

**Melrose Township Town Hall Meeting  
April 8, 2019 11a.m.**

**Present:** V. Goodwin, P. Cotanche, R. Hissong Berry and 50 plus citizens in attendance.

**Guest:** State Representative Tristan Cole and three reps from MDOT

**MDOT shared overview of intersection:**

US 131 is rural major highway with 7,000-10,000 vehicles per day and M 75 with 4,000-7,000 per day. 25 years ago, a signal study was done. A mill and fill project from Boyne Falls to the county line (Bear River Road) is currently scheduled for 2020.

**Sheriff's Comments:**

**M75 / US131** is the most dangerous intersection in Charlevoix County. Factors include elevation, traffic volume, speed, grade and turn lane.

**Two studies to be done:**

Signal Warrant Study and Operation Study/Road Safety Audit

**Summary of Public comments, questions and suggestions:**

- US131 south-bound traffic in the right-hand turn lane into the village obscures visibility
- Grade too steep on Springvale Road as it meets the highway
- Traffic has increased in both volume and speed
- Increased number of cyclists and related safety concerns need to be included
- Possible round-a-about, signal, flashers or warning signs
- Solutions that can be implemented now to make it safer immediately, such as signs, lines on pavement painting. Other solutions will come from the studies and reports.
- Questions regarding timing of studies and work that would be done were asked. They will vary.

**Additional comments:**

MDOT will be reviewing all the information given at the meeting and submitted in writing. Additional thoughts can be submitted to MDOT Gaylord Office or at the Township office.