

## SEPTEMBER 22, 2014 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:00 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, Brad Lois, and Bill Heeg.

Notices were posted in five 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.

- Public Comment - none
- Meet with snow removal service contractor to discuss snow removal procedures for 2014-15 season

Chairman Glembocki said the board called a special meeting to just discuss this issue because of concerns with expenses and questions from some residents. We need to figure out something with the amount of salt used. On hills and intersections we may need more salt but on the straight-away, less salt. Chairman talked to Kenosha Co. Hwy Director and they do not have a set policy because they need to adjust for weather, temperature, and weather forecast.

Chairman asked Brad Lois, owner of Finishing Touches Landscaping which is the private company that plows some of the town roads, if he had considered birds-eye and mixing it in with salt like Paddock Lake. Lois said Wheatland would have to mix this outside before they put the salt, delivered by Kenosha County Hwy Dept, in the salt shed. He is not familiar with birds eye and whether it freezes, etc. Trucking and storage could be an issue.

Chairman said county salt rate goal is 300# salt per lane mile. Lois doesn't have a truck with a gauge that calibrates the salt spreading but could do a test lane and calculate. Chairman said we can't have a plow spreading salt and then another coming behind and plowing that salt off the road. That has been an ongoing complaint as well as the piles of salt left at stop signs because the auger doesn't stop.

Chairman said he can talk to the county sheriff about calling when the plows need to go out and then he will call Brad Lois. Sheriff could call either of the two supervisors if the chairman was not available.

Brad Lois said they can do whatever the board wants but need the board to stand behind them when there are complaints from residents. Chairman said we can send out something with the tax bills that we are cutting down on the salt on level, straight road and focusing on intersections, curves and hills. Brad Lois said the board needs to stop people from pushing snow across the road and into the cul-de-sac. If one of his trucks hits a frozen pile of snow, there will be damage to the truck and he will be unhappy. Chairman said we can add "no pushing snow across road" to the tax letter.

Brad Lois felt salt availability could be an issue. His prices are way up and salt is scarce. Chairman said he believed the county will be supplying the town and that will not be an issue.

Chairman said better communication with Brad Lois, trying to use less salt, keeping salt from clumping on road, less salt so it doesn't go in Lilly Lake and waiting for snow to accumulate a little before starting to plow will be tried to keep expenses down. People need to help by slowing down. Temperature makes a difference also. It is a very difficult call because we do not want to jeopardize the safety of people using the roads.

Chairman asked that Brad Lois look into using birds-eye to mix with the salt and report back to him and he will report to the board. The salt/sand mix left in the shed from last spring may need to be pulled out to break it up, Chairman said, but it should be able to be used this year. (Salt shortage at end of season in spring and had to use salt/sand mix and shed about 1/3 full.)

William Glembocki moved to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk