

## **NOVEMBER 24, 2014 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 24, 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, Constable Robert A. Santelli, Jr., Plan Commission member Clayton Wagner, Fire Chief Lou Denko, Ass't Fire Chief Brian Kerkman, Wayne Kaddatz, Alan Kaddatz, Tom Cosgrove and Jerod Boyd.

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. In addition, property owners abutting Parcel #95-4-119-114-2050 were notified of the meeting by First Class Mail.

Minutes of the October 27, 2014 and November 3, 2014 town board meetings were moved for approval by Kelly Wilson and seconded by Andrew Lois. Motion carried.

**Fire Dept. Report** - Chief Denko said US Tanker told them three weeks ago the tanker could not be delivered in November. The Kenworth truck is not NFPA approved yet. There are issues with the black box that regulates the seat belt reports and it is still in the engineering phase. Delivery is now estimated as September/October 2015 if we stay with this truck cab. They have said they will stand by the price for 2015 delivery. Chief Denko is getting that in writing. The other option would be to start the process again or take a truck with a smaller cab but there would not be a price savings. The thought now is to stay with what we have as long as the price is guaranteed.

**Public Safety Report** - none

**Renewal of two-year Kennel License** requested by Henrietta Pajak, 37603 Geneva Rd., Burlington, WI 53105 for "Hero's Pet Resort, 37603 Geneva Rd., tax parcel #95-4-119-051-0230. Pajaks were excused from attending because of the snow and ice conditions. The two-year "Hero's Pet Resort" kennel license was moved for approval, per application, by Andrew Lois and seconded by William Glembocki. Motion carried.

**Renewal of Fireworks Permit** – American Fireworks and Novelties LLC, Heather Siegel (owner), 1330 Edwards St., Brookfield, WI 53005 – location 32135 Geneva Rd., tax parcel #95-4-119-013-0320, open daily 9 a.m.-9 p.m. and June 27-July 4 hours 9 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Chairman said Vince Siegel called and asked to be excused from attending because of the snow and ice road conditions.

Fire Inspector Clayton Wagner addressed the board and said there were many issues last year. Each of the fireworks companies selling in the town need to attend to their own business. He was called 16 times in 21 days to inspect or visit the sites. Also American Fireworks kept locking the rear exit door. The door has a panic bar so it is locked from the outside but you can still exit if the need arose. He and the fire chief just want the employees and shoppers to be safe.

Chairman said he will speak to the two operators and permit will stipulate the fire chief, fire inspectors, and building inspector must be satisfied.

Wagner said Wheatland is the only town that allows fireworks sales. He questioned whether the 11 pm hours were necessary or if sales should not be stopped at 9 pm for both American Fireworks and the other operator if they apply for 2015.

Andrew Lois agreed and moved to approve the permit for American Fireworks and Novelties LLC per the application but keeping the hours of 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with no extra for the week before July 4th. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion was approved with Lois and Wilson in favor and Glembocki opposed.

**Variance Request** - Jerod J. Boyd, 8103 336th Ave., Burlington, WI, Tax Parcel #95-4-119-114-2050, to construct a 20' x 24' detached garage to be located 12.1' (30' required by Kenosha Co. Zoning & Shoreland Floodplain Zoning Ordinance) from the right-of-way of 81st St.

Jerod Boyd and Tom Cosgrove stated the property is limited because of the septic system and the need for the open area for the backup location. The garage will be no closer than the existing house.

William Glembocki moved a favorable recommendation to the Kenosha County Board of Adjustments for the request of Jerod J. Boyd, 8103 336th Ave. to construct a 20' x 24' garage 12.1' from the 81st St. r.o.w. per application. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

**Alcoholic Beverage Operator (Bartender)** application: Jacqueline L. Logsdon, Genoa City, WI - *Sit 'n Bull*; Kay A. Bydalek, Burlington, WI - *Local Folks*. Background check and alcohol server training have been met. Kelly Wilson moved approval and Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

**Reports - Correspondence - Announcements:**

- A. Chairman's report - none
- B. Road Report - Finishing Touches did salt on Sunday, November 23.
- C. Building Inspector Report - none
- D. Treasurer's Report for month of October - Andrew Lois moved and Kelly Wilson of the detailed report listing \$844,977.15 as October net worth. Motion carried.
- E. Other reports - Alan Kaddatz gave a report to Board, at Chairman's request, for the Implement of Husbandry issues. He said the towns of Salem and Burlington were using the option of not instituting any rules. It is not a problem now and ordinance can be created later if there is a problem. He said the rules stemmed from bigger farm equipment up north.

Chief Denko received a follow-up call from Charles Gonzales, American Transmission. Poles will be in same place as existing poles and will be wooden. Considering putting guard rails around the five poles located near the school. Nothing will be done for at least two years. Gonzales reassured the chief that ATC has an automatic shut off of the lines if the fiber optic breaks (pole down) or if they notice a problem with the fiber optic, they will manually shut off the power.

Election Report - 2025 voters to begin the day, 72 registered on site, 1395 voted of which 186 were absentee.

Town Hall doors - Clerk checked but should be spring job because block has to be cut. Kerkman Bros. did adjust the doors so there is not a gap and they close and lock better.

Snow shoveling at the town hall - current employee would like to be relieved when we can find someone. Tried three people but no luck yet.

Road improvement loan - final draw was made and funds transferred.

Tax letter approved by the board with the wording for the snow removal explanation.

Copy of the tax rates were handed out to the board. Tax bill totals are lower because the state put a lot of money in the tech school fund so levy was reduced. Schools also had slight decreases. Tax bills will be out shortly.

Spring Election notices were handed out. December 1 is the first day to circulate nomination papers and must be returned by 5 p.m. on the first Tuesday of January.

F. Correspondence – Charter Communications - cable provider for the Powers Lake area is increasing some of their rates.

The town received an ISO rating of three for the building inspection area of the ISO ratings that affect the homeowners insurance rates. This is only one part of the rating but it all helps.

G. Announcements – Town Office is closed for Thanksgiving – November 27 and 28, 2014

**Financial matters:**

- A. Purchase approval
- B. Other financial matters
- C. Auditor Letter of Engagement for 2014 Audit - Andrew Lois moved to approve and Kelly Wilson seconded a motion to approve the 2014 Audit for a price not to exceed \$9,500. Final cost came in lower for 2013. Motion carried.

D. Clerk's Report of November Expenses & Budget Review - Andrew Lois moved and Kelly Wilson seconded approval of the Clerk's Report listing expenses of \$57,845.89, checks #24321 thru #24409, dated October 3 - 31, 2014.

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:25 p.m. on a Glembocki/Wilson motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk