

TOWN OF OSCEOLA

Polk County, Wisconsin

To: Plan Commission

From: Steve Stroshane, Chairman
Town of Osceola

Date: January 22, 2009

Re: Kraemer Mining Application – Traffic Analysis

The following questions were submitted to Steve Warndahl, Highway Commissioner for Polk County. His response is shown on Page 2 in italics.

Kraemer Mining and Materials has submitted an application for a new quarry south of the intersection of County MM/County F. The access to the site would be along County MM between the curves south of Trollhaugen and north of 90th Street. The non-metallic mining reclamation ordinance, Attachment 8 (Page 16) states 1 million tons/year will be mined from the site. It states that assuming 200, 10 hour work days, approximately 200 trucks would leave the site (20 per hour). Performing the math, the truck weight would be approximately 25 tons/truck.

The Town of Osceola has the following concerns:

1. Would the access onto County MM create a problem with vehicles traveling north and encountering a slow moving truck leaving the quarry site?
2. Will the increased stress to the recently repaved County F and County MM cause premature deterioration?

The Town is presently evaluating the application. We would appreciate your feedback as soon as possible. A copy of the Kraemer application can be found in the Land Information/Zoning Office.



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On Wednesday, January 21, 2009, Steve Warndahl, Highway Commissioner for Polk County provided the following response via e-mail:

"Steve, As I stated in my voice mail previously the turned over portion of Co.F was paved with 3 inches of e-10 asphalt because of the current gravel pit located north of Trollhaugen. That is the mix design one would use for heavy hauling on a given road. I am sure Co.MM will suffer some level of stress due to the increased level of traffic however the County does not restrict the use of County roads.

Until we have a driveway permit application with the location of the drive I can't comment of this issue.

As far as trucks entering the highway and accelerating slowly the County cannot control this issue and it happens on every road, however the County may request that the owner put in additional lanes for this units to travel in until they are up to speed.

*Steve Warndahl
Highway Commissioner "*

cc: Sara McCurdy