

**TOWN OF MCMILLAN
M403 ELM STREET
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 16, 2014 6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairperson Opitz.

Roll Call: Dave Swenson, Carolyn Opitz, Norm Kommer, Joe Burger, Debbie Derfus – Present.

Also Present: Ann Juncer (Treasurer), Denise Barg (Clerk), Lorrie Bauer (Fire Dept.), Kevin Schmidtke (Fire Dept.), Scott Fischer and Jason Cavadini (UW – Ag Research)

Implements of Husbandry (IOH) Laws (Act 377)

There have been laws in place for many years, however, the towns and counties across the state have not been enforcing those laws. As a result, farm equipment has gotten bigger and bigger, causing more damage to the roads.

The State of WI has come up with a comprehensive package, offering six different options for towns as to how they want to enforce the laws. (Options are outlined on the following page.)

Vehicles that are over the weight and size limits will need to obtain permits. Limits are based on length-width-weight.

With the permitting process, the town will know who is running the roads. If there is damage to the road, it will be the driver's responsibility to repair that road.

By the end of the year, every town will need to decide which option they're going with, and pass an ordinance accordingly.

Jason recommended Option E – This option would be committing the town to a little more work; however, it will save on the roads in the long run.

Scott also recommended Option E, but for a different reason. He would like to see things standardized, and Option E is the option that has been selected by the State of Wisconsin, Marathon County, and most towns.

Carolyn stated that deciding on and passing an ordinance will be on the Town Board agenda in December.

Jason and Scott left, and the budget workshop took place.

Submitted by:
Denise Barg, Town Clerk