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Village of Holmen Law Enforcement Committee December 5, 2023

The meeting of the Holmen Law Enforcement Committee was held Tuesday December 5, 2023, in the Village Hall.

Chair Rodney Stanek called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Present at the meeting: Committee members Rodney Stanek, Dawn Kulcinski, and Doug Jorstad. Also in attendance were President Patrick Barlow, Board member Micah Wyss, Administrator Scott Heinig, Chief Shane Collins, Paul Sobkowiak, Jenny Woyicki and Brad Booth.

Approval of Minutes: Dawn Kulcinski and Doug Jorstad motioned to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Paul Sobkowiak was there on behalf of the Tri-County ATV club and was willing to work with the Village to get routes opened in Holmen. Paul advised he spoke with a lot of people who were excited to see something happen in the Village of Holmen. Jenny Woyicki stated she agreed to what Paul had commented on and that she also supports the ATV ordinance.

Present Monthly Activity: The Committee reviewed all monthly activity.

Present Monthly Claims: The Committee reviewed monthly claims.

Municipal Court Update: No meeting was held

Discussion of ATV Ordinance

Administrator Heinig advised he was requested to make an ATV/UTV ordinance. Heinig advised the City of La Crosse, City of Onalaska would not create an ATV ordinance. Heinig stated the Town of Onalaska yet to adopt an ordinance but the Town of Holland has opened all routes for ATV/UTV's.

Heinig advised the routes in this ordinance connect the Town of Holland routes to the Village of Holmen routes. The routes would be all of Mchugh Rd (County Rd MH) Long Coulee Rd (County Rd V), State St (County Rd D), New Amsterdam Prairie RD, County

Rd XX and Old Hwy 93. Committee agreed New Amsterdam Prairie Rd, Old Hwy 93 and County Rd XX that has shared boundaries with the Village of Holmen and the Town of Holland could operate under the Town of Holland ordinance.

Heinig advised State St (County Rd D) could be removed in the Ordinance since the Town of Onalaska has not yet adopted an ordinance. Heinig stated there was no access from any other Village streets to these routes.

Heinig advised the Village cannot be more restrictive than the state statute. Heinig advised the speed limit for this ordinance would be 10mph which is in compliance with the state statute Act 65 2021 being within 150ft of a residence. Heinig advised operators of the ATV/UTV must be 16 years of age and operators 12-15 must have an ATV safety certificate and accompanied by an adult operator. The hours of operation would be a half hour after sunrise and a half hour before sunset with the ATV/UTV's operating on the far right side of the roadway.

Member Stanek agrees with this ordinance and agrees this ordinance could be adjusted and expanded on in the future. Stanek advised we need to make the public aware that this ordinance is a privilege and that this ordinance could change if not followed correctly.

Member Kulcinski asked if the speed limit at ten mph would cause more accidents. Heining advised the state stature limits the speed to ten mph withing 150ft of a dwelling. Heining advised this speed limit has the least impact on the residents but also allows the ATV's to get where they need to go.

Chair Rodney Stanek motioned to take the ATV/UTV ordinance to public hearing and the board. Motion passed 2 to 1. (Stanek and Kulcinski in favor and Jorstad against).

Additional Items

Collins advised two new officers started on the 4th of December and also that alternate side parking has not been enforced yet this year. Collins advised warnings have been issued for alternate side parking. President Barlow and Member Kulcinski advised Jinglefest was a success with lots of positive feedback.

Adjourn Doug Jorstad and Dawn Kulcinski motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting ended at 6:33pm.

Minutes By Shane Collins
Chief of Police

