

## **DECEMBER 14, 2015 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2015 at the Town Hall in New Munster and opened with the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Town Board members present: Supervisor Andrew Lois and Kelly Wilson. Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, Treasurer Deborah Vos, Constable Robert Santelli, Building Inspector Tim Popanda, Fire Chief Lou Denko, Traci Denko, Phillip Kirsch, Bill Heeg, Brian Boeckenstedt, Heather Boeckenstedt, and *Westosha Report* reporter Jason Arndt.

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 November 23, 2015 Town Board Meeting were motioned for approval by Kelly Wilson and second by Andrew Lois. Motion carried.

**Fire Dept. Report** - Fire Chief Lou Denko made note of the death of long-time fireman, Gerald "Baldy" Lois. Chairman Glembocki called for a "moment of silence" in respect for the contributions from Gerald Lois in time, energy, and enthusiasm. He was a big part of the growth of the department and building of the current firehouse. Chief Denko thanked the Walworth County Fireman's Association (Wheatland is a member) who had assisted by loaning and delivering ceremonial items for the memorial. Members of the Wheatland F.D. with Bill Beetschen leading, participated in a ceremonial "last call" during the visitation. Chairman thanked Chief Denko for his lead in organizing a fire department final salute and display of respect.

Chief Denko said he had stopped at US Tank in Delavan to check on the new truck. The Kenworth 800 chassis is not inside yet but US Tank is assuring the fire department there will be an April completion and delivery of the truck. He said US Tank was not willing to sign a waiver for the 880 chassis seat belt "black box" recorder so that is why they could not supply the Kenworth 880 chassis.

Chief reported in January they are ordering aerostick for the back of the three fire trucks. It is a feature of the new tanker truck. The aerostick is a bright yellow light that flashes to the right or the left horizontally when activated at an accident scene. A fireman was recently killed at an accident scene in northern Wisconsin. This does alert drivers because there are so many other lights flashing. The cost is \$500 each.

The fire department did purchase four "green heart" (promotes organ donation), rectangular road signs with memorial money from the family of Samantha Russell. They are traffic grade reflective. Consensus was to install at the following locations: by the firehouse, on the Town of Wheatland sign at Geneva Rd. and Hwy 50, at the transfer station and at Wheatland Center School.

Chairman noted Fire Chief Denko has 30 years of service with the Town of Wheatland Volunteer Fire Dept. this year. He thanked him. Meeting participants gave Chief Denko a round of applause.

Chief also said "Pictures with Santa" at the firehouse went well. "Santa" also appears at the party Paul DeLuisa hosts for the foster children program on two separate nights.

**Public Safety Report** - Constable Santelli said the Board has the November Log. Tires on the squad. Slades Corners Auto disposed of the tires. Business as usual.

**Public Comments** - none

**Class B Alcoholic Beverage License Application** - Bella Vita LLC, Heather M. Boeckenstedt, Agent, 5200 Hwy 83, PO Box 771, New Munster, WI 53152 for "Bella Vita," 34816 Geneva Rd., PO Box 771, New Munster, WI 53152, Tax Parcel #95-4-119-031-0530 (currently held by Marino's Country Aire)

Clerk reported all forms completed, application was published three consecutive days November 30 and December 1 & 2 in the *Kenosha News* legal classified section, and Dennis Marino (Marino's Country Aire Inc.) has surrendered the license as of the date the new license for Bella Vita is approved. Heather Boeckenstedt said "Bella Vita" is Italian for *beautiful life*.

William Glembocki moved approval of the Class B Alcoholic Beverage License for Bella Vita LLC, Heather M. Boeckenstedt, Agent for 34816 Geneva Rd. per application. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Building Permit Fee Schedule Revisions** - Tim Popanda has researched fees from surrounding municipalities and presented four pages to the board that chart those comparisons. Wheatland has not increased permit fees since 2010. The permit fees he is proposing will be a 20% increase from 2010 and will apply to residential, commercial and agricultural. It lists things not previously charged such as \$50 for the house number and post, and increases the fees from 20¢ a sq. ft. for new single family home to 25¢ a

sq. ft. and small increases for all other categories. He priced permit for a new single family home construction of 2,380 sq. ft. living space, 1,870 other space, 2 full baths, kitchen, laundry, fireplace which will total \$2,395 in fees under this proposal compared to \$1,844 with the current fee schedule. Other municipalities he researched have not had a fee increase for five or more years and will likely be increasing their fees soon. Historically, Wheatland has been increasing fees about every five years.

Andrew Lois moved to approve the new fee schedule as proposed with the effective date January 1, 2016. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried. The board thanked the building inspector for the hours spent in researching and developing a new fee schedule for building permits.

**Building Inspector report** - Chairman Glembocki said we will take this out of agenda order so the inspector can leave. Building Inspector Popanda presented a yearend report listing ten new single family homes and a total valuation of \$4,660,167 and 122 total permits issued. Andrew Lois moved to accept the report. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Glembocki called a recess of the town board meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Chairman Glembocki called the board back into session at 7:10 p.m.

