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**OZAUKEE COUNTY
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES**

Mark Roherty called the meeting to order at 8:58 a.m. at the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Lobby Conference Room 101.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Roherty - Chairperson, Lt. Justin Kaas - Vice Chairperson, Sgt. John Wolfe – WSP, Rick Olig – BOTS, Cpt. John Hoell – Mequon Police Department, Thomas Grabow – County Board Supervisor, David Brantner – DOT, Judge Christine Ohlis, Jon Edgren – Ozaukee County Highway Commissioner, Richard Nelson – County Board Supervisor

Not Present: Tim Deppisch – Coroner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mark Roherty, meeting properly noticed. Kim Voeller confirmed. Rick Olig moved for the adoption of the Agenda. Tom Grabow second, all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 7/27/21: One correction noted on page 2. Spelling of Ohlig was corrected to Olig. Rick Nelson moved to approve. Lt Kaas second, all ayes.

ACTION ITEMS: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

There were three Fatal Accidents in Ozaukee County to Review for 3rd Qtr 2021. Lt. Kaas briefly reviewed each accident. The first fatal accident was a two vehicle crash that took place on 8/31/21 on St Hwy 33 & Singing Hill Rd involving an eastbound passenger car and a westbound county dump truck. Because this crash involved a county vehicle, the State Patrol was asked to handle the investigation. Since this accident was handled by the WSP, Trooper Tigren also addressed the group regarding the accident. Seatbelt usage was unknown. The elderly driver of the passenger car was flown by Flight for Life and eventually succumbed to her injuries. Sgt John Wolfe added that the driver was elderly and may have been distracted by the elderly passenger in her vehicle.

The second fatal accident took place on September 4th at the intersection of Mink Ranch Rd at Cth KK in the town of Port Washington. Vehicle 1 entered the intersection in front of Vehicle 2 who was traveling North on Cth K. Vehicle 2 struck Vehicle 1 and came to rest in the northeast field. Both drivers were transported via Flight for Life Helicopter. One passenger did die from injuries on scene. Investigation is still open on this accident.

The third fatal crash was on September 11 on Grand Ave in the City of Port Washington. It involved a passenger car and a bicyclist. Port Washington Police investigated this accident. The vehicle was traveling westbound on Grand Ave. A bicyclist was traveling east on the sidewalk in front of 220 W Grand Ave. The bicyclist turned out of the driveway and came into the west bound lane and ran into the vehicle. The bicyclist was not wearing a helmet and was transported via ambulance. She later passed of her injuries. Visibility was limited due to all the parked cars.

State Informational Items:

Dave Brantner gave an update on the I-43 Expansion Project. Construction will continue through the end of this year. Next year the North end of the I-43 project will start in spring and run thru 2023. The County Line Road interchange will start in spring of 2022 and last thru 2023. The Hwy 33 & I roundabout will be starting in spring as well.

Rick Olig discussed the Power Point informational slides he presented regarding Statewide Fatalities by Age, YTD County & Statewide Crash Statistics, Legislative Updates, and Upcoming Events. There was discussion on the use of rumble strips and if that would've helped with some of the recent fatal accidents discussed. Implementing a Free Bike Helmet Program was also discussed for its effectiveness. Rick Olig discussed concerns and statistics over waiving the driver's test. Judge Ohlis said this was also a discussion at the recent Municipal Judges Conference and that there were concerns over continuing the waiver. There was also discussion on the ATV speed limit regulations and discrepancies.

Jon Edgren discussed some upcoming Work Zone Safety group pieces of legislation they would like passed. One would allow green lights as an additional safety light for municipal vehicles. The second one would allow traffic controllers the ability to have citations issued to vehicles ignoring their stop paddles, etc. if they obtain license plate information. The third proposal would require a 30 minute training regarding work zone safety in order to obtain your license.

Local Information Items:

Jon Edgren passed out 2 speed studies done over the summer: 1- Cty Trk Hwy NN. Recommendation was No Changes. 2. Hillcrest in Town of Port Washington – We have no jurisdiction over this area. Strictly informational for us.

Guest Comments:

Charles Friedlein – Presented handouts and proposal regarding the new interchange at N Port Washington Rd & Highland Rd. Voiced concerns regarding the route for tractor trailers. Would like to see the stop line southbound on Port Washington Rd moved back 5 meters and also adjusting the turning radius. Jon Edgren agreed to take the proposal to the I-43 committee and provide an update at the January TSC meeting.

Jim Bohn – Voiced his concern regarding the speed limit on Ulao Rd. The speed has always been 55 mph, but since a sign was recently installed he feels that driver behavior has changed and the speed has increased. Discussion followed on that 1 mile stretch of road between Lakeshore Rd and the freeway. Jim Bohn would like to see this stretch be a 35 or 45 mph stretch. A speed study had been done recently but Jon Edgren agreed to review the recent speed study and Mark Roherty suggested having this put on the January agenda as an action item. Since this is not an action item at this time, no action can be taken today.

Nomination of Officers – New term starts January 26th. John Edgren nominated Mark Roherty for Chairperson. Tom Grabow seconded. Lt Kaas nominated himself but noted there may be some changes within the Sheriff's Department due to reassignments. If he is no longer in his same position, the Lt. who would take his place would also be available to fill this position. Judge Ohlis brought up discussion on the 9 am time slot. It was agreed to keep the time at 9 am.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made to adjourn the meeting. John Edgren moved to adjourn the meeting. Lt Kaas second, all ayes.

Meeting ended at 9:54 a.m.

Kim M Voeller
TSC Assistant