

MARCH 26, 2012 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 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, Fire Chief Lou Denko, Mike Adam, and Michelle Strauss, agent for Horton Insurance.

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.

Andrew Lois moved approval of the March 5, 2012 Town Board Meeting. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried.

- **Fire Dept. –**

Fire Chief Lou Denko reported 147 people attended the recent Corned Beef Fundraiser at *Luisa's Pizza* which raised \$1400 - \$1500 for fire department equipment. The fire department is gearing up for the switch to narrow band radio communication. It will be required January 2013. Most of the radios and pagers are compliant. Future purchases will be digital enabled; none are digital now. Digital radios are back formatted so the old analog radios work. The Kenosha County Sheriff's Dept. switched to digital radios this month.

The fire department is using generic tanker truck specifications to submit for a FEMA grant which goes directly to the federal government, not routed thru the state. The tanker is 25 years old. It has leaks and problems with corrosion. It would be a 5 – 10% match if we were approved for a grant. They would put a pump on a new tanker because it gives them more options.

Denko reported he and the assistant chief have been checking and upgrading lots of safety items on the equipment and the trucks. The annual maintenance will be done again this year by EAM (Emergency Apparatus Maintenance). The cost should be less because a lot of items were addressed in last year's maintenance check.

Michelle Strauss asked if anyone was attending the emergency vehicle driver training at East Troy Fire Dept. on April 20 & 21. It is sponsored by Horton Insurance and is highly recommended. There is no charge to the fire department. An e-mail invitation was sent several weeks ago. Denko said he would follow up on this.

- **Public Comment** – none
- **Consideration and approval of Lily Lake Summerhaven summer events –**
 - Schedule water patrol officer to be at Lilly Lake for the June 2-3 Free Fishing Weekend
 - June 30 – 4th of July Parade & Celebration and donation toward expenses, supply barricades and close Lilly Lake Rd. from 76th St. to 77th St. during the parade time
 - July 21 – Movie night at the beach

Chairman said we would check with the water patrol officer regarding the free fishing weekend activities. In regard to the other activities, insurance coverage is an issue. Michelle Strauss, the town's agent, explained the problems with coverage. The Lily Lake Summerhaven Association needs to purchase their own insurance. They are a 501 (c) or 501(f) entity and coverage does not fall under the town's auspices in any manner.

Mike Adam, President of Lily Lake Summerhaven Association, explained the insurance issues the association has been having. They did form a 501 expecting that would help the insurance rates. But that does not seem to be the case. Chairman Glembocki said the town board views their activities as being good family and community events and does not want to stop any of them but we need to address the insurance issue.

Michelle Strauss said the parade is on the public road owned by the town and other activities are on the beach and park owned by the town. The town should receive a certificate of insurance listing the town as an "additional insured" when events are held by organizations on town property. Chairman said this is required by organizations holding events at New Munster Park.

Strauss said she spoke to an agency which covers many of these types of events and believes they may be able to provide insurance at a reasonable cost. Mike Adam said he would follow up and contact them.

Mike Adam said he will check with the insurance agency recommended by Michelle Strauss and let the board know when he has an answer. Chairman Glembocki said we will delay any action on the

request from Lily Lake Summerhaven Association until that time.

- **Discuss Prairie View Subdivision Outlots**

Chairman Glembocki reported he and the clerk had met with county officials regarding ownership and maintenance of the outlots in Prairie View Subdivision. The lots are in foreclosure. They are part of the subdivision drainage plan and were to be owned by a subdivision homeowners association. They need to be owned by a public entity and maintained. As far as we've been able to find out, there was not an association formed. If the town takes ownership, subdivision owners would still be responsible for maintenance costs thru a special charge on their property tax bill. Maintenance should be minimal if trees and shrubs are removed while they are small.

The board agreed to place this on the April 9 town board agenda and send a notice to the Prairie View property owners. We will discuss it again at that time and possibly take action.

- **Alcoholic Beverage Operator (Bartender) License Application:**

- A. Karon E. Eriksson, Twin Lakes, WI 53181 – *Dave's Saloon*
- B. Bruce J. Maki, Jr., Burlington, WI 53105 – *Lily Lake Resort*
- C. Ricky D. Campbell, Union Grove, WI 53182 – *B & D's Village Inn*
- D. Angela L. Snyder, Burlington WI 53105 – *Change A Pace*
- E. David A. Cox, Twin Lakes, WI 53181 – *Wheatland Convenience Center*

Clerk reported all of the above have met the requirements for an alcoholic beverage operator license. Robert Herda moved a motion to approve licenses for Karon E. Eriksson, Bruce J. Maki, Jr., Ricky D. Campbell, Angela L. Snyder, and David A. Cox. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

- **Reports – Announcements - Correspondence**

- A. Road report – set annual road inspection – Andrew Lois moved a motion to set Saturday, April 7, 8 a.m. for the annual inspection of town roads. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Glembocki noted work orders have been sent for patching all town roads as needed and repair of a street shoulder in Oakwood Shores.

Chairman also said we are looking at a remedy for a drainage issue on 347th Ave. The drainage easement needs maintenance work. We will have a proposal for the next meeting. He will contact the property owner and discuss the proposal.

- B. Other reports - none
- C. April 3 – Presidential Preference & Spring Election – Polls open at the Town Hall 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- D. Annual Town Meeting – April 10, 7 p.m. at the Town Hall
- E. The town received correspondence detailing the changes in the prevailing wage rates and requirement for public works bidding.

- **Financial matters:**

- A. Purchase approval - none
- B. Clerk's Report of Disbursements for February – Andrew Lois moved approval of the Clerk's Report of Disbursements listing checks dated February 1 – 29, 2012, #21834 thru #21911 in the amount of \$94,006.46. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried.
- C. Other financial matters - none

- **Adjournment**

William Glembocki moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk