I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 29, 2019, MEETING MADE BY JUSTICE ROUSE-NICHOLSON, SECONDED BY MR. MARSHALL AND DULY CARRIED.

III. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. and will be held in Conference Room D of the Steuben County Annex Building.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Village of Hammondsport – Letter received by NYSDOT from the Village of Hammondsport requesting a speed study on Pulteney Street between State Route 54A and the Town of Urbana line. Mr. Butler informed the Board that they did do a radar study and the 85th percentile was 43 mph and we considered that to be an appropriate speed for that section of road. We recommended the Village put up a “Stop Ahead” sign and to clear some brush. It is the Village’s responsibility to write that legal order, and then we will file it on our end. The speed limit is currently posted at 30 mph.

B. Town of Campbell – The Town of Campbell has submitted a petition for a speed reduction on Clawson Drive from 40 mph to 25 mph. Mr. Butler stated he has just received this request. He commented a 25 mph request is allowable on a linear road in a village, but he will need to check it for a town. Sheriff Allard commented visibility is not an issue; however, it does get a lot of traffic.

V. DEPARTMENT/AGENCY/MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

Chief Mullen stated before we begin, he would like to introduce the new Deputy County Manager, Christopher Brewer.
A. **Steuben County Magistrate’s Association**
   - The time of the monthly Magistrate’s Association had been changed from the 2nd Thursday of the month to the 4th Wednesday of the month, however, that did not work out well. They have approved going back to holding meetings on the 2nd Thursday at 6pm at the Bath American Legion.

B. **New York State Department of Transportation**
   - They are working on a few project including paving in the City of Hornell, paving on I-86 in the Town of Hornellsville and extending to West Almond. They are also working on a bridge project on 415 in Avoca (Salmon Creek)
   - The Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) has been under design for quite some time and just the other day was awarded to Caccamise Electrical Contractors. They will have a subcontractor doing the signing and sidewalk work. This work is tentatively scheduled to start in Hornell and Bath right after the 4th of July and finish this season. The work will include some curb cuts; work on the handicap accessible ramps and adding back plates to the signal heads.

C. **Sheriff’s Office**
   - Sheriff Allard stated they have completed their bicycle/pedestrian GTSC grant this year. We held bike rodeos and helmet distribution events in eight school districts. Four prom events were planned and held and in addition we held three DWI re-enactments with Bath Ambulance and the New York State Police.
   - Sheriff Allard stated that in other counties in the Finger Lakes, there is a partnership between STOP DWI and the Traffic Safety Board to work on an impaired driver safety project with the wineries in the Finger Lakes. We currently do not do anything with that. Other counties are doing Public Service Announcements (PSA’s) and providing training for servers. He asked if this Board would like to be involved in this moving forward.

   Most of the lakes have a winery association. He believes we are behind the eight-ball with this. With these partnerships, they are providing safe driver training, training for servers on how to determine intoxication and a safe road home program. Is this something we would be interested in?

   Chief Mullen stated that yes, he is interested. He commented that Maureen Kozakiewicz, our GTSC Highway Safety Representative, just brought this up the other day. This is something they are working on across the other counties and she would like to see this in Steuben County. He thinks this is a great idea. Mr. Marshall stated he agrees that this is a great idea.

   **MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE KEUKA LAKES WINERY AND BREWERY ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE AN IMPAIRED DRIVER SAFETY PROJECT MADE BY JUSTICE ROUSE-NICHOLS, SECONDED BY MR. MARSHALL AND DULY CARRIED.**

   Sheriff Allard stated this will be a good way to get some attention back on the Traffic Safety Board. He asked if we needed to form a subcommittee to work on this? Sgt. Feeley commented that the DRE’s (Drug Recognition Experts) are ideal for this as they can teach service impairment.

   Chief Mullen asked what is our investment to sponsor? Sheriff Allard replied we would support with PSA’s, signage and documentation that would go out to the public from the Traffic Safety Board and STOP-DWI.
MOTION: CREATING A SUBCOMMITTEE TO REACH OUT TO THE STEUBEN COUNTY CONFERENCE & VISITORS’ BUREAU TO WORK ON AN IMPAIRED DRIVER SAFETY PROJECT WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS BEING ASSIGNED: CHIEF MULLEN, SHERIFF ALLARD, MRS. FERRATELLA AND JUSTICE ROUSE-NICHLSON MADE BY MR. MARSHALL, SECONDED BY MR. SOUSA AND DULY CARRIED.

Mr. Sousa commented as part of the tourism bureau, they have an app for Craft Your Adventure, which includes a link to Main Street Drivers. An individual can make a reservation and they will drop a driver off to the individual’s location and they will drive your car for you. A lot are included in our County. Sheriff Allard stated that is the kind of thing that he would like to be able to publicize.

- Sheriff Allard announced the Deputy Matt Butler has completed his DRE training and we now have two in our department. Chief Mullen stated he has a list from the State of all of the DRE’s in the State. This will be forwarded to all Board members.

