

OCTOBER 16, 2014 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 2014 at the Town Hall in New Munster and opened with the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Town Board members present – Chairman Glembocki and Supervisors Andrew Lois and Kelly Wilson. Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler.

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.

- **Financial matters:**

- A. Budget workshop
- B. Finalize 2015 Proposed Budget for presentation to electors
- C. Set date for Public Hearing for the 2015 Town Budget
- D. 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 2015 pursuant to Section 82.03 (2) of the Wisconsin Statutes and to adopt a 2014 town general tax levy and street light district levies to be paid in 2015 pursuant to Section 60.10 (1) (a) of the Wisconsin State Statutes

The board reviewed the proposed budget and money available. Changes must be made. Constable Santelli was present for a short time and requested that money in the law enforcement be moved around. \$31,200 is proposed for wages for 2015 and \$4,000 for squad replacement. He would like to see wages at \$29,200 and squad replacement at \$6,000 for 2015 and then keep it at \$5,000 in future years. He said he would not be working the full 30 hour week and there will be enough money at \$29,200. Board agreed to his request.

Board looked at fire dept. expenses. Budget will be over for 2014. Higher costs for maintenance, utilities, higher insurance next year for the new tanker, all must be covered. Normal operating costs have gone up. Board added \$8,000 for 2015 and will ask the Fire Dept. to watch costs.

At 7:45 p.m., Chairman Glembocki moved to recess the meeting and reconvene at 5 p.m. on Friday, October 17, 2014. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

October 17, 2014 - 5 p.m. - the Board reconvened and the meeting resumed.

The public boat launch bid opening was held at 10 a.m. today and new bids for an articulated cement ramp were reviewed. If the bid is accepted by the board, we will need to replace the \$80,000 in the 2015 budget with \$100,000. Since we anticipate receiving 50% from DNR, \$50,000 will be added on the revenue side instead of the \$40,000 now listed.

Andrew Lois moved a motion to adjust Jack Bobula's hourly wage to \$12 per hour. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

The municipal court collections have historically been shown as gross amounts with the payouts to state and county listed as expenses. There have been questions as to how much the town retains. The board approved showing court collections as NET amounts in the budget beginning this year.

Chairman said we still need to make cuts and suggested snowplowing costs be proposed at \$140,000 instead of \$200,000 and paving costs be \$71,000 instead of the \$120,000 listed in the proposed budget. Board members agreed. Cash balance is low but with levy limits in place, the only recourse will be to borrow money. New debt can be used to increase the state-imposed levy limit.

Andrew Lois moved a motion to propose a 2015 budget of \$1,361,437 which anticipates a tax levy of \$662,784. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

William Glembocki moved to set a budget meeting for November 3, 2014 at 7 p.m. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Kelly Wilson motioned to 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 2015 pursuant to Section 82.03 (2) of the Wisconsin Statutes and to adopt a 2014 town general tax levy and street light district levies to be paid in 2015 pursuant to Section 60.10 (1) (a) of the Wisconsin State Statutes. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Clerk will post the summary budget and meetings on Saturday, September 18, 2014.

- **Adjournment**

Kelly Wilson moved to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk