

Ordinance Committee
January 21, 2021 Johnsbury Village Hall
Approved

**In attendance: Chairman Frost,
Committee Members Bierman, Bravieri, Gebis, Kujawa, Massa, Markunas
Meeting called to order at 6:02pm**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	NEXT STEPS
Minutes	Committee Member Massa moved to approve December 17, 2020 minutes. Committee Member Gebis seconded the motion. All Committee Members present voted aye. Motion carried.	Approval of Minutes from December 17 th as written for Ordinance Committee
From the Floor	<p>Michael Fouke (1504 Seville Ct) – Addressed the committee regarding his background/knowledge with UTVs (Nielsen Enterprises, Inc.). In summary he stated the public knowledge on these vehicles is unknown and the sounds emanating from the vehicles give the perception they are traveling faster than they truly are and the public then makes assumptions. He offered his services to further educate and elaborate if the committee wishes given his profession with UTVs.</p> <p>J. Barret (3310 Chellington Dr) – Addressed the committee regarding violations and complaints noted via in-person and/or social media. In summary he stated UTVs are operating in areas they are not permitted to be in use and are the violators for the communities Non-Highway vehicle ordinance use. He also advised that a village official encouraged the posting on social media of operators in violation. He expressed that the enforcement on said activities should be handled by the police department. He expressed that the main issue is that operators are operating where they should not be.</p> <p>J. Buff (1113 Florence St (Non-resident, community supporter)) – Addressed the committee regarding observations of violations in town; however, noted no actual official complaint to his knowledge were reported on. He stated in summary he is a supporter of Non-Highway vehicle use in the Village and enforcement is the issue that needs to be addressed.</p> <p>Casey Lane (3302 Chellington Dr) – Addressed the committee regarding his opinion that no matter what modifications are made to ordinance there always someone that would not follow said regulations. There is a small portion of population that will not comply and expressed how much he enjoys the use of Non-Highway vehicle and supporter that the Village allowed said permitted use.</p>	

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<p>Chairman Report</p> <p>Old Business</p> <p>New Business</p>	<p>No Chairman comments to report.</p> <p>No Old Business to report on.</p> <p>Chapter 15 (15.15 Operation of Non-Highway Vehicles) Committee review the existing ordinance and application process. Discussion among committee members, staff representative and Chief of Police. Chief provided clarification on the process and existing protocols when ordinance was adopted on or about 2013/2014. Chairman Frost tabled the discussion with motions carried for implementation to ordinance on language regarding "designated routes" and Non-Highway Vehicle registration plates. Further discussion at next ordinance meeting February 18, 2021. Committee began the dialog regarding the visibility of registration plates and penalty to impose for violators. Motion was voted and motion carried for staff to provide language and pending review at next meeting.</p> <p>COVID-19 Updates Tabled, not discussion.</p>	<p>Chief Von Allmen provided concerns that have been noted regarding operating in areas they are not permitted for, excessive speed complaints and the fact the Village was one of the first to implement Non-Highway vehicle use and that some additional research and stipulations should be added to the ordinance.</p> <p>Committee Member Gebis moved to approve amending Chapter 15.15, incorporating language "designated routes". Committee Member Kujawa seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p> <p>Committee Member Gebis moved to approve amending Chapter 15.15 incorporating language and implementing "vehicle plates". Committee Member Bierman seconded the motion. Member Bravieri "nay" during vote. Motion carried.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Committee Member Gebis moved to adjourn the meeting. Committee Member Massa seconded. All Committee Members present voted aye. Motion carried at 7:30pm</p>	