

Township Board
Hollywood Township
15855 Co. Rd. 122
Watertown, MN 55388

Dear Members of the Board:

This letter is being submitted to bring to the Board's attention concerns that have surfaced over the past year concerning how I or my employees or independent contractors use public roads in Hollywood Township. I am one of the owners of Woodland Dairy, a dairy farm that operates a heifer raising facility in Carver County. While I believe that I have worked hard to cooperate with the Township as concerns came up concerning my dairy operation, I feel as though the Township, or at least some Township employees, have unfairly targeted my operation over the past year.

In March 2015, a Woodland Dairy employee was driving a pickup truck with a trailer loaded with hay bales over a gravel road located in Hollywood Township. Bruce Osborn, a Township maintenance employee, followed my employee onto my facility and warned my employee that he was violating the five-ton weight limited that had been posted on the road. Mr. Osborn later called me and relayed the same warning. To ensure compliance, I weighed the truck and trailer combination and found that it was well under the five-ton per axle limit which was posted. I relayed these events to Jim Burns at the time.

In early summer 2015, Mr. Osborn again called to speak about a Woodland Dairy employee driving a spreader truck on several Township gravel roads while traveling to the Hollywood Sports Complex, complaining about the weight and possible damage to the road. Mr. Osborn went on to accuse Woodland Dairy employees of driving recklessly on 30th Street (where the heifer raising facility is located), and causing damage to the road. Mr. Osborn indicated I should be required to fund dust control for about a mile on 30th Street. While Mr. Osborn accused my operation of being responsible for wear and tear to 30th Street, the fact is that 30th Street is a relatively heavily traveled road—a fact recognized by Mr. Osborn during the May 11, 2015 Township board meeting. *See Hollywood Township Board Meeting Minutes*, May 11, 2015.

In early September while chopping silage, a Hollywood Township truck was parked near the field approach of the field where we were working, in what appeared to be an attempt to make it challenging or difficult to turn onto the road. There was no other apparent reason for the truck being parked there.

Most recently, on September 21, 2015, I had hired a custom manure pumping company to haul manure to several fields in the area. For the first field, the pumping company drivers had decided to unload the tankers along the shoulder of County Road 20, a paved road. When the tankers were empty, the pumping company drivers turned left onto Tower Avenue and then right onto 18th Street and then continued back onto County Road 20. Neither 18th Street nor Tower Avenue is properly posted indicating a weight limit. Almost immediately that morning, Mr. Osborn called and complained about the pumping company drivers using 18th Street and Tower Avenue and also accused Woodland Dairy of being responsible for damaging 30th Street while chopping

