

HIGHWAY SAFETY
February 3, 2015

- Call to order** The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Kersten Rocksvold. In attendance were: Joe Schneider, Tom Cornford, Bob Bott, Orrin Olson, Dan Breeser, Luke Yahn, Joe Morovits, Dennis Pelock, Todd Myers, Joyce Fritsche-Roberts, Corrie Valley, and Roberta Fisher.
- Verify posting** The Chairman verified that the meeting notice was properly posted.
- Approval of Minutes** Motion by Cornford, second by Morovits to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- Next Meeting** May 5, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Seneca Highway Shop.
- Introduction of Guests** Jess Johnson and John Johnson were introduced to the committee to voice their concerns regarding the speed limit coming into and leaving Village of Gays Mills.
- Road Hazards** Dennis Pelock informed the committee that he has received input from citizens requesting some speed limit reductions in the areas coming into Gays Mills off of 171 from Mt. Sterling and also on 131 heading out of Gays Mills towards Soldiers Grove. Jess Johnson spoke of a couple of specific locations where the citizens feel are dangerous.
- Joe Schneider stated that the state would need a request from the municipalities involved to perform speed limit studies. These are typically performed in the summer months and mid- day.
- There was a motion by Cornford, second by Myers to support a speed study in the areas of concern around Gays Mills.
- Dennis then spoke about a recent motorcycle accident on Orchard Hill. The motorcyclist suggested different signage or markers regarding a hairpin turn on the hill. Denny would like the state to take a look at this issue.
- There have also been some requests to change the speed limit through Rising Sun to 55 mph. Some have felt the 40 mph is too slow.

New Business

Talks of constructing new access points in the city of Prairie du Chien on the Main Street bypass into and out of the Pattison Sand transfer location. Currently, the semi drivers have to leave the lot turning south and then u-turn to come back north. The goal is to have an access point that would cross the median to avoid unnecessary u-turns.

The Highway department will be doing some work on County S bridge.

WI DOT-BOTS

Bob Bott handed out his Year-to-Date Traffic Deaths and Fatal Crashes statistic reports.

He emphasized the importance of entering accidents using the mapping system. He offered to teach the administrative assistants how to plot using the program.

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Joe Schneider reminded everyone also how important it is to follow up with “after accident reviews” to improve response time and communication of all officials involved in road closures and crashes.

**Recruiting
Efforts for Hwy
Safety Committee
Meetings**

Dennis Pelock would like to see more community involvement at the Hwy Safety quarterly meetings. Discussed sending letters to area High Schools, Hospital Board, Rescue Squad Members and possibly volunteer citizen representatives.

Dennis also thought it would be a good idea to rotate the committee meetings to different locations within Crawford County. The next meeting will be held at the Highway Shop in Seneca.

Roberta Fisher, Chief Deputy Clerk