

## TOWNSHIP OF METOMEN

Greetings:

The Town of Metomen is sending you this letter because you own property that is at a roadway intersection in the Township. This year the Town has received numerous complaints regarding crops that have encroached upon road right-of-ways and into vision clearance triangles. Not all property was in violation but because we had complaints we are notifying all land owners to make sure all are aware of this recent problem in the Township. These crops violate the Town's Zoning Ordinance and Wis. Stat. § 86.04.

Vision clearance triangles are triangular areas at intersections in which structures, improvements and landscaping, and crops are restricted because they can block the ability of motorists to see oncoming vehicles. Under Section 10.40 of the Town's Zoning Ordinance, the vision clearance triangle area is established by a straight-line connecting points on the setback lines along the intersecting roadways and 50 feet back from the intersection of such setback lines. No buildings, signs, billboards, crops or anything that will obstruct the motorist view can be erected on the lands lying within the vision clearance triangle.

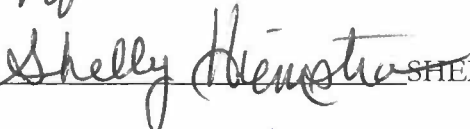
Additionally, the Town has the right to remove right-of-way encroachments under Wis. Stat. § 86.04. Specifically, the statute allows the Town Board to order a landowner to remove encroachments beyond the limits of the highway within 30 days. If a landowner refuses to remove an encroachment, the Town may seek a court order to remove the encroachments itself. Further, the Town can seek penalties for these violations.

The Town understands that it was late in the season, so it had chosen to not take action against these violations in 2021. However, please be aware that if the same violations exist next season 2022, the Town will take enforcement action, including removing all crops that are in violation of the provision outlined above. If you have any questions regarding where crops can be planted, please contact Town Chairman Jeff Amend at 920-428-5390, or come to any monthly meeting and meet with entire board to discuss your questions and concerns.

Landlords: you are responsible to notify your land tenants

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and efforts to keep our roads safe.

 \_\_\_\_\_ JEFF AMEND, CHAIRMAN

 \_\_\_\_\_ SHELLY HIEMSTRA, SUPERVISER

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