MINUTES OF TOWN OF HULL BOARD MEETING, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, WISCONSIN HELD ON MONDAY JULY 8, 2019

01)Call to order by Chairperson John Holdridge at 5:30 p.m. at the Hull Municipal Building, 4550 Wojcik Memorial Dr., Stevens Point, WI 54482.

Present: Chair Holdridge, Supervisors David Pederson, Dave Wilz, Jan Way and John Koshnick.

Others present: Clerk Janet Wolle, Treasurer Jim Kruziki, Road Foreman Pete Kaminski, Fire Chief Ken Sadogierski and EMS Administrator Mark Fritsche.

02)Pledge of Allegiance

# 03)Minutes

Motion Supervisor Pederson, <u>approve minutes of the May 22, 2019 Hull board meeting</u>. Second by Supervisor Koshnick. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion Supervisor Pederson, <u>approve minutes of the June 10, 2019 Hull board meeting</u>. Second by Supervisor Way. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion Supervisor Way, <u>approve minutes of the June 26, 2019 Hull board meeting</u>. Second by Supervisor Pederson. Motion carried by voice vote.

No action taken on 7-2-19 minutes at request of Chair Holdridge.

Motion Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_\_, <u>approve/approve as corrected/table action on minutes of the July 2, 2019 Task Force on Truck Replacement</u>. Second by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_. Motion carried by voice vote

04) Vouchers presented

Motion Supervisor Wilz, <u>approve payment of vouchers presented</u>. Second by Supervisor Pederson. Motion carried by voice vote.

05) Public Comments. Agenda items are for discussion with possible action. Those in attendance, who would like to talk to an agenda item, please indicate that item now. Non-agenda items may be raised under opinions of Interest (Item 8 below)

No public comments.

- 06)Report of public issues facing Town of Hull Chairperson, Supervisors, Clerk, Treasurer, Fire Chief, Assistant Chief/EMS, Road Forman Chairperson:
- Cindy Piotrowski, Director of Aging & Disability Center to attend the August 12 board meeting
- Notice of Circumstances of Claim received July 2, 2019
- Stevens Point purchased the Kyle Kluck property for \$550.000

- Road crew will attend an invasive vegetation workshop on July 23
- Monitoring water levels in Hull
- Since January 2018 wells raised 2'
- o Speakers Task Force re: water will be held on July 24 at UWSP

Supervisors

Clerk – Items handed out:

- ✓ Task Force minutes of 7-2-2019 meeting
- ✓ 2019 Board of Review for Board Members
- ✓ Email from Mayor Mike Wiza re franchise fees
- ✓ Quotes relating to proposed purchase of new dump truck
- ✓ Wisconsin Towns Association budget update relating to General Transportation Aid increase from \$2,389 per mile to \$2,628 per mile

Treasurer

Fire Chief

Asst Chief/EMS Administrator

Road Foreman

07) <u>Commission/Committee</u> – Plan, Parks, Water, Road; <u>Groups</u>- Comprehensive Plan, Policy/Ordinance and Goals/Objective

Plan Commission - Holdridge

• Plan Commission will meet in August

Parks Committee - Wilz

Water Committee - Holdridge

Water Committee will meet in July

Road Committee – Holdridge

Comprehensive Plan Group - Holdridge

Policy/Ordinance Group - Holdridge

Goals/Objectives Group - Holdridge

08)Opinions of Interest - citizens in attendance

Jon Wroblewski curious on ATV-UTV routes

Chair Holdridge – Will establish a Task Force on ATV-UTV with people on both sides (pro and con)

Citizen – what makes Town of Hull urban?

- Holdridge Hull has many subdivisions with high density
- Will have density numbers for Hull and other municipalities
- 09)Sheriff Mike Lukas Portage County Sheriff enforcement of ordinances and laws in the Town of Hull

Sheriff Lukas:

- Pedestrian statute (346.28) won't be enforced
- Bike state (346.80) is enforceable
- Ticket for each is \$175.00
- Stevens Point and Village of Plover have their own municipal court
- Can enforce county ordinances as a whole county ordinances more feasible for enforcement

Bob Enright – People on east side of Hull would like more enforcement on Highway 10 E.

Sheriff:

- > Badger/Highway 10 E is in Stevens Point
- > Have not added officers for 20 years
- Have asked the state for speed reduction on Highway 10 E
- Gives Stevens Point and Portage County deputies oath of office
- o 175,000 calls per year go in to call center

Supervisor Wilz – Hull had arrangements certain times of year when Hull paid for an off-duty deputy to concentrate on certain things for a period of time. We used this as we felt we needed it.

