

Law Enforcement Committee Meeting  
May 16, 2018

The Law Enforcement Committee meeting was called to order by Chad Coyier at 6:33 PM. Present were Chad Coyier, Tom Cody, & Chief Daniel Swinehart. Susan Washa was excused. Also present was Luke Drury.

Tom motioned that the meeting is in compliance with open meetings laws. Chad seconded. Motion passed.

Tom motioned to approve the agenda of the meeting. Chad seconded. Motion passed.

The second agenda item was addressed first. Discussion centered around the Highland Historical Society Raise the Roof event, and the need for police and beer tent staffing. There will be one entrance or location for patrons to have their ID's checked, receive a wristband, and purchase beer tickets. A designated person will post this station. Highland PD will have one officer onsite during the event. The event will run from 2PM to 11:45 PM. The Highland Police budget will cover the cost of the officer, as the historical society building is utilized for police training at no cost to the village. Luke Drury departed the meeting at the conclusion of this discussion.

The third agenda item was discussed next. We reviewed the Village's Tree Trimming Ordinance 8.08. We agreed that the ordinance is properly worded. Daniel reported that he has a draft letter on file for notifying property owners that are in violation of the ordinance. The committee recommended that stated procedures in the ordinance be followed. Properties of concern brought to the attention of any village board or staff member shall be referred to the Chief of Police (formerly the OIC) for review and initial handling.

The first agenda item - ATV/UTV Ordinance - was discussed and outlined at length. We utilized the Iowa County ATV/UTV Route Ordinance as our primary outline, with frequent referral to ordinances from the Village of Linden, the Village of Muscoda, the City of Darlington, WI Statute Section 23.33, and information from the WI DNR. Below is the draft ordinance outline that we arrived at. We assume Eileen will consider this a repeal of Chapter 10:

Name - Village of Highland ATV/UTV Operation and Routes Ordinance

Intent - Follow IA Cty's, but strike the last two lines and add after "created," to regulate the operation of and routes for ATV's & UTV's.

Definitions - Adopt WI 23.33 Section 1

Severability - We want some form of this. Eileen has prepared language to use.

Saving Clause - We want some form of this. Eileen has prepared language to use.

Designation of ATV/UTV Routes & Operation - Route format shall be similar to Linden's Schedule III.

Preferred Route - Main Street from Spring Street North to Farmer's Ridge Road; Dodgeville Street from Tower Road West to the Corporate limit; Merchant Street; Kennedy Street. In addition to the preferred route, we want all village streets open. While we only want the preferred route advertised by the ATV Club, we feel all streets being open is necessary for residents to gain access to the preferred route legally without having to trailer their ATV/UTV.

Rules of Operation:

- A - similar to IA Cty.
- B - Posted speed limit shall govern ATV/UTV speed in the Village.
- C - Hours of operation - the committee felt that we need to check with the Town of Highland. Also consider email from DNR Warden Al Erickson, not to set people up to fail.
- D - similar to IA Cty.
- E - similar to IA Cty.
- F - All persons who operate an ATV/UTV on any street or route in the village must be at least 16 and possess a valid DL. Iowa County's subsections d. and e. also apply.
- G - similar to IA Cty.
- H - similar to IA Cty.
- I - similar to IA Cty.
- J - Proof of insurance required.
- K - PWD or Village President may shut down routes or street access at any time as needed without prior notice.
- L - No operation in the village park, excluding Village Staff & Maintenance.
- M - No operation on sidewalks except for snow removal.
- N - Add penalty provision.

Signage - to be based on Eileen's guidance, based on our intent of having both a preferred route and resident access to the preferred route via "all streets open."

Daniel will take our draft ATV/UTV ordinance outline to Eileen for clarification and completion, into a form that is more suitable for the entire Village Board to review, and closer to adoption consideration.

Chad motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 PM. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
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