**Appoint Recreation Board members to a three year term:** Jeffrey Niederer & Andrew Lois - William Glembocki moved to appoint Jeffrey Niederer and Andrew Lois to a three year term on the Wheatland Recreation Board. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried with Andrew Lois abstaining.

**Appointment of Election Inspectors for the 2016-2017 term -**

Andrew Lois moved to appoint the following 16 residents to the election board for the 2016-2017 term: Rosella Wilson, Sandy Koehnke, Carol A. Kerkman, Gail Schaal, Mary Ehr, Lee Hill, Carol Lois, Carole McKenzie, Maggie Fosdick, Ruth Perry, Sandy Smith, Elaine Burke, Gail Lois, Ray Cates, Susan Longhway and Hilde Lumm. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

**Alcoholic beverage operator (bartender) license application:** Jacquiline L. Logsdon, Genoa City - *Sit 'n Bull*; Nikolina R. Shafer, Salem - *Dave's*, Andrea Jean Langley, Salem - *Local Folks*. William Glembocki moved a motion to approve the applications of Logsdon, Shafer and Langley as listed. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2015 - 011 to restructure our current promissory note** for road improvements at the same rate with BMO Harris and borrow additional money - Andrew Lois moved to adopt Resolution 2015-011. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

**Cancel the Monday, December 28, 2015 town board meeting** - William Glembocki moved to cancel the December 28 board meeting. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried. Clerk said the January 11th agenda will include beginning all town board meetings at 6 p.m. instead of the past practice of 6:30.

**Resolution 2015 - 012 - Approve posting locations and web site for legal notices** - Kelly Wilson moved to adopt Resolution 2015 - 012 with locations to be the Town Hall Office Lobby, the Transfer Station outside posting board, and the town website www.townwheatland.com. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

**Reports - Correspondence - Announcements**

- A. Road report – the state road certification was mailed.
- B. Treasurer's report - Treasurer Deborah Vos reported a November 30 net worth of \$755,156.60. Andrew Lois moved to accept the printed, detailed report. Kelly Wilson seconded. Carried.
- C. Clerk's report -

Clerk's Report - 12/14/2015	Item
DOJ inspection	DOJ compliance report - locked/secured facilities
Fox R. Com. Mtg	Meeting was 12/11/15 - remember we will need to appoint a commissioner if expansion is approved to include Wheatland.
Fox R. flood mapping project	Kick off meeting 12/18/2015, 10:30 a.m., Racine Co. Service Center, Burlington to introduce the process, timeline, and deliverables! RSVP

12/1/2015 WTA mg	WTA meeting @ Burlington - explanation of setup and procedures of DNR Board who are link between DNR staff and WI citizens. 2016 is 20th year for tri-county meeting usually held in Feb. District meeting scheduled for Whitewater (former Randy's) Mar. 5, 2016.
Conditional Use Permit	Request for a CUP for something that has not ever come up. Do we want to have it at Plan Com. And Town Bd or only Town Bd? CUP for a household stable. Owner already has an animal permit from the Town issued in August 2009 for up to three horses.
Work Comp Dividend	\$1,126 for Feb. 2 2014 - Feb. 8, 2015 -- no claims during that quarter. Next year, will not be that good with fireman's claim on June 21, 2015
2016 meeting start time	Do we want to change the meeting time beginning 2016 to 6 p.m. for town board and then maybe 7 p.m. for plan commission?
Public Launch Grant	Reimbursement application filed 12/10/2015
Closed bank tax money market	We've had a checking and money market account for tax purposes forever it seems. But BMO started paying interest on the tax checking account in Oct. 2012. There does not seem to be a reason to keep both accounts.
Lilly Lake fishing pier	section of pier chewed by muskrats in the past and repaired. Now chewed again and beyond repair per Joe Vozel. Look at it please. Stacked on beach. We should reorder in January for 2016 installation.
Room Tax changes - 2015 WI Act 55	Room tax changes will not affect Wheatland except we will have to file additional reports. We've paid 90% of collections to Kenosha Area Convention & Visitor's Bureau (formerly different name, same organization) since beginning in 1994. 2% to business collecting tax and retained 8%.

D. Other reports & correspondence - none

E. Announcements – **Holiday Hours**

- Town Office will be closed - **Christmas** – December 24 & 25, 2015;  
**New Year's** – December 31 beginning at Noon and January 1, 2016
- **Transfer Station holiday hours** – normal Wednesday & Saturday hours

**Financial matters:**

- A. Purchase approval - none
- B. Other financial matters - none

C. Auditor Letter of Engagement for 2015 Audit - Kelly Wilson moved to approve the Letter of Engagement for the 2015 Audit of the town's general fund. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

D. Clerk's Report of Disbursements - November 1-30, 2015 & 2015 budget review - Andrew Lois moved to approve the Clerk's report for November 1 - 30, Checks #25342 thru #25408 in the amount of \$142,960.71. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried. Clerk said budget report will be ready when end of month bills are paid.

**Adjournment** - Andrew Lois moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Kelly Wilson seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Sheila M. Siegler, Clerk