

Town Law Conference

Friday, October 25, 2024 - Virtual Event

\$175 Attorneys • \$60 Non-Attorney Municipal Officials

Register at: www.wisctowns.com

AGENDA

9:00am Welcome

9:05-9:55am Exploring Town Regulation of ATVs and UTVs:

Across the state, tens of thousands of residents and nonresidents operate ATVs and UTVs for recreational, agricultural, and other purposes each year, including on thousands of miles of trails and road routes designated for such use. This presentation will discuss the role of towns in permitting and regulating the operation of ATVs and UTVs, as well as common concerns regarding safety, enforcement, and liability. Presented by Atty. Derek Punches, Stafford Rosenbaum LLP.

9:55-10:45am What's Left? Local Authority Over Wind and Solar Energy Systems:

This session will cover the statutory and regulatory landscape concerning local review of wind and solar energy systems, including the scope of statewide preemption, local review standards, and effective permitting processes. Presented by Atty. Matt Parmentier, Dempsey Law Firm, LLP.

10:45am-11:00am Break

11:00-11:50am Town Board Meeting Disruptions: War Stories and Legal Perspectives:

Which of these sound familiar: John Q. Public repeatedly shouts commentary from the audience at your meeting? Or intimidates Board members nonverbally? Or a group of advocates disrupt the meeting with shouts, laughter, booing or clapping? Or the Board itself becomes unruly, with members speaking out of turn, or in-fighting? This session will examine several meeting disruption issues, outline the legal framework involved, and offer suggestions. Presented by Atty. Eric Larson, Municipal Law & Litigation Group SC.

11:50am-1:00pm Lunch Break

1:00-1:50pm Effective Project Management When Right of Way (Real Estate) Acquisition Is Required For Road Projects:

Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) staff will provide information and resources on the right of way (real estate) acquisition process and the use of eminent domain if needed on road projects. The presentation will also discuss available tools to aid in effective right of way acquisition and management of the project. Finally, WisDOT will explain how Local Public Agencies (LPA's) can effectively work with WisDOT when receiving State and/or Federal funding for their projects.

1:50-2:00pm Break

2:00-2:30pm Best Practices for Accommodating Utilities in the Right of Way:

Town road right of ways are used to locate a number of different types of utility installations. What can towns do to ensure that their roads are protected when a request to install a utility is made? This session will discuss the need for a local utility accommodation policy and the important elements that such a policy should contain. Presented by Atty. Larry Konopacki, Stafford Rosenbaum LLP.

***This program will be submitted to the Wisconsin Board of Bar Examiners for 4.5 CLE credits.**

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