

## MAY 2, 2011 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2011 at the Town Hall in New Munster and noted this meeting is taking the place of the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. He opened with 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 Louis Denko, Bill Heeg, John Ludwig, Mark Merkling, Alan Kaddatz, Mary Ehr, and Katie Daniels.

Notices were posted in six public areas, the town website and 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.

Chairman said the minutes of the previous meeting will be presented at the next meeting.

- **Fire Dept.** – Chief Louis Denko a total of \$12,532.77 from EAM for the truck repair, more than they expected. \$16,000 was approved for the pump testing and the turnout gear. Denko said the 2% dues should pay for turnout gear. He would like to see it used that way. \$13,560.69 was the cost of the turnout gear. The fire department will then pick up \$8,000 balance for the EAM bill. Denko detailed where the 2% dues should be spent. Clerk disagreed. The 2% can be used for any fire department expense, not just gear and training. Alan Kaddatz said the fire inspectors are also paid from the 2% dues. Clerk said the money is always used for fire department expense. It is part of the support for the fire department budget.

Denko said the fire department wasn't asking for any additional money.

- **Public Comments** – none

At the Chairman's request, the Clerk read the communication from Gerald Dressler as part of the public comments. A copy is attached. Chairman said he informed Mr. Dressler he should then propose a candidate to run for the board. He thanked Mr. Dressler for his letter.

- **Request:** ACTION 50, LLC, 420 W. Westleigh Rd., Lake Forest, IL 60045, Jim Bissing (owner) for an Amendment to the Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Wheatland to change the land use category of Tax Parcel #95-4-219-323-0305 from "Commercial" (northern portion) and "Suburban-Density Residential" (southern portion) to "Commercial." This parcel is located in the northeast corner of the intersection of S.T.H. "50" and 392<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

1. Receive Plan Commission Resolution No. 2011-PC-001 – Recommending approval of the above

2. Ordinance No. 2011-003 – Adopting an Amendment to the Town of Wheatland Comprehensive Plan

The Board received Plan Commission Resolution No. 2011-PC-001.

Andrew Lois moved approval of Ordinance No. 2011-003 – Adopting an Amendment to the Town of Wheatland Comprehensive Plan. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried.

- **Request:** ACTION 50, LLC, 420 W. Westleigh Rd., Lake Forest, IL 60045, Jim Bissing (owner) to rezone a portion of the southern portion of Tax Parcel #95-4-219-323-0305 from zoning district A-2 (General Agricultural District) to B-3 (Highway Business District). The rezoning is for a 50 ft. wide strip of land located 160 ft. from the west property line at 392<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and extending south from the current B-3 zoning district (north portion of parcel) to S.T.H. "50." This rezoning will allow the construction of a commercial sign for "New Generation RV" adjacent to S.T.H. "50."

The Plan Commission has recommended a favorable recommendation to the town board for the above request.

Robert Herda moved to approve a favorable recommendation to the Kenosha County Land Use Committee for the rezoning of a 50 ft. wide strip of land from A-2 to B-3 to place a sign abutting Hwy "50" as described in the rezoning petition. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk reminded the board a fee schedule has not been approved for land plan changes and that Mark Merkling has agreed he will pay the fee when it is presented to him. Merkling agreed to the statement.

- Controlled Burn Agreement for fire department use
  - A. Review agreement
  - B. Approve agreement for use by the fire department

The board reviewed the agreement prepared by Attorney Jeff Davison. This is an updated version of an agreement previously in use. There were a few questions on liability, asbestos removal and the \$75 fee for title search. William Glembocki moved to table approval of the agreement to allow for the clerk to check these items with Attorney Davison. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried. Agreement will be listed on either the May 23 or June 13 agenda.

- **Plan Commission appointment** - Reappoint Randy Schulz to a three year term

Robert Herda moved a motion to approve RandySchulz for another three year appointment to the Plan Commission. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

- **Designate newspaper for legal notices** – *Kenosha News*
- **Designate depository for town funds** – M & I Bank and WI Local Government Pooled Investment Fund
- **Assign town road inspection areas** – same areas as the current map
- **Appointments for 2011-2013 term:**
  - A. Town Attorney – Jeffrey Davison
  - B. Town Engineer – Len Roecker
  - C. Town Planner – Patrick Meehan
  - D. Town Prosecutor – Todd Terry
  - E. Emergency Management Director – Kenosha County
  - F. Deputy Emergency Management Director – Bob Haas
  - G. “Smart Growth” Committee – town representatives, William Glembocki, alternate Sheila Siegler

William Glembocki moved a motion to approve the above listed newspaper, depository, road inspection areas and the appointments A. – G. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried.

- **Reports –**

A. Road report – Chairman will speak to Tom Amon, B.R. Amon & Sons, concerning the condition of 376<sup>th</sup> Ave.

B. Other reports - Clerk reported Kelly Wilson has an additional proposal for the Labor Day Music Festival at New Munster Park. Chairman asked that she be scheduled for the June 13 meeting.

C. Mary Ehr, currently in charge of the New Munster Post Office, was present to discuss the yellow striped parking lines on the parking lot in front of the Town Hall. She said they were placed there because of a requirement to be ADA compliant. There will be no handicapped parking sign and you can park on that spot. The town clerk was given the information regarding an opportunity to appeal prior to the painting of the lines. This was not something the post office asked for but was required. Mary Ehr said no tickets will be issued for parking there.

- **Announcements** – none
- **Correspondence** – none
- **Financial matters:**

A. Purchase approval - none

B. Clerk’s report of disbursements for the month of March 2011 – next meeting

C. Clerk reported the squad has arrived. The total of \$14,050 for the new squad was previously approved. Squad was purchased from Martin’s Garage, Union Grove.

- **Adjournment -**

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. on a motion by Robert Herda and second by Andrew Lois.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk

from: Jerry Dressler  
date: 4/30/2011

Mr Chairman and Board Members

The Rehab District was set up in the early 1970's for the purpose of obtaining State and Federal Funds for the dredging of Lily Lake.

Those of us property owners within the rehab district were assessed additionally for this project. The lake front property owners were also assessed and additional fee of \$25.00 per lake front foot.

The Dredging has been completed for almost 40 years and those of us property owners within the district are still paying thru Rehab District property taxes for the maintenance of the lake. Lily Lake is a totally public lake owned by the state of Wisconsin. It is unlikely that Lily lake will ever be dredged again or at least not within the next fifty -100 years.

The Tax payers of the rehab District do not even have any representation on the board. None of you at the podium even live within the district. and you make the decisions that can affect our Taxes This amounts to Taxation with out representation. Which is un-Constitutional.

Between now and the Annual Meeting in August of 2011 we all need to think about whether this district, a Taxing body, serves any further purpose.

Many of us have come to believe the the cost of maintaining Lily Lake should be shared by all of the property owners of Wheatland Township. Lily Lake is asset to

all in Wheatland as well as Kenosha County and the State of Wisconsin. and is shared by all. and so should the costs.

Why then should those of us property owners within the rehab district be the sole financial support of Lily Lake????

Mr Chairman I am making a motion that this question be part of the agenda for the Annual Meeting in August 2011. with a possible vote on the future of the rehab District.