

**Town of Johnstown  
Polk County, WI**

Minutes of Monthly Town Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Chairman, Mike Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m., immediately following the Town Caucus Meeting. Present were Supervisors; Doug Rouzer and Joe Zaspel; Clerk, Deanne Moravitz; Treasurer, Sue Rouzer and 10 town residents.

Approval of January Town Meeting Minutes – Motion Rouzer/Zaspel to approve the minutes as submitted by the clerk. Motion Carried.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report – Motion Zaspel/Anderson to approve the January Treasurers Report as submitted by the Treasurer. Motion Carried.

Approve Vouchers for Payment of Bills – Motion Zaspel/Rouzer to pay the bills as submitted by the Clerk. Motion Carried.

**The Regular February Monthly Town Board Meeting will be held on  
Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at 6:30pm at the Town Shed, 2181 County Rd G, Comstock, WI.**

Period of Public Comment – see **ATTACHMENT A, DATED DECEMBER 9, 2014**, as presented by town resident, Carolyn Vance, asking for a yea or nay vote regarding proposed noise ordinance. Chairman Anderson stated that there would not be any manner of a vote regarding this proposed Noise Ordinance. In response to the Proposed Noise Ordinance, discussion was had regarding travel of heavy haul trucks entering and exiting the Strenke Pit located on 235<sup>th</sup> Ave. Vance voiced her concern of trucks traveling faster than the un-posted speed of 45 MPH on unpainted township roads and the use of load braking, (AKA, Jake Braking) of heavy haul trucks using this roadway. Chairman Anderson stated that, verses pursuing a Noise Ordinance, he will meet with Cemstone Corporation, who typically does the crushing in the Strenke Pit, regarding future travel of 235<sup>th</sup> Ave. with heavy haul trucks. [per the Wisconsin Towns Association Legal response; as a township without village powers, the Town of Johnstown has no way to enforce, and therefore cannot pass, a noise ordinance.]

Resident, Shirley Ferraro, commented that due to other roads within the township being restricted, heavy haul trucks are forced to travel “their road” [235<sup>th</sup> Ave], to which Supervisor, Doug Rouzer responded with the fact that heavy haul trucks from the Strenke Pit are directed west towards County Road E, which is designed for heavier load travel, therefore lessening the stress to township roads.

Resident, Deborah Schadegg explained what she felt Vance was asking for in her proposed ordinance; more 25 MPH signs along the heavy haul route from the Strenke Pit, westward towards County Road E.

After much more discussion of what has happened in the past and what these residents are requesting for the future, Supervisor Zaspel commented that, “What has happened in the past cannot be changed. If Cemstone crushes gravel in the Strenke Pit next year [2015], the Chairman and Supervisor’s will request a formal meeting with the trucking company [ies] to discuss the speed and noise levels.”

Resident, Kay Harr stated that she “recently witnessed 3 full loads of logs recently pass by their residence on 45<sup>th</sup> Street. Is this allowed?” Chairman Anderson explained that the “roads are frozen and

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there is no load restriction on the bridge on 45<sup>th</sup>. Travel of heavy haul trucks, including logging trucks, while the roads are frozen is permitted on most township roads.”

Resident Lee Harr asked if a speed limit could be posted on that road. [45<sup>th</sup> St.]. To which Chairman Anderson responded, “Any unpainted town road has an established speed limit of 45 MPH”.

Supervisors Report – none

Road Maintenance – Supervisor Rouzer stated that all roads appear to be looking okay. Anything that is currently slippery should be worked over in the next week.

Chairman Anderson mentioned that we are trying something different this year on the gravel roads – trap rock. The trap rock gives a more sturdy base to the gravel roads that, we anticipate, will not leave the gravel roadways as soft in the spring due to over use of the more common salt/sand regimen. To this effect, Anderson has logged 14 calls with a positive response.

Rouzer and Anderson will analyze the blades on the grader to determine future needs. Discussion was had in regards to a possible back-up grader operator.

Adjournment – Motion Anderson/Zaspel to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

SEE; ATTACHMENT A, DATED DECEMBER 9, 2014 ON PAGE 3.

## Town of Johnstown Polk County, WI

**December 9, 2014**

Re: Presentation of new ordinances proposal to the Johnstown Town Board.

Presenter: Carolyn Vance

Subject: New proposals reviewed and discussed, with a ye or nay vote presented by the Board on the January 2015 monthly meeting. The new ordinances proposed are listed below:

**NOISE ORDINANCES:**

1. Trucks must follow newly posted speed limits of 35 mph on straight-a-way and the suggested rate of 25 mph on curves for township roads used in Johnstown township.
2. Arrival time at the gravel pit not before 8 am or after 5 pm. No Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays.
3. Trucks must keep an interval of 500 feet between trucks after leaving the county roads going to the gravel pit and upon return to the county roads. Fines for noncompliance paid to Johnstown Township treasurer and recorded in Road Building and Repairs Account.
4. No Jake braking (engine braking) used to slow on straight-a-ways or curves in Johnstown Township.

**FEES ORDINANCE:**

1. Fees of (amount to be determined by after studies -- ranging from \$0.40 to \$0.50) per ton of gravel or other material, payable by the Contractors, collected by the gravel pit owners, and paid to Johnstown Township treasurer, and recorded in Road Building and Repair Account. Monies collected in this manner will be used to directly reduce the burden of real estate tax liability of the homeowners in Johnstown.

Approved	
Yes	No

**January 13, 2015**

The Township Board of Johnstown have discussed the above ordinances and have the following be known for presentation to Johnstown's legal review.

Michael L. Anderson, Chairperson

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Joe Zaspel, Supervisor

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Douglas Rouzer, Supervisor

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date