

Special Meeting – ATV/UTV Routes
Town Board Members and Highway Committee
Meeting Minutes

July 29, 2015

The Crawford County Highway Committee and the Town Board members held a joint meeting on Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at the Seneca Town Hall, 21041 Town Hall Road, Seneca, WI.

The meeting was called to order by Ron Radloff, Town of Prairie du Chien board member at 7:40 p.m.

Proof of Publication was verified by Ron Radloff.

Dean Roth chaired the meeting. Members present were: Wayne Jerrett, Maggie Mezera and Dennis Bell, T. of Scott; Mike McGuire and Dennis Nagel, T. of Wauzeka; Dean Roth and Eric Sime, T. of Marietta; Dennis Pelock, Highway Commissioner; Tom Cornford, Wade Dull and Henry "Buzz" Esser, Highway Committee; David Olson, T. of Freeman and Highway Committee; Ron Radloff, T. of PDC; Randall Strand, T. of PDC and Highway Department; Dennis Swiggum, T. of Clayton; Mike Steiner, John Karnopp, Alan Flansburgh, Rose Trautsch and Linda Smrcina, T. of Bridgeport; Stanley Stevenson and Leonard Olson, T. of Utica; Ron Hartley and Tom Kearns, T. of Seneca; David Slaght, T. of Eastman; Greg Russell, ATV/UTV Club; Pete Strachan, WisDOT; Julie Check, Highway Department was present to take minutes.

Under LIMITATIONS on the draft copy of the ATV/UTV Ordinance:

Ron Radloff made a motion the county adopt the 30 mph speed limit, seconded by Randy Strnad. Motion carried.

Commissioner Pelock asked the town board members if they wanted the sheriff to enforce the speed limit, the towns want the sheriffs' department to enforce all routes/roads. Pete Strachan from WisDot discussed the DNR speed limit. Even the ATV/UTV manufacturers do not recommend using high speeds on paved roads, with posi it is very hard on the machines. Under paragraph a.) Dennis Swiggum made a motion to remove the line: unless posted at a higher speed, seconded by Randy Strnad. This would require the county law enforcement to enforce the 30 mph speed limits. Motion carried.

Under paragraph d.) Wayne Jerrett made a motion to change the hours to NO ATV/UTV OPERATION on designated routes between the hours of 10:00 p.m and 5:00 a.m. daily, seconded by Maggie Mezera. Motion carried.

There was a discussion on the rules about 10' off the paved surface on State Highway on permitted trails.

Greg Russell asked Pete if the club could meet with someone from WisDot. Pete said yes, he would give everyone the contact name and phone number.

Randall Strnad made a motion to combine paragraph e.) and paragraph f.), seconded by Eric Sime. Motion carried.

Paragraphs g, h, j and k were approved by members present.

Ron Radloff made a motion to delete paragraph i.) or change it to read: All ATV/UTV routes will be open year around, seconded by Eric Sime. Motion carried.

Under DESIGNATION OF ATV and UTV ROUTES:

In the first paragraph the wording needed to be corrected to read that the club will pay for the signage but the county forces will install county trunk highways so signs are properly placed and installed. Otherwise, all 3 paragraphs were ok'd.

There was a discussion on the Towns passing one ordinance for all roads, but only posting the roads they approve for routes.

Pete Strachan from WisDOT explained his specialty is roadways. For the Towns who are writing their own ordinances the WisDOT contact person is Bob Fasick and his phone number is #608-266-3438. For Towns with State roads going across state highways, these roads will need to be looked at and approved by WisDOT. WisDOT contact person for permits is Wendy Braun, and her phone number is #608-246-3837. Parallel highways in the right-of-way can only be issued a permit to a municipality. Signing needs to be put up by WisDOT on all state highways, municipalities will pay the state for this work. If there is not good site distance WisDOT will most likely not approve.

Dean Roth mentioned the WTA will meet at 7 p.m. the first or second week of November.

At 8:45 p.m. with no further business, Dean Roth made a motion to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Dennis J. Pelock
Highway Commissioner

Tom Cornford

David Kelly

Ang L. Sen
Committee

Walt P. Dull

David Olson

Wes Hill
Commissioner