

APRIL 9, 2012 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 9, 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, Treasurer Deborah Vos, Fire Chief Lou Denko, Bill Heeg, Jeff Butler, Kim Johnson, Joe Ricchetti, Kathy Ricchetti, Tammy Clark, Troy Bruley, Michael Clark, and John Kropp.

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. Property owners in Prairie View Subdivision were sent meeting notices.

- **Fire Dept. –**

Fire Chief Lou Denko reported a house fire on Sunday at the Charles Toelle residence. No one was injured but house is not habitable and they are living with relatives. He said they do plan to repair the damage and return. Fire departments from Randall, Twin Lakes and Silver Lake responded thru our mutual agreements. There is nothing to report on the 911 memorial. The work on the radios is complete.

- **Public Comment – none**

- **Discussion and possible action regarding ownership and maintenance of Prairie View Subdivision Outlots**

Chairman Glembocki reported the board members did look at the drainage area of the outlots in Prairie View on Saturday. There is a small amount of trees and bushes that should be taken out now before they get any larger to prevent future expense. Supervisor Lois said if this shrubbery was pulled out it could lead to erosion. It would be better to cut and spray with Crossbow which is approved for agricultural use but we would have to make sure that meets DNR approval for this type of use.

Chairman asked the seven property owners present if there was a homeowners association for Prairie View. Homeowners said none was formed. Chairman explained there should have been one formed and the outlots turned over to the association. The outlots are tax delinquent so there needs to be a resolution of the ownership. The outlots are a part of the subdivision drainage plan and must stay in a public ownership and be maintained. Any homeowners association formed would have to be recognized as a legal entity by the state. One issue with a homeowners association could be having everyone pay their share of the maintenance. If the town takes ownership, the town is able to collect thru a special charge on the property tax.

Troy Bruley, 40502 81st St. asked if the property owners could cut the shrubbery themselves. Board was in agreement. Chairman said once this growth is removed, there should not be a lot of maintenance if it is done at regular intervals. There was further discussion on why the association wasn't formed and why it took this long to be brought up, etc.

Chairman Glembocki said the board would hold off on any action for a month at least. The owners can talk among themselves and see what you come up with. We'll list this on the agenda for the May 14th town board meeting.

- **Discussion on a proposal to resolve 347th Ave. drainage issue**

Chairman said he has a proposal from Kerkman Bros. Construction which would involve placing an underground pipe in a limestone trench thru the road drainage easement which is located on private property, covering with stone, fabric and soil. A grated, collection basin would be needed at the beginning of the pipe to collect the water that comes down the hill and under the road at this point. The cost is \$3,658 with a possible additional not to exceed \$522 if more stone is required. Supervisor Lois asked if this was a town responsibility. Chairman said it is an easement for drainage of the subdivision road that was set up on private property years ago.

Andrew Lois moved approval of the proposal to reconstruct the drainage easement for \$3,658 with an additional \$522 if needed, subject to a town board member and the construction company's agent meeting with the property owner for her approval. William Glembocki seconded. Motion carried.

- **Reports – Announcements - Correspondence**

A. Road report – Chairman reported the board did the annual inspection of town roads on

Saturday, April 7 and it was amazing the difference this mild winter made with little frost and not a lot of road damage. 368th Ave. will be the next large project depending on budget money. We will be taking care of the minor road repairs that were noticed during the inspection.

B. Treasurer's Report for February & March – Treasurer reported February Net Worth of \$1,014,635.74 and March Net Worth of \$908,785.37. Robert Herda motioned approval of the Treasurer's February and March 2012 Detailed Report as printed. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

C. Building Inspector Report - none

D. Other reports -

E. Annual Town Meeting – April 10, Wheatland Town Hall – 7 p.m.

F. Kenosha County **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION**

May 5 – 8 am – 1 pm at Kenosha County Center - Hwy 45 & 50

G. **2012 TORNADO AWARENESS & SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS DRILL**

scheduled (Weather Permitting) for Thursday, April 19, 2012 – **1 p.m.** tornado watch; **1:45 p.m.** tornado warning; **2 p.m.** end of mock tornado watch/warning drill

H. Parks Report – Basketball backboard at New Munster Park will be repaired if possible or a new backboard purchased. Jeff Butler will repair some picnic tables at New Munster Park. The expense will be some pipe for the table legs. He will use the old boards. Vozel Landscaping will have the swim pier welded before it is placed in Lilly Lake for the season this week.

I. A thank you letter was received from the Kenosha Co. Sheriff's Dept. for the Deputy Friendly Safety Poster Program donation.

J. Green Expo and Free Electronics Drop-off sponsored by the Village of Paddock Lake, 6969 236th Ave., Paddock Lake on May 19, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. This is open to everyone.

K. Lily Lake Summerhaven Association reported they are able to obtain insurance coverage and will present a copy to the town when all is in order.

- **Financial matters:**

A. Purchase approval – none

B. Clerk's Report of Disbursements for March - Andrew Lois moved approval of the Clerk's Report of Disbursements listing checks dated March 1 – 30, 2012, #21912 thru #21989 in the amount of \$143,906.13. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried.

C. Review unaudited Financial Report – meeting to present audit report will be in May

D. Other financial matters - none

- **Adjournment**

William Glembocki moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk