

OCTOBER 28, 2013 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2013 at the Town Hall in New Munster and opened with the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Town Board members present – Chairman Glembocki and Supervisor Andrew Lois and Supervisor Kelly Wilson. Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, Brett Butler, Rachelyn Hadad, Chris Borre, Dave Borre, Bill Heeg, Jeff Butler, Michael Dunning, Debbie Dunning, Randy Rieboldt, Joanne Nelson, Brad Nelson, and three “Safe Harbor” representatives.

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. Also, the property owners in Rollingbrooke Manor Subdivision, were sent notice of the meeting by First Class Mail.

Minutes of the October 14, 16, and 21, 2013 town board meetings were motioned for approval by William Glembocki and second by Kelly Wilson. Motion carried.

- **Fire Dept. Report** – none

- **Public Comments** – Jeff Butler, 6631 373rd Ave., asked if the board had followed up on a comment made at the October 14 meeting in regard to razing the collapsed barn in Slades Corners. Chairman Glembocki said he did speak to Building Inspector Tim Popanda who is currently on medical leave. Popanda asked that he be allowed to address this matter when he is back to work in a couple of weeks.

- **Discussion – feral cat nuisance complaint from property owners in Koch’s Rollingbrooke Manor Subdivision**

Chairman reported a letter was sent out to all the property owners in the subdivision both notifying them of this meeting and describing the nuisance problem. Hopefully, this letter will result in the owner(s) no longer placing food outside to feed these animals.

Jeff Butler asked if Constable Santelli had talked to the property owners. Chairman said he has not but he will ask him to contact the owners.

Chris Borre, 37327 65th St., said she doesn’t feel the problem will fix itself. They’ve now counted 28 cats. She also found out that two different property owners are feeding the cats. She said there is a program in Milwaukee for anyone who wants to adopt cats.

Chairman said that not feeding the cats is the biggest thing. The town doesn’t have funds to trap and dispose of cats.

Debbie Dunning, 6205 373rd Ave., said she invited a representative from the Kenosha County Humane Society (Safety Harbor) to attend the meeting.

Safe Harbor – three representatives were present and said they can euthanize feral cats if they are truly feral. But they said remove one and another moves in; it’s called a “vacuum effect.” They said they had no suggestions. Chairman asked if they think of anything that could be helpful, please contact the town office

Chris Borre said she has done a lot of research and after all that is at a loss as to what would be feasible financially and effective. She wouldn’t want her tax money used to take care of a cat problem in some other subdivision.

Chairman said Paddock Lake had a problem and the “not feeding” solved the problem. Chris Borre disputed that.

Brad & Joanne Nelson, 6430 375th Ave., said they were new to the neighborhood. Joanne Nelson asked whether these cats were neighborhood cats to begin with. No one could answer that. Brad Nelson said denying feed won’t eliminate cats but the food is drawing wild animals. He asked if an ordinance should be drawn up. Board consensus was that an ordinance may not be the answer and we will explore other things first.

Chairman Glembocki listed four things he would do before the November 25 meeting at which time he will report on what he learns.

1. DNR – he will ask if they have any suggestions, rules, control, etc.
2. Ask Building Inspector Tim Popanda if the feral problem in Paddock Lake did go away.
3. Ask Constable Santelli to talk to the people who are feeding the cats. He will also ask him to speak with Chris Borre for any additional information.
4. He will ask Town Attorney Jeff Davison if he’s come across this before.

Debbie Dunning asked if they were the only subdivision with this problem. Chairman said it’s the

only one we've heard about. Dunning said the problem didn't happen overnight and it won't go away overnight.

- **Cancel the November 11, 2013 town board meeting and reschedule to November 5, 2013, 6:30 p.m.**

William Glembocki moved a motion to cancel the November 11th meeting and set November 5, 2013 for a town board meeting at 6:30 p.m. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

- **Reports**

- A. Road report –

- 1. 314th Ave./71st St. culvert repair – Chairman reported this project is nearing completion. Area will be seeded and covered with straw. Amount of paving will be dictated by remaining funds available but the entire intersection will be included if possible.

- 2. 368th Ave. paving – Chairman said 368th Ave. is very smooth. The remainder of the road will be paved next year when funds are available.

- 3. Karcher Rd./31st St. Project – base lift of paving is bumpy. The final lift will be applied next year after the road settles out over winter.

- 4. Chairman's Report – "KD" No Parking Restriction update - Chairman said that with the DNR's approval, he filled in the area that belongs to DNR. Chairman said he has hopes that the Kenosha County Public Works Committee will approve "no parking" signs before someone gets killed. The committee chairman and several members voted against making this a "no parking" area and he cannot understand their reasoning but he still has hope they will change their vote.

Chairman said he attended a TRIP (town road improvement program) meeting at the Kenosha County Center. Wheatland has received funds from this program over the years. There is a small amount of money to divide so the towns have taken turns receiving some money. The 2014-2015 funds will be awarded to Brighton, Randall and Paris.

- B. Other reports - none

- **Announcements –**

- Budget meeting – November 25, 2013 – 7 p.m.
 - Special Town Board Meeting of Electors – November 25, 2013 following budget presentation

- **Correspondence – none**

- **Financial matters:**

- A. Purchase approval – none

- B. Clerk reported receiving the High Street Subdivision Letter of Credit which the board called in. The amount received was \$110,000.

- C. Approve budget for presentation at public hearing – William Glembocki moved approval of the budget for presentation to electors at the November 25, 2013 – 7 p.m. budget meeting in the amount of \$1,643,934. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

- **Adjournment**

- Andrew Lois moved to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. William Glembocki seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Clerk