TOWN OF MEENON

ORDINANCE #2022-PD004

ATV/UTV Route Ordinance

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Town of Meenon

Burnett County

SECTION 1 – TITLE AND PURPOSE

The title of this ordinance is the Town of Meenon All-Terrain Vehicle and Utility Terrain Vehicle Route Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to establish all-terrain and utility terrain vehicle routes in the town and to regulate the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles in the town.

SECTION II – AUTHORITY

The Town of Meenon, Burnett County, Wisconsin has the specific authority to adopt this All-Terrain Vehicle and Utility Terrain Vehicle Ordinance under §23.33 (8) (b) and (11), Wisconsin Statutes.

SECTION III – DEFINITIONS

ATV – All-Terrain Vehicle

UTV – Utility Terrain Vehicle

SECTION IV – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance adopted on proper notice with a quorum and roll call vote by a majority of the Town Board present and voting, provides authority for the Town to designate ATV/UTV routes in the Town and to regulate the use of those routes and ATVs and UTVs in the Town, designates ATV/UTV routes in the Town and provides for the regulation of the use of those routes and of ATVs and UTVs in the Town.

SECTION V – OPERATION OF ALL-TERRAIN AND UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES

Pursuant to §23.33(4) (d) 4. Wisconsin Statutes, except as otherwise provided in §23.33 (4), no person may operate an ATV/UTV on the roadway portion of any Wisconsin Statutes or highway in the Town except on roadways that are designated as ATV/UTV routes by this ordinance. Operation of ATVs and UTVs on a roadway in the town that is an ATV/UTV route is authorized only for the extreme right side of the roadway except that left turns may be made from any other part of the roadway that is safe given prevailing conditions.

SECTION VI – DESIGNATION OF ATV/UTV ROUTES

All paved public Township roads are open to ATV/UTV traffic.

SECTION VII – CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ATV/UTV ROUTES

Pursuant to §23.33 (8) (d), Wisconsin Statutes, the following restrictions are placed on the use of the Town ATV/UTV routes designated by this resolution.

1. Routes shall be marked with uniform all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicle route signs in accordance with §NR 64.12 (7), Wisconsin Administrative Code. No person may do any of the following regarding signs marking Town ATV/UTV routes:
2. Intentionally remove, damage, deface, move or obstruct any uniform ATV.UTV route or trail sign or standard or intentionally interfere with the effective operation of any uniform ATV/UTV route or trail sign or standard if the sign is legally placed by the State, any municipality or any authorized individual.
3. Possess any uniform ATV/UTV route or trail sign or standard of the type established by the department for the warning, instruction, or information to the public, unless he or she obtained the uniform ATV/UTV route or trail sign or standard creates a rebuttable presumption of illegal possession.
4. Operation shall be subject to all provisions of §23.33, Wisconsin Statutes, which is adopted as a part of this ordinance by reference, pursuant to §23.33 (11), Wisconsin Statutes.
5. A copy of this ordinance shall be sent by the Town Clerk to the Department of Natural Resources, the Burnett County Sheriff’s Department and any other law enforcement agency serving the Town of Meenon’s jurisdiction.
6. The speed limit for ATV/UTV traffic shall be 20 m.p.h. on all Township roads unless otherwise posted.

SECTION VIII – ENFORCEMENT

This ordinance may be enforced by any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the laws of the State of Wisconsin [and additionally as stated in the Town’s citation authority ordinance adopted per Statute 66.0113].

SECTION IX – PENALTIES

The penalties under §23.33 (13) (a), Wisconsin Statutes, are adopted by reference.

SECTION X – SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

SECTION XI – EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance is effective on publication or posting.

This Town Clerk shall properly publish this ordinance as required under Wisconsin Statute 60.90.

Adopted this 26th day of September 2022.

This ordinance supersedes the previous Town of Meenon ATV/UTV Route Ordinance filed on May 8, 2017.

Thomas O’Brien, Chair

Randy Strese, Supervisor

Chris Sybers, Supervisor

Filed this date: 09/26/2022

Suzanna M. Eytcheson, Clerk