

OCTOBER 24, 2011 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:40 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2011 at the Town Hall in New Munster. He opened the meeting with the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Town Board members present – Chairman Glembocki and Supervisors Andrew Lois and Robert Herda. Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, Fire Chief Lou Denko, Alan Kaddatz, Tom Barr, Jim Mirek, Bill Heeg, and Jerry Greil.

Notices were posted in six public areas and the town website. The *Kenosha News* and *Westosha Report* were notified. Individuals who have requested meeting notices by e-mail were also sent agendas as required by state law.

Robert Herda moved approval of the October 10, 2011 Town Board Meeting Minutes. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

- **Fire Dept.** – Fire Chief Lou Denko said he has been checking for more information in regard to obtaining a piece of steel from the “Twin Towers” for the 911 Memorial. The New York Port Authority is the contact agency. They’ve had more than 2,000 requests for a piece of steel which exceeded the supply. Before we go anything further, we need to find out if anything is available. There will be maintenance, camera, lighting, and security things to consider.

Chairman said we will table until the November 14, 2011 meeting and wait to find out if anything is available.

Chief Denko said the recent Pancake Breakfast brought in a little less money. It should show a profit of \$1,600 to \$1,800 after expenses.

On November 16 the Fire Dept. has scheduled an Open House for recruiting new regular and auxiliary members. There will be a 7 p.m. informational meeting. The public is invited.

- **Public Comments –**

Jim Mirek, 3607 368th Ave., said he has a swinging mailbox and the address sign that was recently installed blocks the swinging motion. Chairman told him he can move it to a location that does not interfere with the mailbox. Board members told him to be sure to call “Diggers Hotline” first.

Jerry Greil, 33807 Geneva Rd., said people are not observing the 25 mph speed limit. They “fly” thru. Chairman said Constable Bob Haas has arranged for the electronic speed reading sign to be put in place by the Sheriff’s Dept. this week. It will stay for about a week. It will let people know how fast they are traveling and usually works to slow drivers.

- **Discussion on assessor’s contract**

Chairman related the contract with Associated Appraisal expires at the end of December, 2011. We just completed the revaluation of property. The board discussed options. It is late for an RFP for a new contract. A one year extension, if Associated Appraisal was willing, would be an option and then do an RFP in summer after the 2012 Open Book and Board of Review.

Alan Kaddatz, 6300 396th Ave., commented that he was impressed with Dean Peters, our current assessor from Associated Appraisal. He thought he worked well with people.

Chairman asked Supervisors Lois and Herda if they were o.k. with him talking to the town attorney to extend the contract for a year or two and then talk to the assessor before the next meeting to see if that is an option.

Supervisor Lois said the one year extension would give us time to do a thorough RFP and check of other municipalities. He believes the assessor should go in more homes.

Jim Mirek said the assessor he spoke to at Open Book used a comparable for a sale that was not an “arm’s length” sale. A realtor wouldn’t use that sale if valuing property.

Chairman said he will talk to the assessor and relay the information to the board.

- **Alcoholic Beverage Operator (Bartender) License Application:** Steven J. Raney, Woodstock, IL - *Wheatland Convenience Center*

Robert Herda moved approval. Andrew Lois seconded. Clerk reported the applicant has fulfilled the requirements. Motion carried.

- **Reports**

A. Road report

B. Other Reports

1. Clerk reported Wheatland Convenience Center has asked about extending the hours of operation for beer sales from 9 p.m. – 11 p.m. It may be a future agenda item.
2. Clerk reported the Town Hall roof has been inspected by The Roofing Company

of Burlington. There are some minor repairs but the vestibule roof on the south side of the building needs to be replaced. They will send a written proposal.

3. Chairman reported the temporary salt storage bin at the transfer station is half up. We need to cover with some type of roof or tarp. Bill Heeg, transfer station worker said a tarp will be heavy to roll back and especially with the snow added. Chairman will look at a metal roof used elsewhere and try to come up with something.

4. Clerk related Chris Georges, Powers Lake – owner of *Oakland Pit Stop* was in the office and said his property has been purchased. The buildings will be demolished and he is not transferring the alcoholic beverage license to the new owner. He wanted to be able to use it in a different location. Clerk told him the license was his until June 30, 2012. Georges asked what happens if the building is not ready. He was told anyone could apply.

- **Announcements –**

- Trick or Treat Hours for Wheatland – Sunday, October 30, 2 – 5 p.m.

- **Correspondence**

A. A letter was received from Bill Scannell, 33260 80th St., thanking the board for having the property address signs installed. He said it was a good use of tax money.

B. A letter was received from the U.S. Postal Service introducing the company which represents their rental locations.

C. The final estimate from the WI Dept. of Administration has been received listing Wheatland's estimated population on January 1, 2011 at 3,367. 2010 total was 3,443.

- **Financial matters:**

A. Purchase approval

B. Other financial matters:

Discussion – applying for additional grant program for roads & engineer consult fee - Chairman stated we will receive TRIP money in 2011/12 term. He would like permission from the board to expend money for the town engineer to apply for a TRIP D Grant. We would have the cost of writing the grant. The state has put extra money in that grant program this year. The board agreed we won't know if we have a project that would gain approval unless we try.

Robert Herda moved a motion and Andrew Lois seconded to have the Town Chairman contact Town Engineer Len Roecker concerning the possibility of a TRIP D application and authorizing him to write the grant if it seems worthwhile. Motion carried.

- **Adjournment**

Andrew Lois moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk