything on that at all? Ms. Kozakiewicz replied she is not hearing that.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MRS. FERRATELLA, SECONDED BY CHIEF SPAULDING AND DULY CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature