

STEBEN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

Friday, March 31, 2023

10:00 a.m.

*Legislative Chambers, 3rd Floor, Annex Building
Bath, New York*

****MINUTES****

PRESENT: James Allard, Steuben County Sheriff
Kenzie Spaulding, Chief, Corning City Police Department
Peter Bierweiler, Steuben County Magistrate’s Association
Carol Ferratella, Steuben County Legislator, District 13
Marie Myers Shearing, Director, Steuben County Planning Department

ABSENT: Ted Murray, Chief, Hornell City Police Department
Kyle Amidon, Chief, Canisteo Village Police Department
Brooks Baker, Steuben County District Attorney
Lorelei Wagner, Steuben County Public Health
Eric Rose, Commissioner, Public Works

EX-OFFICIO: John McCumiskey, New York State Department of Transportation (Ex-Officio Member)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Allard called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. As there is not a quorum present, no action items will be entertained.

II. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been scheduled for Friday, June 30, 2023.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS

Sheriff Allard stated we have two new members and he asked them to introduce themselves. Marie Myers Shearing introduced herself as the Director of the Steuben County Planning Department. John McCumiskey stated he is the Regional Traffic Engineer for the New York State Department of Transportation.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

VI. DEPARTMENT/AGENCY/MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

A. Sheriff’s Office

- Sheriff Allard announced their traffic trailer is now out for the season. Currently it is located on Tannery Road in the Town of Campbell. Please contact him if you receive any requests. He noted as the reports come in from the traffic trailer, the new policy will be to share that report with the Town Supervisor or any Legislator that requests the report.
- The Department of Motor Vehicles is in the process of developing a new traffic accident report for law enforcement. We have the proposed report and will be distributing that at the Police Chief’s Association for their review and input.
- The NYS Sheriff’s Association has developed a new crash dashboard for each county. If anyone needs crash data, that can be obtained by year, municipality, region, area or contributing factor (weather, substance abuse, etc.). This is a huge thing as we are looking at targeted enforcement zones. This will shows us where the crashes are and whether they are behavioral or environmental.

- Sheriff Allard stated their office continues to move forward with their efforts, although they are down road patrol officers and are looking to fill those spots. We have retirements occurring this year.

B. Legislature

- Mrs. Ferratella asked if there were any updates regarding Goff Road? Sheriff Allard explained there was a traffic study at the intersection of where Goff Road meets Route 352. There were complaints regarding the traffic light and there have been a number of significant crashes in that area. Mr. McCumiskey stated that he will look into that.

C. New York State Department of Transportation

- Mr. McCumiskey stated as this is his first meeting, he is not prepared with anything. What is your expectation of what you would like reported? Sheriff Allard replied typically there is a report of all of the active work zones in the County; looking at what will be worked on in terms of road construction, bridge repairs, resurfacing, etc.

D. Magistrate's Association

- Justice Bierweiler stated he has nothing to report. They continue to hold their meetings at the Jail with Captain Mills.

E. Planning

- Ms. Myers Shearing stated the City of Corning is working on their consolidated transportation study. Mr. Brewer commented the public survey ends today. He noted that First Transit will be picking up some of the routes from a previous provider that is no longer providing services. Sheriff Allard asked are they looking to expand their routes? Mr. Brewer replied yes. Sheriff Allard commented that is good to hear as we have needed that to happen for a while.

Sheriff Allard stated that the Undersheriff is attending Threat Assessment Management training in Oriskany. We are looking at incorporating that with a website that we developed a year ago with the Steuben County Conference & Visitors' Bureau. This website allows individuals to find information relative to ride shares when they have been drinking, etc. We can also tie that into threat assessment management so that they could provide anonymous tips.

F. Corning City Police Department

- Chief Spaulding stated Emily Waite recently graduated from the DRE program and we are very proud of her accomplishments.
- Chief Spaulding announced that she has been appointed to the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police Traffic Safety Committee.
- Their department currently has two vacancies that they are looking to fill.
- They are looking forward to grant season and putting out extra patrols to support safe driving.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. *Prom Trailer* – Mrs. Ferratella asked for an update on the prom trailer. Sheriff Allard replied the case has been adjudicated. GEICO, the insurance company, is now the owner of the vehicle. Once they take possession of the vehicle and total it, we will then try to have them donate it back to us.

Sheriff Allard adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature