

Sawyer County
Traffic Safety Commission Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2019
Namakagon Transit

Present: Sheriff Doug Mrotek, Chief Deputy Craig Faulstich, PD Chief Joel Clapero Hayward PD, Sgt. Cliff Parr WSP, Ross Baker WI DOT, Commissioner Gary Gedart Sawyer Co. Highway Dept, Director Nate Dunston Sawyer County Ambulance.

Meeting called to order at 09:00 hrs

1. Introductions made
2. Audience Recognition: none
3. Review of November 2018: approved, motion by Parr, second by Gedart
4. Old Business: Commissioner Gedart discussed speed zone reduction on CTH B between Chippewa Trail and Scott Rd from 55mph to 35 mph. Commissioner Gedart advised that a reduced speed zone of 45 mph between Chippewa Trail and Holcombe Rd. will be established.
5. New Business: none
6. Traffic Crash Data Mapping: none
7. Roundtable Discussion:
 - HPD- Chief Clapero discussed a complaint he received about speeding semi-trucks and other vehicles on Hwy 63 through the Hayward city limits. Sgt. Parr will advise State Troopers to do extra patrol in those areas; Chief Deputy Faulstich will do the same with Deputies.
 - Highway Dept- Commissioner Gedart discussed the Highway Department being very busy this winter with road clearing because of weather conditions, including 8 or 9 freezing rain events, as well as large amounts of snowfall. Commissioner Gedart advised that the Birkebeiner Foundation is looking into installing a permanent bridge for skiers over STH 77 near Hatchery Road similar to the bridge over CTH OO, installation possibly in 2019. Commissioner Gedart advised that CTH OO will be closed to thru traffic on Friday morning 02/22 for the Kortelopet race event. Commissioner Gedart discussed speeding complaints on Chippewa Trail in the 35 mph zone. Chief Deputy Faulstich will advised Deputies for extra patrol, particularly in evenings.
 - DOT- Ross Baker discussed complain received about speeding on Hwy 63 in Seeley by the Sawmill Saloon. Chief Deputy Faulstich advised that those concerns have been forwarded to Deputies and extra patrol has been dome there in the past. Mr. Baker requested that the Highway Department remove snow banks on bridges. Commissioner Gedart advised that is normally done by, and will continue to be done.
 - Sawyer County Ambulance- Director Dunston advised they will be assisting with the Birkebeiner events, providing two trucks and staff.
 - WSP- Sgt. Parr advised that State Patrol will be assisting with the Birkebeiner events, traffic crashes, aircraft asset and EOD K9.
 - Sheriff's Office- Chief Faulstich discussed the upcoming Birkebeiner events, security planning, road closings, etc. Chief Faulstich thanks the Highway Department and Ambulance service for their assistance with the Pre-Birkie race.
8. Action Items: none
9. Other Items for Discussion: none
10. Next meeting will be Wed. May 22, 2019 09:00 hrs at Namakagon Transit.
11. Meeting adjourned at 09:43 am- motion by Parr, second by Clapero