Is that still an option

Sheriff – yes. They have contracted services with municipality for a dedicated officer that would not be called away.

Bob Bowen – can the sheriff establish or change speed limits?

Sheriff – very hard to change speed zones. Sheriff can make recommendations.

- Need to go through a study
- Population density, travel over-all
- Must be approved by the State Department of Transportation

Dennis Ferriter – can the Sheriff's Department use University Police

Sheriff – they have the same authority as the Portage County Sheriff's Department as they are deputized by the Sheriff.

Brett Boehnlein - speeding on roads

Sheriff – suggest contract with Sheriff's Department

Get speed board out on roads in yards (put on a schedule)

Barb Brilowski – there are chronic and safety animal control issues

Sheriff – the Sheriff's Department is animal control for the county

Will issue citations for animals running at large

> The county contracts with Humane Society for animal control

Brilowski – does the officer have to see the animal?

Sheriff – yes. Have residents call Sheriff's Department at 715-346-1400 when they see animals running.

Supervisor Pederson – is there a value in photos?

Sheriff – if a horse is on the road and there is an accident, the owner of the horse is liable

# ATV/UTV

Sheriff Lukas— Towns of Grant, Pine Grove, Dewey, Eau Pleine and Plover have adopted ATV/UTV route ordinances

Contentious on populated roadways

- If open routes up on all town roads there would be a problem
- Preaching be leery in making routes
  - Hard to enforce
  - Can block off urban areas (heavily populated)
  - If you start making routes on a single road going through you are going to be heavily populated areas with a higher density of traffic
  - Pretty soon you are going to have a thorough fare where people are going to be coming through and they are going to have to STOP in the middle, we are going to have problems
  - There is no crossing of Highway 10 as there is not a county road that is under 55 mph
  - The complaints the Sheriff's Department had in the Town of Grant right away was: exhaust/no mufflers; excessive speed
  - There were 4 accidents, they were family traveling on gravel roads and turning, they tipped over in the ditch – ATV's/UTV's are not designed for blacktop
  - We have not had the scare with ATV's and drunk driving
- Stevens Point does not allow snowmobiles, ATV/UTVs on city roads

Supervisor Pederson – is enforcing speed on ATV's a problem?

Sheriff – ATV's are on the radar

- Through the DNR we get special funds for special patrols so we have to do so many hours
  of patrol looking for ATV's we have to get funding for the equipment we have
- The problem we have is each town is adopting different speed zones for ATV/UTV's so our officers get confused – people get confused as well – you need a good ordinance and speeds must be posted well
- ATV's/UTV's can travel on county roads if speed is 35 mph or less posted
  - This does need county approval
  - Anything else has to go to county board and I can tell you the county will not approve that

Pederson – if Hull established a 25 mph speed limit the Sheriff's Department could enforce that.

Sheriff – correct.

Jim Kalpinski – is there an age limit in which a person can drive a motorized vehicle on a county road?

Sheriff – 16 years old with the exception for farm use – the individuals have to pass a safety course.

- Individuals under 16 can drive an ATV on a private route
- They cannot legally cross a roadway on an ATV/UTV

Pederson – a municipality can post a specific speed limit for ATV's as opposed to the speed limit that is posted for vehicles

Lukas – correct

- You have to have different ordinances
- ATV's are not designed to travel on blacktopped roads

Supervisor Koshnick – how many ATV's are you seeing on roads and how many complaints have been received?

Sheriff – in 2018 4 calls in Stockton

- Could see more were a population is a little bit higher
- 24 calls on ATV's

Supervisor Way – what type of insurance is mandatory?

Sheriff – ATV's are insured differently – liability insurance is out there

- There is no requirement under state statute for an ATV like there is for a car
- A lot of times it goes back to your vehicle insurance
- Trying to get at the state ATV's/UTV's to go against your driver's license re OWI, etc.

Mary Olson – if someone has a suspended driver's license for a DUI, can they still legally drive an ATV/UTV on a roadway?

Sheriff – yes.

