

## **JANUARY 26, 2015 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Andrew Lois at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 26, 2015 at the Town Hall in New Munster and opened with the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Town Board members present –Supervisors Andrew Lois and Kelly Wilson. Chairman William Glembocki was excused. Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, Treasurer Deborah Vos, Constable Robert A. Santelli, Jr., Fire Chief Lou Denko, Building Inspector Tim Popanda, Mike Adam, Mark Seegers, Julie Seegers, Tom Carlson, William Heeg, and Jack Bobula.

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.

Minutes of the January 19, 2015 town board meeting was moved for approval as presented by Kelly Wilson and second by Andrew Lois. Motion carried.

**Fire Dept. Report** - Chief Lou Denko said the Corned Beef & Cabbage March fund-raiser will be rescheduled to March 16th if St. Alphonsus School is available. He also said a representative of US Tank will be at the February 9th meeting to explain the delay regarding the new fire truck and the cost if delay extends beyond June. There are four other fire departments under contract with US Tank and seven with Pirsch all having the same issue with the seat belts and the recording device.

**Public Safety Report** - Constable Santelli reported the squad emergency light box is not working but he has found a used light box in good condition, not being used by another agency. There will not be a cost to the town except for the installation.

**Public Comment** - Tom Carlson, 7829 336th Ave., Lilly Lake wants to keep chickens. No roosters and only for egg production. Supervisor Lois said this is not on the agenda so the board cannot discuss but we can place this on the next meeting agenda.

Mark & Julie Seegers, 7729 334th Ave. asked about open burning regulations. Response, you can burn clean, dry, natural materials. You are not allowed to burn garbage or any recyclable item such as newspapers which must be recycled.

### **Town sponsorship and expenses for water patrol officer re-certification -**

Constable Santelli said he does not have an answer from the 2014 water patrol officer, Collin Abbott as to whether he will come back this year. Abbot will need 24 hour recertification. Most departments do pay for the expense of recertification including time and class expenses. He would like to see Wheatland do that for Abbott.

Andrew Lois moved to approve the town paying for recertification including time and class expenses for recertifying Collin Abbott. This will only extend to Abbott and only if he is returning for the 2015 season. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

**Hire water patrol officer for 2015 season** - no action taken.

**Alcoholic Beverage Operator License:** Crystal Irene Diesel, Genoa City - *Sit 'n Bull*

Kelly Wilson moved approval of the application of Crystal Irene Diesel for an alcoholic beverage operator license. Background check and school certification requirements have been met. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

### **Memorandum of Understanding with Kenosha County - ES&S Election Equipment**

**Purchase** - Equipment cost for the DS200, DS Wireless Modem and ExpressVote units cost is \$9,550 and annual fees of \$335 for software licenses. This is a county-wide system including all towns and villages and the city. Kelly Wilson moved approval. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

### **Reports - Correspondence - Announcements -**

A. Road report – none

B. Building Inspector Report - Tim Popanda reported 96 permits for 2014 which included eight new single-family homes. Estimated value for the year was \$3,157,371. Fees collected totaled \$24,495. Inspector Popanda said he and the town attorney would be in Circuit Court on February 2nd for the long-delayed court case of the Town vs. Pamela Fisher regarding the condition of the unfinished home at 5535 366th Ave. He described some of the possible consequences depending on the judge's ruling and asked the board's opinion. The board did not have enough information to give an opinion.

C. Treasurer Report - Treasurer Deborah Vos reported November net worth of \$948,519.90 and December net worth of \$3,341,464.63. December included property tax collections. Kelly Wilson

moved approval of the detailed report as presented. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion approved.

D. Other reports – Set Spring Meeting - Lilly Lake Prot. & Rehab. District - The board set Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m. for the Lilly Lake Protection & Rehabilitation Spring Meeting at the Town Hall.

Clerk received notice the annual state inspection of the road salt storage site would be the week of Feb. 2. A town representative will need to open the site.

Kenosha News has requested the 2014 gross wage & salary totals, names and job titles of all town employees. There will be a county-wide newspaper article in a future edition.

TDS has notified the Town of Wheatland they will be offering the TDS video service in portions of the Town of Wheatland by approximately March 15, 2015. They would provide space for any public, educational and government channels the town operates. We have none. They will collect the 3% franchise fee from their customers and forward to the town on a quarterly basis.

Clerk will make copies for the board of information found during research on road microsurfacing. Chairman had indicated he wanted to discuss this at one of the March meetings.

**Financial matters:**

A. Purchase approval – none

C. Other financial matters - Marine Biochemist contract for 2015 lake weed control. Price per acre treated will be the same as 2014. Mike Adam, 7126 327th Ave. commented the weeds in the fishing and swim areas were not well-controlled last year. He also said milfoil can develop chemical resistance and they may need to change chemicals to control. It is not out of hand but needs attention. Clerk will make sure Marine Biochemists are aware of the concern. The amount billed is based acreage treated and if they come back a second time. Andrew Lois moved to approve the contract with Marine Biochemists and Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

**Adjournment -**

Kelly Wilson moved to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk