



Menominee County Highway Department

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Menominee County Highway Committee Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday, July 13, 2023 Highway Department Conference Room

1. Call to Order. 9:06 a.m.

2. Roll Call. Committee members present: Eugene Caldwell and Gregg Malmstrom. Members absent: Keith Tourtillott. A quorum was present. Others present: Jeremy C. Weso, Highway Commissioner; and Ken Casper, Patrol Superintendent.

3. Community Input

None

4. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of June 13, 2023.

Motion by G. Malmstrom to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 13, 2023. Second by E. Caldwell. Motion approved.

5. Commissioner's Report

The Commissioner's presented his written report. The Commissioner highlighted the following from his report:

- It was Rick Wilber's last day. Rick was retiring after over 23 years of service to the County.
- Frankie Reiter will be retiring at the end of the month.
- The Commissioner posted two vacancies. The application deadline is July 14, 2023.

There were no questions on the report or action items contained in the report.

6. Establishing ATV Routes

The Commissioner provided the committee with a memo describing his research, drafts of a County and Town ordinance the County and Town board might consider should the committee recommend adoption, and copies of neighboring county and town ordinances regarding ATV/UTV routes. Also included in the packet was a copy of the Menominee Tribe's law concerning ATV/UTVs.

G. Malmstrom discussed the local ATV/UTV club's interest in establishing ATV/UTV routes.

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He said the club is willing to pay for signage.

G. Malmstrom wanted to know why the ordinance set a season limit on use of ATVs/UTVs on assigned routes. The Commissioner stated that he based the season limit on what he had seen in some of the other county ordinances (but not all had such limits) and that he wasn't aware of any statutory restriction prohibiting year-round use. The Commissioner suspected the limit was due to weather and road factors.

The Commissioner also stated that the ordinance drafts limit use to only daylight hours, but a fixed time could also be established, such as 9:00 p.m. or some other time. Such a limit would help reduce or eliminate noise complaints. G. Malmstrom supported leaving a daily limit in place, though he did not specify an exact limit (e.g., daylight hours or a fixed time), in order to help with enforcement. E. Caldwell supported a daily limit also.

K. Casper raised a concern about ATV/UTV usage during winter operations. He had hoped that ATVs/UTVs could be required to pull over into a sideroad to allow snowplows to continue plowing unabated.

Motion by G. Malmstrom to forward the ATV ordinance drafts to Corporation Counsel for review and then to have the Public Safety Committee review the drafts. Second by E. Caldwell. The motion carried.

7. Monthly Expenditures

Included in the meeting packet was a memo from the Commissioner summarizing the June payables. The payables consisted of 27 invoices totaling \$16,441.96.

Motion by G. Malmstrom to approve the June 2023 payables in the amount of \$16,441.96. Second by E. Caldwell. The motion carried.

8. Financial Report

The meeting packet included the financial report for May 2023. The financial report revealed year-to-date revenues of \$948,269.46, YTD expenses of \$798,818.79, YTD depreciation of \$114,586.22, and a YTD surplus of \$114,586.22.

There were no questions concerning the report. No action by the committee was required.

9. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

None

10. Adjournment: 9:21 a.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by J. Weso.