 For accidents Sheriff's Department can issue citation for accidents – they can issue both ways in regards to DNR citations or state statute

Supervisor Wilz – you can block off certain roads for routes, is there anything written as to recommendations for what a road should have in vehicle count

Lukas – the majority of those who ride ATV's do not travel on a well traveled road as:

- 1) The deputies are out there
- 2) If they are going 35 mph they would be slowing traffic down

Bruce Glodowski – we have provided maps to Hull showing the proposed routes

#### Sheriff:

More restrictions on ATV/snowmobiles than automobiles

- Make speed limits uniform throughout
- ATV/UTV's are not designed to go high speed limit on blacktopped roads
- DNR and Sheriff must review ATV/UTV ordinance

## 10) Purchase of new dump truck replacing the 2002 Sterling tandem

Information presented by Pete Kaminski, Road Foreman, attached to minutes as addenda.

Kaminski – received two quotes for chassis, one for a Freightliner the other for a Western Star Quotes for the body package were received from: Stainless & Repair Inc, Monroe Truck Equipment and Truck Equipment Inc.

Supervisor Wilz – would like time to read all information.

Motion Supervisor Wilz, <u>take information received/review to make decision on truck at the</u> <u>July 24 board meeting. Must replace a truck</u>. Second by Supervisor Koshnick. Motion carried by voice vote.

## 11)ATV/UTV task force formation and objectives

Information presented by John Holdridge, Chairperson, attached to minutes as addenda.

Jon Wroblewski – can see there are people that agree with ATV's and those that do not see those who are against ATV's.

Mary Olson – people don't know there is an ATV issue – Mary looked up information.

#### Discussion:

- Sound decuples
- Are citizens pro or con
- Quality of living with ATV/UTV routes
- More needs to be looked at
- Organize and talk to citizens on proposed trails
- Road committee want all citizens to know ATV/UTV issues get this right the first time

Holdridge – Come back at the August meeting with Task Force members

Pederson – important to hold public hearings re ATV/UTV

Motion Supervisor Koshnick, go with option #3 Hull Town Board appoint a task force made up of Hull citizens some of whom represent different opinions on ATV/UTV usage. The task force would consist of 7 – 9 members, have 2 Hull Board members, and be chaired by the Hull Chairperson (or another Hull Board member). Second by Supervisor Wilz. Motion carried by voice vote.

12) Update Open Book/Board of Review – Janet Wolle, Clerk

Subject: Open Book and Board of Review

Jeremy has completed the reassessment of the town. On Thursday June 27 he delivered the 2019 assessment rolls along with notices of increased/decreased assessments to be mailed for most of the properties within Hull.

Barb and I, along with Jim, started the process of stuffing envelopes on June 27 and completed on July 1. Barb did all of the posting. The notices were mailed on July 3. When there is a total reassessment law requires mailing of the notices at least 30 days prior to the Board of Review vs 15 days in a normal assessment year.

There are 3,008 parcels in Hull however <u>if there was not a change in assessment since 2018</u> notices were not required.

Please review the attached notice, sent with all assessment notices, relating to Open Book dates/times; the dates/times Jeremy will be in the office; the Board of Review date.

You will receive your notice(s), I would think, no later than July 6. Contact Jeremy by phone or during his Open Book times if you have questions about your assessment(s).

Other than providing you with total 2019 assessment vs 2018 assessment, discussions regarding assessments CANNOT take place at a board meeting, only at Board of Review. 2019 total assessment \$448,071,400 vs 2018 of \$374,955,500 is an increase of \$73,115,900 prior to Open Book/Board of Review.

I will hand out a 2019 Guide for Board of Review Members at the meeting on July 8th.

The last reassessment of the town was done by Phil in 2007.

13) Update on N 2<sup>nd</sup> Dr. reconstruction

Memo from Nick Pehler of Jewell Associates Engineers Utility companies are continuing to relocate service lines out of the right-of-way. It is anticipated that the utility relocations will be completed early this week.

Construction activities on the road will begin this week. Traffic control signs will be posted today and tomorrow in preparation for the work that is to come, and to make people who commute through N 2<sup>nd</sup> Drive aware of the upcoming closures.

The first work on the road will be the installation of silt fence and other various erosion control items. Highway Landscapers plans to begin silt fence installation on Wednesday, weather pending. Interstate Tree Clearing will mobilize onto the project and begin clearing trees following the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Milling off the asphalt surface will take place after tree clearing. This is scheduled to begin July 15 but could start as early as July 12 if tree clearing is complete early.