D. New York State Police
   - Sgt. Feeley informed the Board that their Traffic Safety Plan gets underway in the summer months.
   - The DWI re-enactments done in conjunction with the Sheriff’s Office and Bath Ambulance were well received.
   - He would like to thank the Sheriff’s Office and the Bath Village Police Department for joining us during our last holiday enforcement road check.
   - Sgt. Feeley stated there have been some teenage accidents in the Hornell area recently and we will be doing a driver education presentation in that area sometime in July.
   - The underage drinking initiative is going on and they have one planned for this coming week.
   - Sgt. Feeley informed the Board that they may be seeing quite a few organized escorts passing through. There is a windmill project in northwestern Pennsylvania. We are already escorting three blades per day, every day. We believe they are coming down from Canada. We are picking them up in the Oswego area, coming through a portion of Steuben County to I-99 to the PA line. This is going smoothly.
   - They are experiencing some staff changes in the zone office with Lt. James Haag currently on board.
   - Sgt. Feeley stated he really appreciates the outside agencies making traffic safety initiatives a multiple agency effort. He believes that resonates with the public very well.

E. Legislature
   - Mrs. Ferratella commented when she was crossing the crosswalk to come over to the building, there was a woman with a number of children also trying to cross. She asked did we use to have a pedestrian crossing stand? Chief Mullen replied his Village Board had him look at this spot in front of this building. They want me to talk with the County about putting in a flashing crosswalk. He noted it is not okay to cross in the middle of the road. Maybe we can look at putting in some lighted crosswalks. We will paint the crosswalk and make it more visible. He stated in the past he had recommended a four-way stop or something.
Mr. Marshall commented vehicles are getting more proactive stopping there than they had in the past.

Mr. Sousa commented his recommendation would be to have signage similar to what the City of Canandaigua has; pedestrian crossing signs that are activated by a push button and people respect them. I would strongly recommend them as Senior Planner for the County. Mr. Butler commented he does not think the crosswalk is properly signed. Mr. Sousa stated it is not properly signed. He stated the high traffic times are 8am – 9am, noon-1pm and 4pm-5pm. It seems like a lighted crosswalk would work. Chief Mullen stated the Mayor wants to look at splitting the cost with the County. Mr. Sousa stated there may be grant opportunities; he will look to see if there are any grants.

Mr. Butler asked do you have an estimate on the cost for flashing crosswalk? Chief Mullen replied they are between $3,000 - $5,000.

- Mrs. Ferratella stated they are working on the underpass under the railroad in Riverside. NYSDOT will be milling and replacing and we need to keep working on that.

F. Planning Department

- Mr. Sousa informed the Board that last month he attended an Active Transportation Summit. He was trained in conducting a walkability audit. This involves taking a group around a downtown area and assessing various things such as pedestrian use, bicycle use, accessibility to the aging and handicapped. Each item is given a score between 1 and 10 to access usability and safety. He stated he thinks this is a useful tool. He would like to encourage the municipalities in doing these and to bring to light some of the issues we are talking about. This walkability audit will identify where we fall short.

Mr. Sousa explained this also enables you to do pop-up safety measures for a trial run. For example, if you wanted to put in a bike lane, you could cone an area off for a week and see how it is utilized. This is a cheap way to see how a particular measure may look. He stated this is something that he thinks he can explore more and with the municipal boards.

Justice Rouse-Nicholson commented with regard to bike lanes; the people residing at the Bath VA have no cares about the cards and are not using traffic signals. Mr. Sousa commented a lot of that has to do with a lack of identified space. Justice Rouse-Nicholson stated if you were to do a bike lane, you would have to do some outreach. Mr. Sousa stated he would love to see bike lanes in the village. Chief Mullen commented he likes the idea.

- Mr. Sousa stated to go back to the earlier conversation about the partnership with the wineries; the Craft Your Adventure to promote the wineries and breweries; there are about 30 participating vendor. This ties in with Main Street Drivers, Lyft and Uber.

G. Bath Village Police Department

- Chief Mullen informed the Board that the library put in a recommendation to the Village Board requesting a better crosswalk. He went over and is recommending a crosswalk near Steuben and West Morris or West Morris and Cameron. They will be looking at getting quotes.

- Chief Mullen stated the other crosswalk issue is at the County Office Building/Annex. We are working with the County to get a better crosswalk option and to enhance signage.

- He stated they purchased two new vehicles; a Dodge Charger and a pickup truck. The Charger will be equipped with a plate reader and new radar and will be used for traffic safety. These vehicles were purchased with grant funds.

Traffic Safety Board
Friday, June 28, 2019
Chief Mullen stated they are gearing up for the summer grants and are doing a partnership with the Sheriff’s Office and the State Police.

The New York Highway Safety Symposium will be held October 21st-24th at the Desmond Hotel in Albany. He will be sharing the 2019 NHTSA Communications and Events Calendars which list the dates of various events. He recommended utilizing these dates/events as they give out free information which you can put out to the community before you do the event.

The Slow Moving Vehicle Law just changed. He will send out the new flyer which outlines the changes. Ms. Kozakiewicz had brought up to him that we do not have a lot of outreach and is hoping that we can start working on that. Sheriff Allard commented the bigger issue for this county is golf carts and ATV’s. Chief Mullen stated we will look at doing more outreach.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS
A. Sponsors – Justice Rouse-Nicholson commented maybe we could get some local businesses to sponsor crosswalks; the banks, Tops, Save-A-Lot, restaurants. Chief Mullen stated that is a great idea. Mr. Butler stated he does not know if advertising and pedestrian safety go together. With the State, we would not be allowed to do that. Chief Mullen stated we will look for grants and go from there.

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

Respectfully Submitted by

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Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature