

OCTOBER 14, 2013 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 14, 2013 at the Town Hall in New Munster. Town Board members present – Chairman Glembocki and Supervisor Andrew Lois and Supervisor Kelly Wilson. Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, Treasurer Deborah Vos, Fire Chief Lou Denko, Constable Robert Santelli, Jack Bobula, Wayne Kaddatz, Brett Butler, Rachelyn Hadad, Chris Borre, Dave Borre, Bill Heeg, Jeff Butler, Michael Dunning, Debbie Dunning, and Randy Rieboldt.

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.

Minutes of the September 23, 2013 town board meeting were moved for approval by Andrew Lois and second by Kelly Wilson. Motion carried.

- **Fire Dept. Report** – Chief Lou Denko reported the Fire Dept. annual Pancake Breakfast held Oct. 13 was successful and thanked everyone. The Fire Dept. is in the middle of the school Fire Safety presentations. They are conducting these at Wheatland Center and St. Alphonsus and separate by grade levels.

- **Public Comments** – Chris Borre, 37327 65th St., spoke regarding a feral cat problem in their neighborhood, Koch's Rollingbrooke Manor Subdivision. These cats are not pets and a single neighbor is feeding all the cats. So far, they've been able to count as many as 17 and they are all over the neighborhood.

Brett Butler, 6220 373rd Ave. said skunks and other wildlife are attracted to the food put out for the feral cats. They want the code enforced.

Chairman Glembocki said the board would include this as an agenda item on the October 28th meeting. We will send out a letter to the homeowners in the subdivision stating it is on the agenda for discussion.

Wayne Kaddatz, 39405 60th St. asked the board to look at a pavement problem in front of Local Folks in Slades Corners. The crumbling pavement in the swale needs repair. Chairman directed the clerk to send in a work order to repair.

- **Discussion regarding Fire Dept. request for new pumper/tanker to replace 1987 tanker which has tank corrosion problems**

Chief Denko said there is an ongoing corrosion problem with the 1987 tanker. They applied for a federal grant and the price they estimated (three companies) ranged from \$289 - \$312 thousand. It does not appear the grant will be approved for Wheatland. The leaking is getting worse and a stainless steel fabricator looked at it and gave an estimate of \$7,000 to patch but said it would not take care of the problem and they'd be back doing a patch in another area the next year and on and on. There are other truck problems – the chutes are bad, the chassis is too short, the water line can't be above the cab level (NFPA standard), among other things. Denko said he did have the alignment checked last week so it is now safer to drive.

The Fire Dept. wants to go to the concept of a pumper/tanker. This will enable faster attack, with less manpower, in the first minutes of a fire. Pumping in series between trucks will continue water if one pump fails and this concept will provide backup water capacity, RIT, and 1000 foot of hose to feed a house located on a long road.

There are many benefits with a new apparatus including a heated compartment on the outside of the truck for cold weather firefighting. They will have no exposed outlets.

Denko said buying a used truck built between 2007 & 2012 would expose the department to expensive exhaust repairs. This was an issue with trucks built during that time because of environmental requirements for exhausts. He also cited other benefits with purchasing a new truck. He said this truck would replace a tanker truck that just shuttles water.

Chairman Glembocki said a pumper truck is going to need replacement soon. If you could buy a used tanker, you could have some money left in the account for the pumper truck. He suggested they search the Internet as he believed some fire districts are consolidating and may be selling some good equipment.

Denko said the foam system gives you 4x the benefit of just water. Plus the compressed air hose is only 25% of the weight of a water-filled hose. He said the Indiana show in the spring will have 200 pieces of apparatus on the floor. If the fire dept. writes the spec now for a new pumper tanker and

something at the show fits the specs, they would like to purchase. If nothing fits, they would send out the specifications to dealers.

The board encouraged searching for a used truck but did agree to include \$300,000 in the 2014 town budget which would use the \$250,000 now in the fire department restricted truck fund plus an additional \$50,000 to be added in the 2014 budget.

- **Reports**

- A. Road report –

- 1. 314th Ave./71st St. culvert repair – Chairman said he met with the Kenosha County Highway Dept. supervisor on site to go over the work. We have the DNR permit and are waiting for the Army Corps permit. The old cross culvert will be removed and the culvert will be extended thru the park and follow an old drainage system. The underground drainage pipe on the west side of 314th Ave. will stay in place. If it collapses, we will fill in with gravel. We are having a grate placed on the east end to prevent a child or animal being pulled into the culvert. Paving on 314th Ave. will begin where we stopped two years ago and extend past the road opening for the cross culvert.