14) Reappointment of Jan Way and John Holdridge to the Hull Plan Commission – term expires on April 20, 2021

Motion Supervisor Wilz, <u>reappoint Jan Way and John Holdridge to the Hull Plan Commission</u> <u>with a term expiring on April 20, 2021.</u> Second by Supervisor Pederson. Motion carried by voice vote.

# 15) Promoting the monarch butterfly by Yard Waste site and Hull Municipal Building

At request of Chair Holdridge, Patty Fritsche looked in to and presented the following options recreating a space to plant and grow milkweed as it attracts butterflies:

## 1) Start in March.

Cold stratification – seeds 3 to 6 weeks to germinate – seeds with damp paper towel and put in zip lock bags.

Low traffic area that should not be disturbed

# 2) Dry Seeds

Plant seeds in peat pots

Plant after last frost

Takes at least 30 days to germinate

For both 1 & 2 – Cost from Amazon for seeds \$12.99 to \$17.50

# 3) Milkweed seed balls

Plant in fall

Takes 2 to 3 years to bloom

Cost from Amazon \$14.50

#### 4) Lensmire

Plain milkweed

Should blossom next year - \$4.99 each

Suggested by staff to buy 6

Motion Supervisor Koshnick, **support option #4**. Second by Supervisor Way. Motion carried by voice vote.

16)Adjournment: M	lotion Supervi	isor Wilz,	adjourn the n	neeting.	Second by Supervisor	Pederson
Motion carried b	v voice vote.	Meeting	adjourned at 7	':30 p.m.		

Janet Wolle.	Clerk	

## Vouchers approved:

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Vendor	Amount	Purpose	Card			
Amazon	\$124.90	RD- 1000 red shop towels	Χ			
Complete Office of Wisconsin	\$158.99	Gen Adm - Supplies: #10 window envelopes				
Condon Oil	\$1,430.90	RD- Diesl fuel 546.3 gal.				
Dolce Digital Imaging&Printing	\$35.00	Gen Amd - Fold Open Book & Board of Review Notice				
Harris, Jason	\$25.00	Reimburse for non-resident swim pass				

		RD-Parts&Eqp: Grinder; Flap discs;
Fleet Famr	\$164.39	Letters X
		OXDRBP
JAMAR Technologies Inc	\$240.07	RD-Parts&Eqp:Precision cut mini tube 50' (1 pair)
		End plugs .187 ID
Lowe's Home Centers Inc	\$89.86	RD-Parts&Eqp: SS prem paint & rust;
		4.5-In paint & rust
Mid-American Research		
Chemical	\$224.00	RD-Mat&Maint:Bud-off insect repellent
		w/Deet; judgement day weed killer 1 G
		RD-Parts&Eqp:Strike force; Brake&
	\$445.00	parts
		cleaner;phenomenal air; Gloves XXL &
		XL
Oshkosh Fire & Police Eqp Inc	\$263.42	FD -Eqp Rpr&Maint: 4.5" Class 1 gauge white w/
		black numbers
Scott Construction Inc	\$41,056.00	RD- Chip seal roads as per contract
		FD-Eqp Rpr&Maint: Fuses for station
Werner Electric Supply	\$88.84	siren
		RD-Maint: 18" diam 16ga x 24' arched
		galvanized culvert; 18" x 1' arched
Wisconsin Flowgate & Culvert	\$2,293.56	galvanized bands

\$46,639.93



# #9 HTB 7/8/2019

#### TOWN OF HULL

4550 Wojcik Memorial Dr. Stevens Point, WI 54482 715-344-8280 townofhull@tn.hull.wi.gov www.townofhull.us

Portage County, WI\_

July 2, 2019

Sheriff Mike Lucas Portage County Sheriff's Department 1500 Strongs Avenue Stevens Point, WI 54481

#### Dear Sheriff Lucas:

Thank you for agreeing to appear at the Town of Hull board meeting on Monday, July 8. The meeting will be held at the Hull municipal building and begin at 5:30pm. You will be first on the agenda. Please address the enforcement of laws and ordinances in the Town of Hull.

A little background on the Town of Hull. Hull is the largest Town by population in Portage County. It is nearly twice as large as the next largest Town in Portage County (Stockton). Of local municipalities in Portage County, only the City of Stevens Point and the Village of Plover are larger than Hull. The Town has a population of approximately 5,400 citizens, eighty-two (82) miles of roads and an annual budget of approximately two million dollars (\$2,000,000). Hull has six (6) fulltime personnel, four of whom are members of the road crew. It is distinctive from other Towns in Portage County by having a large urban dense population contiguous to Stevens Point.

Some road related issues and projects the Town of Hull is engaged in now or will confront in the immediate future include the following:

 Hull Road/Maintenance/Reconstruction/Safety Committee (the Road Committee)

In 2019 the Hull Board of Supervisors created a standing Committee devoted to roads and safety issues. The committee has been very much involved

reviewing, discussing and advising on road related issues including pedestrian safety concerns. The 9-member committee provide invaluable feedback on road usage and enforcement practices.

### 2. Bicyclists, Pedestrian Ordinance

An ordinance related to pedestrians, biker and, walkers that use Hull roadways is being proposed. Hull has few sidewalks and often road shoulders are limited. Many citizens use Hull roads for exercise. The location of Pacelli, SPASH, UWSP and the YMCA on Stevens Point's north side contributes substantially to pedestrian traffic in Hull. That ordinance is currently being reviewed by Attorney Robert Konkol.

- 3. <u>ATV/UTV's use of Hull roads</u>: The Town has not adopted a policy for the use of ATV's/UTV's on Hull roads. That will need to be done soon as we have citizens on both sides advocating their position on usage/non-usage of Hull roads. Our situation in Hull is complicated because of the urban residential nature of so many Hull residents. In its residential living patterns, Hull is different from other Towns in Portage County that are more rural (Dewey, Eau Pleine).
- 4. North Second Drive Reconstruction: In July 2019, the reconstruction of North Second Drive will begin. That reconstruction stretches over three (3) miles from Stevens Point city limits to County Highway X. As part of that reconstruction, there will be four (4) foot pedestrian lanes on each side of the roadway. Concerns have been expressed that once the road is completed, the speeding will increase.
- Weight Limit Ordinance: The Town of Hull has the strongest Weight Limit Ordinance of any Town in Portage County. Probably, few Towns in Wisconsin have a more complete administrative system to monitor/control heavy truck traffic. Established in 2007, Hull issues over 1,000 permits per year.

The primary purpose of government is to establish order. That order is created through police authorities enforcing laws and a citizen culture endorsing and

supporting the rule of law. Hull officials are promoting policies and taking steps to ensure Hull roads are safe for all users.

I appreciate the work of your deputies and welcome you to the Town of Hull Board Meeting on July 8.

Please call me if you have any questions, comments or suggestions regarding your appearance.

John Holdridge, Chappe

JH/bjb

# #10 HTB 7/8/2019

# Memorandum from Pete Kaminski

TO:

John Holdridge

DATE:

June 25, 2019

RE:

Information on Plow Trucks

2015 Western Star

19,515 miles

Driven by Nick

2007 Sterling-Tandem

94,190 miles

Driven by Pete

Driven by Bill

10,00 - 15,000

2002 Sterling-Tandem 1997 Ford Plow Truck

171,055 miles 113,775 miles

Driven by Joe

1997 Ford Plow Truck: Was told by V&H trucks they are having a hard time finding parts for this truck because of its age.

2007 F150 Pickup:

135,000 miles

Currently getting transmission work done.

2008 F250 Pickup:

91,800 miles

Needs drag link, tie rod ends, 02 sensors with Y pipe

Cc: Hull Board of Supervisors Janet Wolle, Clerk Jim Kruziki, Treasurer

# Memorandum from Pete Kaminski

TO: John Holdridge

DATE: June 24, 2019

RE: Condition of the '02 Sterling

- ➤ Uses ½ gallon of antifreeze about every ten (10) hours of heavy use.
- Needs complete brake jog.
  - Shoes, drums, S-cams, slack adjusters & possibly chambers
- > Transmission valve body housing stripped out, unable to change filters.
- > Need new wing tower cylinder.
- > Rear box frame rotted.
- > Front of box rotted.
- Complete wing mount frame fatigued and sprung.
- Headlight wiring harness corroded and patched, very dim lights.
- > Engine sputters and dies after sitting, possibly injectors/injector pump.
- > Heater ducting and door motors shot, can't direct air flow.
- > Dash held together with duct tape, metal banding and wire ties.
- Driver's seat wore out and bent.
- Need six new rims.
- Various fender and cab brackets and mounts rotten.
- > Hydraulic tank rotting and starting to seep.
- > Fuel tank getting very rusty again.
- Sterlings becoming obsolete, parts becoming unavailable.
- ➤ Used V-box getting pretty rough.
- Bad wheel hops at highway speed. It has been in multiple times. No one knows why, possible driveline problem.
- Rear pinion on front drive bad/leaking.
- > Will need four (4) drive tires before next winter.

