I. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Allard called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. He noted that we do not have a quorum; therefore no official actions will be taken.

II. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been scheduled for Friday, March 26, 2021 at 10:00 am.

III. DEPARTMENT/AGENCY/MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

A. Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee
   - Ms. Kozakiewicz asked the Sheriff if he has the post-crash incident team up and running yet or if he is still formulating it? Sheriff Allard replied the team is still being formulated.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Town of Caton – Sheriff Allard informed the Board that the Town of Caton had requested a speed limit evaluation and reduction to 30 mph on Red School Road between Ginnan Road and Hittown Road. The New York State Department of Transportation did conduct a review and have determined that a speed limit of 40 mph is appropriate on Hittown Road. They also determined that a speed limit of 35 mph is appropriate on Red School Road. In addition they also recommended other traffic control measures for both roads.

V. DEPARTMENT/AGENCY/MEMBERSHIP REPORTS (CONT.)

A. Sheriff’s Office
   - Sheriff Allard reported DWI numbers are similar to last year. We held our first meeting about the Amy Stock DWI trailer with our committee and we will start work on the trailer after deer crash season. Goodrich’s Auto Works offered to do most of the work for us at no cost. We will be moving forward with this project and hope to have the trailer available by next year’s prom season.

   Mrs. Ferratella asked did you put bids out for the trailer? Sheriff Allard replied we did send bids out and he is not sure where we are at with that.

   - Sheriff Allard stated with the recent snow event, the roads were incredibly well handled; folks did a great job and he asked that a letter be sent from this Board to Commissioner Spagnoletti and the New York State Department of Transportation commending them for a fantastic job. We had very few vehicle crashes.
Mr. Butler stated we moved 130 people around the State to where they would be most needed. This was a high profile storm and with COVID a lot of effort went into this.

B. Legislature

• Mrs. Ferratella stated she does not have anything to report. She asked with regard to the traffic trailer, is that scheduled to be put out? Replied with the snowstorm, we currently do not have a place to put it. We already had the traffic trailer on State Route 414 and we did some traffic enforcement.

C. New York State Department of Transportation

• Mr. Butler stated with the PSAP (Pedestrian Safety Action Plan) we are having difficulty with the contractor as neither project is completed. The PSAP was originally scheduled to be completed at the end of October and the contractor has completed less than 50 percent. We are in discussions/negotiations with the contractor. We will probably end up with a surety company hiring another contractor to finish the job. There are several projects in Steuben and Chemung that are unfinished.
• Mr. Butler stated the second sidewalk project is in the Village of Bath. That project is moving very slowly and the contractor has until next year to finish. The project has been shut down for the winter and will pick back up in the spring.
• Another part of the PSAP contract is traffic signal replacement in the Village of Bath. The signal replacement will be at the intersection of West Morris and Liberty Street and that will be happening next year. The other replacement will be at the intersection of East Morris and Liberty Street.
• Mr. Butler stated they will be replacing the Loughlin Bridge in Hammondsport. There are detours in place and we anticipate the bridge being open by Memorial Day.
• We will also be working on a culvert project on SR 248 in Whitesville and that will also include replacing the bridge. That work is scheduled for next year.
• Mr. Butler stated the striping of South Hamilton Street will be included in next year’s striping contract.

Sheriff Allard asked what is the status of SR 54S? Mr. Butler replied we are going to erect permanent detour signs as we have had to close the road numerous times due to emergencies. Having these permanent signs will help that situation. Sheriff Allard commented that should be local traffic only anyway. Mr. Butler stated we have done a thorough investigation of the culvert and retaining walls. Every year you will see a lane closure as we continue to address this.

D. Corning City Police Department

• Chief Spaulding stated during this snow event we only had two vehicle crashes.
• Chief Spaulding stated we are encouraging our officers to do traffic enforcement when it is safe to do so and to conduct those enforcements from the passenger side of the vehicle. Our DWI numbers are down.
• Chief Spaulding commented a concerning trend is the number of pursuits. We are approaching double digits in the last six months. With COVID and bail reform, this is something that is definitely noticeable. He stated that he is a member of the NYMIR Board and this is a trend statewide. We are not sure how we deal with this. The majority of the pursuits we have had we wound up terminating and then caught up with them at a later time.

E. New York State Police

• Lieutenant Bentley stated that he had nothing to report.

F. Emergency Management Office

• Mr. Marshall stated we have been dealing with COVID every day. We reopened the Emergency Operations Center at the beginning of October for COVID.
We will be offering a fire class after the first of the year with restrictions on social distancing. All in all we are still continuing to move along.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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