- 2. 368th Ave. paving – Chairman said we do not have enough money to complete the entire road but will begin on the north end at 31st St. because that pavement is in worse condition than the middle. We will go about 3,500 feet this year and do the remainder as soon as possible next year with the cost listed in the new budget.

- 3. Karcher Rd./31st St. Project - the construction ran into silica sand when trying to cut one of the hills which resulted in some other modifications and costs. The second lift of paving for all of the project will be scheduled for 2014. Contractor has agreed to hold the same price. One benefit will be the road can settle out in the area that was excavated and filled this year.

- 4. Chairman's Report – "KD" No Parking Restriction update - Chairman said the town was represented by himself and Supervisor Wilson, Constable Santelli, and Fire Dept. DeLuisa at the committee meeting. All listed the reasons for the "no parking" request. Sheriff Beth also spoke on behalf of the "no parking." The county committee, it seems, does not understand the safety issue and voted 3-2 to deny the request. He said there is "no parking" on the roads around the entrance at every other county park. Chairman said he has DNR permission to fill in the area in this parking spot that is owned by the DNR. He has offers of material and trucking and will fill in at his own expense before the next county committee meeting.

Chief Denko wanted included "for the record" that without a parking area inside the KD Park near the lake, the dive team could not launch a larger boat if a rescue effort was needed. A parking spot inside the park by the lake would also give the fire dept. access to draw water. Chairman advised him to attend the committee meeting and state his case.

- B. Building Inspector Report – none – Chairman reported Tim Popanda had an accident and is recovering. Building Inspector Royce Kennedy is filling in for him on a temporary basis.

- C. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Vos reported September 30 net worth of \$999,586.23. Andrew Lois moved approval of the detailed treasurer report. William Glembocki seconded. Motion carried.

- D. Other reports – Supervisor Lois said the town should begin working on having the collapsed barn in Slades Corners removed. It looks terrible from Hwy 50. Chairman said we can do that after Building Inspector Popanda is back and handle it as he wants it addressed.

- **Announcements –**

- Board of Review – Friday, October 25, 10 a.m. – Noon – Contact Clerk for Appointment
 - Trick or Treat Hours for Wheatland – Sunday, October 27, 2 – 5 p.m.

- **Correspondence** – Final WI Dept. of Administration estimate of Jan. 1, 2013 population is 3,332. ATC (American Transmission Company) is planning to hold public meetings on the proposed \$80 million Salem – Lake Geneva project in the spring of 2014. Plans are to have operating in 2019, subject to PSC approval. Original projections had been to hold open house public meetings in the fall of 2013.

12. Financial matters:

- A. Purchase approval – none

- B. Approve Andrea & Orendorff Letter of Understanding for the 2013 town audit – Kelly Wilson moved to approve the Letter of Understanding for the 2013 town audit from Andrea & Orendorff. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

- C. High Street Sub. Letter of Credit - Clerk reported the developer of High Street Sub., Don Schenning, has advised us we should call the Letter of Credit held at Associated Bank. There is still a

final blacktop surface that needs to be applied as well as a guard rail.

Chairman Glembocki moved to authorize Town of Wheatland Officials including the Town Chairman, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Town Attorney, and Town Engineer to act on behalf of the Town to immediately proceed with liquidating the Letter of Credit issued by Associated Bank which guarantees High Street Subdivision improvements per the Developer's Agreement and Letter of Credit dated October 17, 2005 for the full amount of the remaining balance of \$110,000 to provide the funds to complete the improvements in the subdivision as listed in the Town Engineer's Report. Supervisor Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

D. Approve Clerk's Report of September Disbursements – Kelly Wilson moved to accept the Clerk's Report of Disbursements, dated September 4 – 30, 2013, #23373 thru #23450, in the amount of \$49,310.27. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

E. Other financial matters - none

F. Work on town budget – Board discussed parts of the budget and agreed to hold another budget workshop meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2013, 6:30 p.m. at the town hall.

G. Set date for Public Hearing for the 2014 Town Budget – no action taken

H. Call a Special Town Meeting of Electors to immediately follow the town budget public hearing, to authorize town supervisors to exceed highway expenditure limits in 2014 pursuant to Section 82.03 (2) of the Wisconsin Statutes and to adopt a 2013 town general tax levy and street light district levies to be paid in 2014 pursuant to Section 60.10 (1) (a) of the Wisconsin State Statutes – no action taken

I. Approve budget for presentation at public hearing – no action taken

- **Adjournment –**

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on a Lois/Wilson motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk