

TOWN OF WHEATLAND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

**WHEATLAND TOWN HALL
New Munster, Wisconsin
Monday, April 21, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

1. Meeting called to order by William Glembocki
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Town Board Members present – Chairman William Glembocki, and Supervisors Andrew Lois, and Kelly Wilson.
 - c. Notices were posted in six public areas and *Kenosha News* and *Westosha Report* were notified. Notice was posted on the town website and e-mailed to list of people who have requested town board meeting agendas. Legal notice was published in the *Kenosha News* on April 4, 2014.
 - d. Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, Treasurer Deborah Vos, Municipal Judge Fred Hewitt, Attorney Jeff Davison, Fire Chief Lou Denko, Alan Kaddatz, Jeff Butler, Brett Butler, and Rachelyn Hadad. Constable Robert Santelli at 7:35 p.m.
2. Approval of minutes of 2013 Annual Meeting and 2013 Budget & Special Town Meeting
Jeff Butler moved approval. Fred Hewitt seconded. Motion carried.
3. Chairman noted we will take the fire dept. report out of order because Chief Denko has to leave.
Fire Dept. report –
Chief Lou Denko reported the fire department has two new members, Dean Schotak and Mike Evans. They had 105 EMS/First Responder calls in 2013; three possible fire structure/fire structure calls; nine mutual aid; three fire alarm/CO alarm; four grass fire/burning violations; 14 vehicle accidents; and one misc./investigation for a total of 139 calls.
The total combined training hours for all members, including classes = 7,389 hours.
Regarding the proposed new tanker truck, they are still waiting for specs from two companies. Once they have something they will sit down with the town board and go thru them.
Fire Department Report was moved for acceptance by William Glembocki and second by Jeff Butler. Motion carried.
4. **Presentation of 2013 Financial Report** and approval of same. Chairman asked for any questions.
Jeff Butler asked about the constable's wages. Chairman said the amount was less because Constable Santelli had less hours.
Chairman Glembocki said the snow removal costs were high and the board has scheduled a meeting with the snow removal company to try to find ways to use less salt and cut down on hours.. Supervisor Lois said we will discuss waiting a bit before we send trucks out. Every snowstorm is different; so, cost management is difficult.
Chairman said the restricted accounts amount is less because the town hall roof replacement (pitched metal roof replaced flat membrane roof) was paid by the restricted town hall building account. New furnaces for the upper level and lower level of the town hall were also installed in 2013 but were paid from the regular town hall budget account as a maintenance item.
The public boat launch permit fee account has a balance of \$4,420.
Brett Butler asked why there was no amount in anticipated receipts for the water patrol. Did the program end? Clerk explained receipts in 2014 are for the previous year. There were few citations issued in 2013 which is one of the qualifiers for reimbursement. So \$0 was anticipated for 2014.
Alan Kaddatz moved to approve. Brett Butler seconded. Motion carried.
5. **Building Inspector report –**
Three new single family homes were permitted, one addition, three home remodeling/alterations, nine garages, 27 reroofs, two raze permits and various other permits for a total of 82 residential permits, two agricultural and one commercial. Total value was \$1,557,246 and fees collected total \$12,228.
Jeff Butler moved to accept the building inspector report. Fred Hewitt seconded. Motion carried.
6. **Municipal Court report –**
Judge Hewitt reported a drop in citations from 530 to 155 and thus the court went to one date a month. Citations have picked up and if necessary the court will go back to two dates a month. The court

instituted the Tax Intercept Program in 2013. The citation fees are collected from any income tax refund. Judge said the end of the four year court term is May 2015. Salary will come up in November for possible adjustment.

Jeff Butler asked how many years the squad is expected to last before needing replacement? Chairman said a squad replacement budget line was set up this last year for the 2014 budget. Supervisor Lois said with less miles being driven, the board hopes to have the squad last six years instead of four.

Alan Kaddatz moved to accept the report as printed. Jeff Butler seconded. Motion carried.

7. **Recreation Board report -**

Andrew Lois reported for the Recreation Board. He said we are looking at a machine to manicure the infield instead of using the 4-wheeler and drag. It is an all-in-one. The ball diamond is expected to be used four nights a week for leagues. Machines begin at \$16,000 but we are hoping to purchase a used machine for approximately \$6,000.

Drainage at the park continues to be a problem. Recreation Board has discussed running a pipe thru the outfield but that would be a job for the fall of the year.

Pavilion ceiling was installed. Food Stand painted and scoreboard replaced in 2013. Teams fees are \$300 payable to the Town before league play begins.

Jeff Butler asked if the basketball court would be fixed this year? He said two volleyball courts should be disbanded.

8. **Town Chairman report & comments -** Chairman said he contacted Senator Neal Kedzie concerning raising Hwy 50 in the stretch east of County Hwy "W" because of floods which then requires Hwy 50 to be closed. This causes all kinds of problems for the secondary roads.

Chairman said the town hopes to finish paving 368th Ave. this year and pave some of the short streets in Oakwood Shores. We've had to pave 368th in segments as funds become available. Not the best practice, but necessary. Any pot holes or signs down? He urged citizens to call the office.

He said ATC will coming thru with a new electric transmission line in the next few years. There are some differences of opinion on the route but the PSC makes the final decision. That decision should occur in 2015.

The town received a thank you letter from Kenosha County Sheriff's Deputy Friendly for participation in the DARE program.

The town board just this month passed an ordinance permitting the sale of fireworks in the town.

9. Old business – none

10. New business – none

11. The town board will set the annual Budget Hearing at a later date for October or November.

12. Jeff Butler moved to set the Annual Town Meeting for Monday, April 27, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. Alan Kaddatz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

13. Alan Kaddatz moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Brett Butler seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk