

FEBRUARY 27, 2012 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 27, 2012 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, Building Inspector Tim Popanda, Bill Heeg, Randy Kaskin, Kim Kaskin, Mike Halvorson, Jo Halvorson, Tom Barr, West of the I reporter Darren Hillock, and Cyrus Jannke.

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 February 13, 2012 Town Board Meeting. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

- **Fire Dept. –**

Chairman Glembocki reported for Chief Lou Denko. The Chief is working with Jerry Dressler on trying to get a piece of the steel for a 911 Memorial at the firehouse. The Wheatland Fire Department participated in a controlled burn in Twin Lakes on Saturday. The fire department has updated the electrical on the trucks to MABAS standards.

- **Presentation by Mike Halvorson representing ABATE – Kenosha regarding motorcycle safety and donation of two signs promoting awareness**

Mike Halvorson, speaking for ABATE of Wisconsin Inc., explained the ABATE program which promotes motorcycle riding safety and enjoyment. They would like to donate two signs to be placed in the road right-of-way to encourage motorist to be aware of motorcycles. Their group will arrange the installation if the board permits the signs. Location of the signs was discussed and consensus was to place one on the New Munster sign at the east end of Geneva Rd. for westbound traffic and one on the west end of Geneva Rd./60th St. in Slades Corners, near the intersection of C.T.H. “P” for eastbound traffic. If there is a speed sign post in the target area, they will place it on that post.

William Glembocki moved approval to allow the installation of two ABATE signs in the road right-of-way of Geneva Rd./60th St. in the locations indicated. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried. Halvorson said if the sign should be damaged, they would need to remove rather than replace it because they do not have a large amount of funding.

- **Change regular monthly town board meeting date from March 12 to Monday, March 5, 2012**

William Glembocki moved approval of changing the March 12th meeting to Monday, March 5th at 6:30 p.m. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried.

- **Reports & Correspondence –**

A. Road report – Supervisor Lois noted a sign on C.T.H. “P” near Powers Lake was likely hit during snow removal. He will check again to make sure it has not already been repaired.

B. Other reports & correspondence –

1. Building Inspector Tim Popanda said he has obtained two proposals to raze the house at 8112 335th Ave. as directed at the February 13th meeting. He is still awaiting a third proposal. In the meantime Cyrus Jannke, 8106 335th Ave. (abutting property owner to the north) has a February 28 closing to purchase the property. Mr. Jannke was present and said he would be taking down the house with friends. He plans to disconnect all utilities, assess the house for hazardous materials, haul the concrete and brick to a recycling yard and rent a dumpster for all the other rubbish which will be then hauled to Pheasant Run. He would like to keep the driveway and the retaining wall. He would grade the lot and plant grass for a yard for his home next door.

Building Inspector Popanda said keeping the retaining wall was desirable because of the elevation differences between the lots in that area.

Chairman questioned whether we can proceed with the raze order if Cyrus Jannke does not remove the structure. Popanda said razing the structure has been approved by circuit court; so, we need to set a timeline and if not done, the town can take action. Popanda suggested the following conditions:

- Jannke needs to keep the structure secure and boarded up while demolishing
- Timeline for completion of work – May 15. With neighbors and friends helping him, Jannke said he could meet that deadline.

Andrew Lois moved a motion to hold up on implementing the raze order until May 15 and allow Jannke to take down the structure provided he follows the conditions suggested by the building inspector –

completion by May 15 and keeping the structure secure and boarded up while demolishing. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried.

2. Clerk reported receiving a clarification from Horton Insurance in regard to town hall building coverage and the "ordinance coverage" listed in the policy. In the event of a loss, we understood the policy, under the "ordinance coverage," would pay over and above the building coverage amount to cover such extra costs as relocation of the structure if there were setback issues, meeting handicapped requirements, etc. The insurance company provided a response that affirms our understanding. Yes, we would have additional funds available to meet new requirements if there was a loss.

3. Al Brokmeier, Director of Kenosha County Land Information attended a recent Wisconsin Land Information Association Annual Conference at which a speaker from the regional census office was promoting one entity to provide boundary and annexation information to the census bureau. This will reduce duplication of efforts, and mailing and printing costs. His office is willing to assume those duties for Wheatland if we wish. At any time, we can cancel the authorization and again assume responsibility. Board agreed it would be more efficient to have one entity receive maps and certify the boundaries. Clerk will notify Brokmeier.

4. Clerk reported the availability of Outdoor Recreation Grants administered by the WI DNR. It does require a local comprehensive outdoor recreation plan to be adopted by Wheatland and then approved by DNR. There are other requirements but it is something to keep in mind if the need would arise.

- **Announcements –**

Wheatland Volunteer Fire Dept. March 12th Corned Beef & Cabbage Fundraiser @ Luisa's, 6806 17th Ave. - \$10 at the door, \$9 in advance; serving 4 – 8 p.m.

- **Financial matters:**

- A. Purchase approval – none
- B. Other financial matters – none

- **Adjournment**

William Glembocki moved to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Clerk