

SEPTEMBER 22, 2014 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 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 Santelli, Bill Heeg, Kandi Horton, Tom Barr, Diane Barr, Jennifer Phillips, Val Jensen, Mary Ochoa Petersen, Marty McGinley, Darren Hillock, *WestoftheI* reporter.

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 September 8, 2014 town board meeting were motioned for approval by Andrew Lois and second by Kelly Wilson. Motion carried.

- **Fire Dept. Report -**

Chief Denko e-mailed a report. He is unable to be present because of an organizational meeting for the upcoming pancake breakfast. He thanked the "Just Live" group, on behalf of the fire department, for the generous contribution of \$2,800 after the fire dept. helped run the food stand for the Aug. 31st music festival. The fire dept. was glad to assist. The tanker chassis should be delivered around October 1. Assistant Chief Brian Kerkman and myself are meeting with US Tanker on 9/23/2014 to work out final construction details of the fire tanker. The fire department received a certificate of appreciation signed by Gov. Walker and Secretary Dave Ross for service to the community and involvement with the 2% Dues Program. Sue Birren, WI Safety & Professional Services, will be conducting a training for the fire inspectors and the national fire incident reporting system at the firehouse on October 3. The fire dept. is currently working on getting the firehouse software program up and running in order to generate call reports on a regular basis. There will be call reports for the town board soon.

- **Public Safety Report -** Constable Santelli said the insulation panels were removed by Fisher from her property.

Chairman Glembocki said he's had complaints about speeding in Slades Corners and asked Santelli to patrol. Santelli said it helps him if he knows the time of day.

Supervisor Wilson said Lilly Lake traffic is crazy in the 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. time period. Santelli said if he was working during that time, he would try to devote some patrol time there.

- **Public comments -** Diane Barr, 8100 328th Ave. asked why the October 14 special school referendum election could not have been combined with the November 4th election. The school needs to certify their levy before that date.

- **Wheatland Center School Referendum -** presentation from school committee member

Kandi Horton, 5528 381st Ave. said she is speaking as a parent, teacher and citizen. It is important that you know why the school is asking to increase the levy amount by \$625,000 for four years. She asked Marty McGinley, School District Administrator to present the facts. McGinley introduced Jennifer Phillips, a staff member and Mary Ochoa Peterson who is a school board member.

After the spring referendum failed, the board made budget cuts of \$200,000. Some teachers were not rehired or cut to 1/2 time, health insurance was cut and programs that would not affect students were cut. The goal was to have zero tax impact on the 2014 levy as they ask for an increase in the levy limit. They enlisted the help of other school business managers.

The school state aid has increased for 2014. This will result in more money coming into the district but this money has to be put against the state-imposed tax levy limit. In order to keep the same tax levy as last year, the district needs to have the levy limit amount raised. That is what they are requesting for four years, at which time the loan for the addition will be retired. The tax levy for 2014 would be the same as the 2013 property tax levy if the levy limit referendum question is approved.

The school has made some very positive improvements and they would hate to see this momentum stopped. Open enrollment has increased which is another financial positive. The annual meeting is tomorrow night and if anyone has questions, please contact him.

Responding to a question, McGinley said the school committee had not sent flyers to the entire populace. Mary Ochoa Petersen asked for the boards help in explaining to other voters the importance of this referendum to the future of Wheatland Center School.

Jennifer Phillips, 7223 368th Ave., said everyone at Wheatland Center is working for the kids. She intends to open enroll her children at Wheatland when she moves.

Chairman Glembocki thanked the school committee and school administrator for the presentation. He reminded everyone to vote October 14.

- Lilly Lake Public Boat Launch Replacement Project

- a. reject bids received at the 9/12/14 bid opening - Two bids were received for this cast in place concrete ramp: Corporate Contractors, Inc. at \$119,600 and Terra Engineering & Construction - \$134,995. The cost for the coffer dam (required to be able to pour the cast in place concrete) were \$60,770 and \$67,000 respectively. This was for 2014 construction. The alternate bid for 2015 construction was \$124,60 and \$137,035 with coffer dam at \$65,770 and \$68,000.

Chairman said we can request an adjustment from DNR because of the increased bid cost but there is no way to know if it would be approved or how much it would be increased until next April. The grant currently is for \$29,025. The coffer dam cost puts the cast in place construction out of reach.

Kelly Wilson moved to reject all bids because the cost exceeds the available funding. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. authorize project to be re-bid with alternate design - Chairman said the alternate design would be the articulated plank system, not requiring a coffer dam, and some other minor modifications favored by DNR. It would be for the 2015 construction season.

William Glembocki moved to authorize the project to be re-bid for 2015 construction using the articulated plank system and a few other minor modifications. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. authorize Town staff to work with WI DNR to request additional project funding - Andrew Lois moved to authorize Town staff to work with WI DNR to request additional project funding. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Alcoholic Beverage Operator (Bartender) application: Andrea L. Friedrich, Burlington-Dave's Saloon; Wendy L. Kowalski, Burlington - *Sit 'n Bull*; Rebecca L. Bear-Brister, Twin Lakes - *Wheatland Conv. Ctr.*; Joseph P. Johnson, Spring Grove - *Wheatland Conv. Ctr.*; Sophia P. Branen, Burlington - *River Valley Ranch*; Alison Lee Hambourger, Salem - *River Valley Ranch*

All six have met the requirements. Andrew Lois moved and Kelly Wilson seconded a motion to approve the above-listed six applications. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Reports - Correspondence - Announcements:**

- A. Chairman's report -

- B. Road Report - Chairman said he spoke to the engineer on the Karcher Road project and has not had satisfactory answers. There will be a joint meeting with the Town of Burlington on September 30th, 6 p.m. at the Burlington Town Hall to discuss the Karcher Road project.

Discuss summer work proposals - Chairman Glembocki moved to approve the Kenosha County Highway Dept. to pave and shoulder in Oakwood Shores (A) 314th in 7200 block to 75th, (C) 313th Ave. from 75th to 77th St., and in Lilly Lake (J) 331st Ave. and 73rd St. intersection for 90 ft. south of 73rd. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

- C. Building Inspector Report - none.

- D. Treasurer Report - listed August 31 net worth of \$949,005. Andrew Lois moved to accept. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

- E. Other reports - Clerk reported on September 11th ES&S election equipment demonstration held by the Kenosha County Clerk and it looks good. We would not get the equipment until next year. All of the county will be upgraded with this equipment.

- F. Correspondence – "Get Certified" - Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training - Location: Meijer, 7400 95th St., Pleasant Prairie for Nov. 17, 18th & 19th - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- G. Announcements –

- Oct. 14 Wheatland Jt. School Dist. #1 Referendum Election - polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

- Nov. 4 General Election - polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

- Wheatland Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, October 12, 7 a.m. – Noon at the Firehouse, 34011 Geneva Rd.

- Trick or Treat Hours for Wheatland – Sunday, October 26, 2 – 5 p.m.

- **Financial matters:**

- A. Purchase approval

- B. Other financial matters

- C. Clerk's Report of August Expenses & Budget Review - Andrew Lois moved to approve the Clerk's Report of August Expenses, checks #24177 thru #24247, August 18 - 31, 2014 in the amount of

\$48,593.53. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

- **Adjournment**

Andrew Lois motioned to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. William Glembocki seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,