

AUGUST 11, 2014 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 11, 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, Chief Lou Denko, Building Inspector Tim Popanda, Randy Rieboldt, Brian Kerkman, Brad Lois, Ryan Syreini, Mike Herda, Chris Massie, Frank Lumm, Jerry Greil, and Mark Robers.

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.

The Minutes of the July 28, 2014 town board meeting were motioned for approval by Andrew Lois and second by Kelly Wilson. Motion carried.

- **Fire Dept. Report -**
Chief Denko said they've focused on preparing for the tanker and revising specifications.
- **Public Safety Report -** none
- **Public comments -** none
- **Resolution #5-2014 -** Amend 2014 Budget to increase the fire department budget an additional \$43,202 to provide funds for purchase of a new tanker truck

Chairman asked the Clerk to read Resolution #5-2014. Chairman said the chassis according to the purchasers agreement must be paid within 10 days of delivery to US Tanker. Chief Denko said the chassis is \$144,000 approximately. He also said the entire amount could be paid upfront and you'd save approximately \$2400 but US Tanker will not bond for the amount because it would cost them \$2500-\$2700 to provide bond but US Tanker did provide a Certificate of Insurance. Board felt too much risk without a guarantee on the money. Denko said we are saving \$9 or 10,000 up to \$18,000 by purchasing the Kenworth 2014 model year chassis. He said it's also possible by the time they build the chassis, it will be model year 2015. Andrew Lois questioned Denko saying he thought he didn't want 2015; Denko said it is 2016 when new federal emissions requirements are to be in place. Denko said it is 70 days to delivery. The truck will be driven locally during production by US Tanker.

Chairman said delivery of the finished tanker to the fire department is not expected until January 2015 so all of the actual money will not be disbursed until 2015 but the budget needs to be amended so the money is available before the board approves the purchase. He said the resolution states the \$50,000 restricted funds normally provided in the budget each year will be reduced in 2015 by the amount of \$43,202. If any money is realized from the sale of the current tanker, that amount will be placed in the fire department restricted truck fund. Fire Dept. members were in agreement.

Kelly Wilson moved approval of Resolution #5-2014. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Approve Fire Dept. Tanker Truck purchase from US Tanker Fire Apparatus LLC per specifications**

William Glembocki moved to approve the purchase of a Fire Dept. Tanker Truck per specifications approved by the Fire Department, from US Tanker Fire Apparatus LLC, Elkhorn in the amount of \$343,202. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

- **Resolve 312th Ave. ownership issue**

Chairman told the property owner, James Massie who was present, that it has been noticed that his name is on a parcel of land that is actually 312th Ave. According to our research, this happened when the subdivision was created and has been incorrect from the beginning. The town has been maintaining 312th Ave. and there are driveways that exit to this street. Massie brought in his deed and it does show the strip of land. He said he would like to keep the portion north of 71st St. that dead ends at the railroad track and which abuts the east side of his property. He said he has paid taxes on this each year.

Supervisor Andrew Lois noted he felt it would be appropriate for the town to refund the taxes he has paid. Chairman said we will need to contact our attorney for the process to correct the name but cut off the northern end and combine that with Massie's lot. He told Massie we would contact him when we have more information.

- **Pre-season meeting with snow removal company regarding plowing, salting procedures**

Chairman said the board decided to call this meeting to gain an understanding on salting procedures and how to save on the amount of salt that is used. We need to cut down on salt usage and need to come up with something. The snow removal has been outstanding but there is too much salt

used and it is costing the town too much money.

Tim Popanda, Village of Paddock Lake Administrator said if the board wants to cut down on salt they need to set parameters and then be ready to stand behind the parameter. He said Paddock Lake also has to meet DNR requirements for the sewer treatment plant and storm water standards and pay penalties on excessive chloride levels. It is in their best interest to cut down on salt used for snow removal because it eventually ends up in the plant and measured at outfall of sewer line.

Paddock Lake has used a combination of things which include: using birds eye for a filler with the salt (doesn't freeze like sand), requiring trucks plow snow off road and then go back with salt, saving salt for hills and intersections (level, short street should not require salt because if gets tracked from the intersections), identify which roads need more attention, calibrate the salt spreaders on the truck, use a wetting agent which makes salt more productive, and educating the truck driver and also the public as to why these procedures are necessary both to save money and the environment.

Popanda gave the board a copy of the policy and other information on salt usage. He did also say that if it is ice you are dealing with, then you just salt the heck out of it. That is a different ball game.

Brad Lois, Finishing Touches owner, said you are paying for truck time if you go back and salt after you plow. Supervisor Lois asked about the piles of salt that are seen at stop signs. Brad Lois explained their trucks don't have central hydraulics and if they don't turn off at a stop sign, the salt keeps pumping out. Brad Lois said he could look at a map and tell you the areas that require more salt.

Chairman said we need to find out the distance from an intersection that needs to be salted by state standards. We said we need to map the roads and suggested we either go out together and do that or everyone takes their areas and maps those. He asked the Clerk to provide a copy of Paddock Lake's policies to Brad Lois. He will again have this on the next agenda.

- **Approve Lilly Lake Boat Launch replacement project and authorize engineering for bidding process (WI Waterways Commission Grant was approved)**

Chairman said we have verbal approval and the board can go ahead to approve the project with the understanding the grant will be provided to pay approximately 50% of the cost. Brian Kerkman suggested the board look at the Chain of Lakes State Park for the launch installed there, pre-qualify bidders, and consider putting in a dry hydrant with the launch for the fire department to use to draw water.

Chief Denko said if the launch is long enough, they can float a dock and could get enough depth to draft clean water, if a dry hydrant is not provided.

William Glembocki moved to approve the Lilly Lake Boat Launch replacement project, subject to receiving the grant, and authorize Town Engineer Len Roecker to proceed with the engineering and bidding documents needed. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Advertising signs at New Munster Park - report**

Chairman said the recreation board chairman was providing that information and not available until the next town board meeting. It will again be on that agenda.

- **Used ball diamond lights for New Munster Park - consider and possible acceptance of offer**

Tim Popanda said he was inspecting at Westosha Central High School and the lights were discussed. He asked on behalf of the town what would be done with the lights and was told if the town takes down we can have them. He was aware we were discussing upgrading the ball park lights. He said they require 3-phase power, he thinks 208. The 70' tall metal poles are twice the height of the current ball park poles. There are six poles and suggested if you use three, sell the other three. He also suggested we talk to Westosha's Tim Merrill for a timetable and a contractor like Wanasek and see if we want to proceed. Board agreed to investigate.

- **High Street Subdivision street work**

1. Approve elimination of guard rail for the southwestern end of 373rd Court

Chairman Glembocki said guard rail was a part of the original road construction plans. The county highway director and the town engineer concur that a guard rail is not essential for this area (Town Engineer Len Roecker August 7, 2014 e-mail). Chevron warning signs were suggested instead. Chairman said it is a gradual slope down to the storm water pond which never has standing water.

William Glembocki moved to eliminate the requirement for a guard rail from the road construction improvements for the southwestern end of 373rd Court in High Street Subdivision. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

2. Approve final paving of subdivision streets (funded by developer's Letter of Credit)

Chairman said the town did call in the High Street Subdivision Letter of Credit last September and the \$110,000 was received. The final lift of blacktop and shouldering needs to be done to complete the subdivision road construction.

William Glembocki moved a motion to approve the Kenosha County Highway Department to pave a 2 inch hot mix overlay and shoulder the roads in High Street Subdivision with the exception of the stub end of 374th Ave. and install the chevron warning signs on the southwestern end of 373rd Court. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- **JUST LIVE, INC., 8003 328th Ave., Burlington, WI 53105 – Music Festival Fundraiser - August 31, 2014 at New Munster Park – 12 – 7 p.m.**

- Temporary Alcoholic Beverage Operator Licenses: next meeting

- **Alcoholic Beverage Operator (Bartender) applications:**

Thomas A. Johnson, Burlington - *Independent*, Patricia L. Poppe, New Munster - *Independent*

William Glembocki moved approval of Thomas A. Johnson and Patricia L. Poppe. Both have met the background check and beverage server certification requirements. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

- **Reports - Correspondence - Announcements:**

A. Road Report - discuss summer work proposals - Chairman said we need to wait until we have final costs for Trip "D" Karcher Rd/31st St. project before we make any further commitments. Clerk was authorized to purchase a temporary stop sign and tripod base to have on hand when a stop sign comes up missing or snapped off

B. Building Inspector Report & update on Fisher property - 5535 366th Ave. - report for next meeting. Chairman noted the Fisher property citation will be in the town municipal court on August 14.

C. Other reports - Clerk reported appointing Margaret L. Fosdick to serve as an election inspector for the Town of Wheatland beginning at the polls tomorrow.

Clerk reported the recreation director, Jeff Niederer, said there was vandalism damage at New Munster Park this past weekend. Constable and Kenosha County Sheriff are investigating.

D. Correspondence – Tom Slawski, SE WI Fox River Commission is requesting a time on the agenda to speak regarding the town agreeing to allow the Fox River Commission to expand into Wheatland's jurisdiction. Funding would then be available for river erosion control, etc. Board agreed to a presentation on August 25.

Clerk reported receiving a notice from the Wisconsin Department of Administration of a preliminary population estimate of 3,336 as of January 1, 2014. The 2013 estimate was 3,332.

E. Announcements – August 9 – Venetian Night & a movie on the beach (8 p.m.), "FROZEN" – sponsored by the Lily Lake Summerhaven Association

- **Financial matters:**

A. Purchase approval - Board agreed Clerk should check and provide the cost to replace the current election booths.

B. Other financial matters - none

C. Review and accept 2013 Audit of Town Financial Activity - The board reviewed the 2013 Audit Final Draft with the Clerk. Report showed no discrepancies. One thing that remains to be completed is a listing of general capital assets, including infrastructure which will increase the net assets of the town. William Glembocki moved to approve the 2013 Audit prepared by Andrea & Orendorff. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

D. Clerk's Report of July Expenses & Budget Review - next meeting

- **Adjournment**

Kelly Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk