I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Sheriff Allard called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. As there was no quorum in attendance, no action items will be entertained.

II. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Fran Avagliano – Sheriff Allard stated we have received correspondence from City of Corning resident, Fran Avagliano, with two concerns. The first is rolling stops and the second is loud mufflers. Sheriff Allard stated we have notified the City of Corning about the loud exhausts and we will be reaching out to driver instructors with a reminder about proper stopping at stop signs.

III. **DEPARTMENT/AGENCY/MEMBERSHIP REPORTS**

A. Emergency Services Office/E-911

- Mr. Marshall reviewed the events of the August 18, 2021, flood event. We did have an individual that perished while trying to cross a flooded roadway. All agencies worked very well together and there were a large number of agencies involved. He stated he would also like to recognize the efforts of the Public Works Department and the Soil & Water Conservation District. A FEMA declaration request was sent to the Governor on September 17th for signature. We also sent letters to Senator Schumer and Senator Gillibrand urging relief.

Sheriff Allard asked are all roadways operable? Mr. Marshall replied yes, however, we don’t yet know what may have washed out in yesterday’s rains.

Mrs. Ferratella commented it was her understanding that FEMA has approved the emergency declaration. Mr. Marshall replied he has not heard that yet. The State has approved our request and has moved it on to the Federal Government.
B. Canisteo Village Police Department
   - Chief Amidon stated we have been engaged in normal activities. There is a major construction project coming up in the Village of Canisteo within the next couple of years on State Route 36. They are currently in the planning phase.
   - Chief Amidon reported we did have some more flooding on Dunn Road in the Village of Canisteo and I feel terrible for the residents. The Village and the surrounding communities have helped and are moving forward with continuing to help those residents. With regard to roadways being operable, Red Spring Run is not currently operable. Mr. Marshall commented there may be a couple of town roads that are not passable. Spencer Hill in Howard needs some major gravel restructuring; other than that everything else is open. Chief Amidon stated at the Canisteo Town Board meeting they are doing what they can, but they are waiting on FEMA to help with construction costs as there is not enough money in the budget to handle that.

C. New York State Department of Transportation
   - Mr. Butler commented with regard to flooding, he was out at the Canisteo River yesterday after the rain and the water was very high, but our State work held up through that.
   - Mr. Butler provided the following update:
     - Culvert and Bridge on SR248 in Greenwood – Culvert was done in 2020 except the guiderail rework and the bridge will be finished this year
     - Bridge Joint Replacement on I-86 at Campbell and I-86 Painted Post remain to be finished
     - Bridge Deck Replacements on I-86 in Kanona area – 4 to be done in 2021 and 4 to be done in 2022
     - Bath Sidewalk Project continues and is scheduled to be completed in 2021
     - SR54 Loughline Bridge is open and completed except for plantings
     - CC Bridge Fascia – on schedule to be completed this year
     - Guiderails – much work is ongoing but the contract completes this year (Contractor is working West to East)
     - Paving on SR54 to 54A from County line is underway and will be completed this year

D. Legislature
   - Mrs. Ferratella asked if Mr. Butler had an update on the South Hamilton Street Bridge? Mr. Butler replied we never made it to the painting contract this year. He apologized and said it was on their list to do, but they had to hold off.
   - Mr. Potter commented SR36 was paved from the Pennsylvania State line to the intersection by the DOT building on SR417/SR36, but then they skipped a section until the Jasper-Troupsburg bus garage. That section they skipped is pretty rough and is breaking up. Why was that section not included? Mr. Butler replied we have a pavement committee that I am not a member of, but I can find out for you. Mr. Potter stated it is between the Jasper-Troupsburg bus garage and the DOT building, about three-quarters of a mile or so. Mr. Butler commented it seems odd that section was not paved and I will look into it. There may be some underlying issue as to why it is breaking up and they may have another treatment in mind.

E. Public Works
   - Mr. Housel stated since the last meeting and the storm, the only county road that is not resolved is CR129 and that is down to one lane.
   - Our road paving crew has finished 85 percent of the striping.
   - We have completed our chip seal projects for the year – 90 miles.
   - Bridge Crew is working on the CR70A bridge which has a temporary restriction to commercial traffic.
   - Mr. Housel stated we are doing our last sweep with roadside mowing for the year.
   - We will be starting a shoulder stabilization project on CR11 next week.
There were 21 contracts for paving and 18 contracts have been completed to-date. We should be finishing soon and the last projects are in the Woodhull area.

Sheriff Allard asked is Commissioner Spagnoletti retiring? Mr. Housel replied unfortunately, yes. Sheriff Allard stated on behalf of the Traffic Safety Board, we wish him well.

F. Sheriff’s Office

Sheriff Allard informed the Board the STOP-DWI Education Trailer project is moving forward. The trailer is being wired now and we had a meeting regarding the graphics. He stated WETM has graciously volunteered their time and will interview survivors and those interviews will be played in the trailer.

Mrs. Lando asked will we get a sneak peak of the trailer? Sheriff Allard replied yes, I can invite you and Mr. Malter to the graphics meeting in October. Mrs. Ferratella asked is the trailer still out to Goodrich’s? Sheriff Allard replied no, it is currently at Meyer’s getting wired. We hope to have it ready for prom season.

Sheriff Allard stated we had two traffic-associated fatalities in the last month, both involving high water. The first occurred on SR417 at Tuscarora Creek and the second occurred with an ATV at Five Mile Creek in Prattsburgh.

Sheriff Allard announced Deputy VanSkiver hit 3,000 DWI arrests this summer and we submitted him for the annual M.A.D.D. Law Enforcement Recognition. We are waiting to hear if he will be recognized.

Wineglass Marathon will be held Sunday, October 3, 2021 and the incident action plan is being developed. We feel that we are in good shape for traffic control and we will have drones at the intersections.

Mr. Marshall asked do you know how many runners there will be? Sheriff Allard replied we are expecting 5,000 – 6,000 which is down from the 7,000 we typically get. The Wineglass Marathon is second only to the NYC Marathon and is a qualifying event for the Boston Marathon. It has also been listed in the top ten must do marathons and also has the highest number of female runners.

Sheriff Allard stated he recently did an interview with a reporter from NYC who commented on how surprised he was at the neighbors who went out and were helping during and after the flood event; he had never seen that before. Everyone came in and pitched in and the reporter was amazed at that. Sheriff Allard stated he told the reporter that is the way we do things here. What we look at every day here as normal, other people from the outside look in and think it is amazing. Thank you to everyone who worked through that. We saw the best side of everyone through that flooding event.

Sheriff Allard stated schools are open and we are reminding everyone to slow down and allow for extra time for the school buses.

STOP-DWI Plan – this year the approval of the plan is now with the Legislature instead of the Traffic Safety Board. As far as the agencies are concerned, everything is identical to last year for reimbursement. Our reimbursement was reduced significantly, but the other agencies remain the same. This is on the agenda for approval at the September 27th Legislative meeting.

IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. DOT Staffing – Mr. Butler reported that he typically has come to these meetings complaining about the lack of staff. He is happy to report that he has now received permission to fill three new positions, and possibly more.

B. Legalization of Marijuana – Mrs. Lando asked what steps is law enforcement taking for checking people for being under the influence of Marijuana? Sheriff Allard asked in terms of traffic safety? Mrs. Lando replied yes. Sheriff Allard stated we have two DRE’s (Drug Recognition Experts) at the Sheriff’s Office. One of those individuals is
retired and we have signed up another deputy to begin the DRI process so we will be back up to two by the end of the year. Deputies will continue to get ARIDE training, which is recognition training with a lower certificate value. We hosted that training last year. He stated that we try to get every deputy certified in ARIDE. Many of the other agencies also participate in these trainings.

Sheriff Allard stated that he and District Attorney Baker have sent letters to every Town Supervisor and Mayor advising them of the Marijuana legislation and taxation requirements along with information on their ability to opt out of consumption sites or dispensaries. They have to opt out by December 31, 2021. He stated that he has attended six different board meetings to share this information. On September 30, 2021, we will be holding an information meeting for any Town/Village Board member, Town Supervisor, Mayor that may be looking for additional information. All of the municipalities will be educated as to the requirement framework of the taxation act. Mrs. Ferratella asked which board meetings did you attend? Sheriff Allard replied the Village of Riverside, Town of Greenwood, Town of Canisteo, Town of Urbana, Village of Canisteo and Village of North Hornell. Everyone has received a letter along with a sample template for a local law.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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