

MARCH 27, 2013 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2013 at the Town Hall in New Munster. He opened the meeting with the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Town Board members present – Chairman Glembocki and Supervisor Andrew Lois. Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, Kelly Wilson, Ass't Fire Chief Brian Kerkman, Ron Carlson, Ryan Carlson and Fire Chief Lou Denko.

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 March 11, 2013 town board meeting were motioned for approval by William Glembocki and seconded by Andrew Lois. Motion carried.

- **Public comments** – none
- **Resolution No. 1-2013** – a resolution supporting a petition from Burco Holdings, LLC to the Circuit Court of Kenosha County to vacate the subdivision plat of Hidden Meadow Estates and all easements, restrictions, and the developer's agreement connected with the development of the property as Hidden Meadow Estates (developer Kenneth Koch – northeast area of 368th Ave. and 52nd St.)

Ron Carlsen and Ryan Carlsen, representing Burco Holdings, LLC (Talmer Bank) answered questions. They said this step was required to enable the property to be rezoned to Agriculture. The property could be developed sometime in the future but there is no market for this type of development at the present time. They will be back with a rezoning application once the court approves the vacation.

William Glembocki moved approval of Resolution No. 1-2013. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

- **Fire Dept.** – Chief Denko said the last batch of air bottles was being hydro-tested. This needs to be done every five years. The Cascade system will be tested next. EAM will be testing the fire trucks next week. This will be the third year for the repair service. It is working well. Last year there were no breakdowns and no truck issues.

322 people attended the Corn Beef Fundraiser at Luisa's. In 2012, there were 140; so, they more than doubled the prior year and did run out of food.

Chief Denko said membership is good. They have some young, enthusiastic firemen.

He also reported the Wildland gear has come in. This is a lightweight type of gear for fighting brush fires in hot weather.

Ass't Fire Chief Brian Kerkman reported on a meeting he attended at the Village of Bristol. All fire departments and rescue squads in the county were invited. Bristol is proposing a study of the fire departments and trying to study the efficiency of the departments. The study would provide information regarding the most efficient method and cost-effective method of delivering service in the county.

Kerkman said the cost would be \$1 per capita plus travel expenses for the company doing the study. Wheatland share would be approximately \$4,000. Twin Lakes will not be participating, Randall and Silver Lake were not at the meeting. He has not heard what Salem, Paris, Somers and Salem intend to do.

Denko and Kerkman noted we have mutual aid with all the departments and that keeps our firemen active when we don't have that many Wheatland calls. It also fosters better cooperation with our neighbors when we need assistance. The relationship with Twin Lakes Rescue is good. Silver Lake Rescue has some issues now but is still covering the assigned area in Wheatland at this time. Wheatland has plenty of new members and the problem is providing enough gear for everyone. Kerkman said we would not be closing the door on the future if we did not participate at this time.

Chairman said this matter will be on the next meeting agenda for a decision.

Clerk asked if the fire department wants to continue using the underground cistern located in the St. Alphonsus School parking lot. The church has asked because they are considering blacktopping the parking lot. Chief Denko said they definitely do want to keep this 25,000 gal. water source and would like to install a standpipe out to the side so when water is needed, they don't have to open the heavy metal cover. There is also an underground cistern at St. John's Church in Slades Corners and they intend to install a standpipe there also.

They have used the pond that was used for washing gravel and is located on the former Dyson

property, currently owned by Tony Abbate on the west side of 368th Ave. This is an important water source in the north, middle, area of the town. That does have a standpipe and they hope to continue to use that in the future.

The drainage issue at the firehouse will be addressed this spring. The foundation on the southeast corner is being damaged and the drainage needs to be re-established to send the water to the north.

- **Applicant:** Roland & Bonnie Lou Denko, 3710 392nd Ave., Burlington, WI 53105 (owner); US Cellular by Faulk and Foster Real Estate, Tim Wichman (agent), 122 Locust Lodge Ave., Council Bluffs, IA 51503 (applicant)

Request: requesting a Conditional Use Permit for the placement of additional antennas, microwave dish and associated cabling to an existing cell tower in the M-3 District – Tax Parcel #95-4-219-292-0200

Chairman reported the Plan Commission held a hearing on this application and has unanimously recommended approval to the town board. Andrew Lois moved a motion to approve a favorable recommendation to the Kenosha County Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee for the Conditional Use Permit requested by Roland & Bonnie Lou Denko for cell tower additions per application. William Glembocki seconded. Motion carried.

- Alcoholic Beverage Operator License (Bartender) Application: Nathan A. Radtke, Burlington, WI – *Wheatland Convenience Center*

William Glembocki moved approval of an Alcoholic Beverage Operator License for Nathan A. Radtke. Background check and alcohol beverage certification requirements have been met. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

- **Reports**

A. Road report – Chairman reported the dead end sign for 327th Ave. was sent in to the county for repair.

Clerk reported the Town of Burlington Chairman called today to report the WI DOT is requiring a retaining wall for the 31st St. (Karcher Rd.) Burlington/Wheatland TRIP D joint project, instead of a slope with a 1:1 grade as planned. The Burlington Town Engineer is appealing this ruling and if it has to be constructed will be asking the state for additional money to do the work.

Renewal of a \$75,000 Surety Bond has been received from Meyer Material. This bond guarantees maintenance on 392nd Ave. from the pit entrance south to Hwy 50.

B. Other reports – Chairman noted the New Munster Park Pavilion ceiling has been installed. The electrical wiring was checked and moved to accommodate the ceiling and new fixtures were added. Chairman said the used scoreboard for New Munster Park purchased from the City of Waupaca arrived Tuesday.

- **Announcements –**

- **Spring Election – April 2, 2013 – Polls open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. at the Town Hall**
- **Annual Meeting – April 22, 2013 – 7 p.m.**
- Kenosha County **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION**
May 4 – 8 am – 1 pm at Kenosha County Center - Hwy 45 & 50

- **Correspondence – none**

- **Financial matters:**

A. Purchase approval – none

B. Other financial matters – Claim for Unlawful Tax – Parcel #95-4-119-111-3110 –

Chairman said the board had received a Claim for Unlawful Tax from Tadeusz & Margorzata Wojt by the January 31 deadline for appeal of the 2012 tax bill. This has been investigated by the assessor and the square footage of the structure has been corrected. Chairman Glembocki moved a motion to refund \$1,804.74 for Tax Parcel #95-4-119-111-3110. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried. Clerk said we will attempt to chargeback this refund on the next tax roll.

- Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on a motion by William Glembocki and second by Andrew Lois.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk