

Sawyer County
Traffic Safety Commission Meeting Minutes
November 20th, 2019

Present: Sheriff Doug Mrotek, WI DOT Dan Kontos, Chief Deputy Joe Sajdera, Hayward PD Chief Joel Clapero, Officer JT. Wohling, Sawyer County Highway Commissioner Gary Gedart, WI DOT Ross Baker, Town of Hayward Chief Malcolm Haag, City of Hayward Public Works John McCue, WI State Patrol Cliff Parr, Sawyer County Ambulance Director Nate Dunston, Namekagen Transit Karen Melasecca.

Meeting called to order @ 0904

1. Introductions
2. Review of August 28th minutes: Correction of previous minutes requested by Gedart. Change crack sealing from Hayward to Seeley to Hayward to Springbrook. Motion Approved by Gedart, 2nd by Parr. Minutes approve
3. New Business: None
4. Dan Kontos: Crash Data / Data Mapping Report. Year to date there have been 463 traffic fatalities in Wisconsin compared to 467 last year at this time. There has been one traffic fatality in Sawyer County as of today's date. Review of Sawyer County traffic fatality and location. Discussed features and updates of Community Mapping and legislative updates. Concerns discussed about "flagger" safety in construction zones and possible remedies.
5. Round Table Discussion:

Gedart: ATV complaints on Hwy T have not been an issue since last meeting. Discussed the Pipestone Tower Rd and access to Sawyer County's communications systems at the site. Joint effort between the Town of Radisson and the County to repair the road. The repairs included installation of culverts, fill and gravel. A MOU between Sawyer County and the Township of Radisson is now in place regarding the upkeep and maintenance of the road. Due to high water, the culvert replacement project on Hwy NN delayed until 2020. Discussed concerns / complaints received over the design of the Hwy 27 project in the City of Hayward.

McCue: Traffic lights should be operational at Hwy 27 and Rail Road St by 11/21/19. The lights at the intersection of Hwy B and Hwy 27 delayed due to late arrival of poles to complete the installation of the lights. Discussed traffic concerns / issues on Hwy 77 near Walmart entrance.

Baker: Construction project on Hwy 63 from Lenroot to Cnty Rd M is complete. The Hwy 27 project still going on, completion expected by the end of the month. Two projects scheduled for 2020 will include chip sealing on Hwy 70 from Ojibwa to Winter, and also from Draper to the east county line.

Haag: Now that school has started, calls for more traffic enforcement on or near Greenwood Ln and County Hill rd increased. Additional enforcement initiated. Birkie making progress on the bridge over Hwy 77. Currently in the process of obtaining permits and working on approaches to the bridge site.

Melasecca: Namekagon Transit reports driver complaints of excessive amounts of mud and or cow manure on Swede Rd. near Suzan's Dairy Farm in Radisson. Gedart suggests contacting Town Chairman of Radisson Phil Quade to address concerns.

Parr: Currently in early planning stages for the Birkebeiner.

Clapero: Receiving many complaints regarding the Hwy 27 project. Concerns regarding the ATV routes established have not been an issue at this time. Also discussed was a stop light at the intersection of Hwy 63 and Main St. Concern with pedestrian traffic crossing Hwy 63 during the summer months.

Wohling: Discussed concerns of bicycle traffic having to travel a distance down Hwy 63 at the intersection of Hospital Rd and Hwy 63. Clapero also noted that during Musky Fest the Chamber provided high visibility flags that pedestrians could use when crossing Hwy 63 at Main St. These seemed to work well when used.

Kontos: Dates of interest – Older Driver Safety awareness week Dec 01- 07, 2019. Governor Conference on Highway Safety August 19-20, 2020. Law Enforcement Mobilization - Drive Sober Get Pulled Over Dec 13, 2019 – Jan 01, 2020 other Law Enforcement Mobilizations scheduled. Discussed Badger TRACS updates and crash flags for buses.

No items for further discussion.

Next meeting scheduled for February 19, 2020 @ 0900

Meeting adjourned: 0950

SIGN UP

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JOHN MCCUE

Ross Baker

MALCOLM HAAG

CLIFF PATR

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Joel Clapero

DANIEL KONTOS

JOE SAJDERA

Matt 

DOUG MBTEK

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