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# TOWN OF HULL

# 7-8-19 Board Agenda #11

4550 Wojcik Memorial Dr. Stevens Point, WI 54482 715-344-8280 E-mail: townofhull@tn.hull.wi.gov

TO:

Hull Board of Supervisors

FROM:

John Holdridge, Chairperson

DATE:

Monday, July 8, 2019

RE:

ATV/UTV use of Hull roads

# Background:

Town governments in Portage County are making decisions on ATV/UTV use of their town roads. For some, the decision has proven to be controversial and contentious. In the Town of Grant, the elected leadership was voted out of office in April. In other towns, including Dewey, Eau Pleine and Plover, the town board, after investigation, has permitted ATV/UTV use of town roads without great controversy.

In Hull, I sense strong views by those who would like to see ATV/UTV use of Town roads and equally strong views of those who would be opposed to their use on Hull roads. There may be middle ground permitting but limiting their usage. It is clear Wisconsin law gives town boards authority to make that decision for roads under their control. It is time for the Town of Hull Board to make an ATV/UTV usage decision.

#### Structure of decision-making:

The Hull Town Board will make the decision on ATV/UTV usage. But how is that decision arrived at? These are options:

Option #1; the Hull Town Board makes a decision after a public hearing or several public hearings.

Option #2; the Board seek the opinion of its standing committees/
commissions. Very active Hull citizens serve on these committees/commissions.
The Plan Commission, the Park's Commission, the Road Committee and the Water
Committee would consider ATV/UTV usage and advise the Town Board. A public
hearing(s) would be held by the Road Committee and Plan Commission or other
committee/commission.

Option #3; Hull Town Board appoint a task force made up of Hull citizens some of whom represent different opinions on ATV/UTV usage. The task force would consist of 7 – 9 members, have 2 Hull Board members, and be chaired by the Hull Chairperson (or another Hull Board member).

In any decision making process, or investigation would take place prior to decision-making. Public hearings and public feedback would also occur.

#### Factors to be investigated:

Any decision made in the selection process of Hull roads for ATV/UTV usage should explore the following factors:

#1, review of State law and local ordinances.

#2, enforcement authority of the sheriff departments and Department of Natural Resources.

#3, safety issues confronting ATV/UTV road usage on multi-use roads.

#4, update traffic volume on Hull roads including truck, auto and pedestrian traffic.

#5, usage of ATV/UTVs in subdivisions.

#6, public feedback from citizens living on roads where AVT/UTV usage is being considered.

#7, full disclosure of ATV/UTV ownership and use by public official and others involved in decision-making.

#8, other factors.

#### Conclusion:

In Hull, the public body making the ATV/UTV decision or recommending that decision will conduct a public process. If the group to investigate ATV/UTV usage is a task force, that group should be appointed at the August 2019 Board meeting. Please review the above. What are your thoughts?

Since ely,

ohn Holdridge

Chairperson, Town of Hull

JH/pa

# #11 HTB 07/08/2019

# TOWN OF HULL

4550 Wojcik Memorial Dr. Stevens Point, WI 54482 715-344-8280 E-mail: townofhull@tn.hull.wi.gov

TO:

**Hull Board of Supervisors** 

FROM:

John Holdridge

DATE:

Wed., July 3, 2019

RE:

#11 on Hull Board Agenda for 7-8-19 (ATV/UTV)

At the Hull Board meeting Monday night, July 8th, I will suggest a decision making process(s) to resolve the issue of ATV/UTV usage of Hull roads. That decision is the Hull Town Board's decision to make.

There are well-meaning Hull citizens on both sides of the issue. Some favor ATV/UTV usage, others do not, and still others favor limited usage of Hull roads.

We know the Town of Hull is unique among the 17 towns in Portage County. Hull is the largest town, nearly twice as large as the next largest. Hull has more pedestrian usage of its roads than other towns, largely due to its proximity to Stevens Point institutions – Pacelli, SPASH, UWSP and the YMCA. Hull roads coming out of Stevens Point may be more heavily traveled than other town roads in Portage County. Finally, Hull is more urbanized than other towns in Portage County.

The above factors and perhaps others make our decision on ATV/UTV usage more complicated and challenging.

John Holdridge Chairperson

JH/pa