

## MAY 11, 2015 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 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. Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, Constable Robert Santelli, State Senator District 11 Stephen Nass and Fire Chief Lou Denko.

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 April 27, 2015 town board meeting were moved for approval as presented by Kelly Wilson and second by Andrew Lois. Motion carried.

**Fire Dept. Report** - Chief thanked Mary Daniels, Wheatland Willing Workers 4-H for being the force behind the successful blood drive held in conjunction with the fire dept. at the Town Hall on May 2, 2015. 24 units of blood were donated.

The Kenosha County Bike Ride, held the same day as the annual Dairy Breakfast which is at the Herda Farm in Wheatland this year, will begin across from the firehouse. It is June 20, same weekend as the fire dept. festival but the bike ride begins early and will finish before the festival begins. A porta potty will be set up outside the firehouse. They are advertising the dairy breakfast and fire dept. festival together. Chief has arranged for a rescue squad to be stationed at the farm. He asked for help in getting the posters distributed.

Chief Denko said he is working with the Oh Da Ko Ta Boy Scout Camp to set up signs in the campground directing emergency calls. The camp is located at the corner of Walworth, Racine, and Kenosha Counties and in the Town of Wheatland but a small portion is in the Town of Burlington. They have an agreement with 911 and Burlington Rescue to direct calls to Kenosha County 911. But they are all working together to make sure the residents of the campground receive emergency service no matter who is called.

Regarding the Hurst & TNT tool maintenance and certification. Last year they used 5 Alarm and TNT. This year and from now on it will be TNT for both. EIM has inspected and serviced all trucks except #6671 had no oil change. The safety inspection of the aerial ladder was done December 5, 2014 so it was not needed.

KSD Deputy Nicole Sorenson who lives in Somers has begun volunteering time with the Wheatland fire department.

Chief said he met with UST Fire Apparatus on Friday. The meeting was productive and agreement has been reached on all the items he was questioning. We have also had an approximate \$7,000 reduction in the total cost of the truck. He is now satisfied with the contract.

**Public Safety Report** - Constable Santelli said he had the squad detailed at Twin Lakes. He purchased 10 washes at a reduced price. The A/C only works intermittently. He is working with Uhen's Garage but if they can't repair he will contact Martin Garage, Union Grove who supplied the squad.

He has a court trial on the sex offender residency issue on Tuesday at 3 p.m. It was transferred to the Silver Lake Municipal Court.

Chairman Glembocki told Constable Santelli he would like more radar at Lilly Lake. Santelli said he has been patrolling in Lilly Lake and Powers Lake and other areas, not strictly traffic control. Chairman said the "no parking" on KD by the Park needs to be checked often. He's heard of three cars being parked there on the east side and wants it enforced before it becomes a habit again.

### **Public Comments -**

Kelly Wilson said the Music Festival will be Sunday, September 6, 2015, 12 - 7 p.m. It will again have the car show - art fair and magicians as well as live bands.

Chairman introduced State Senator Stephen Nass, our legislator for the 11th District. He and Senator Nass did a ride-thru on Hwy 83 and Hwy 50 prior to the meeting.

Senator Nass said State Representative Tyler August, 32nd District was occupied in Madison and unable to be present.

**Discussion and action: Resolution #2015 -- 002** - Request to the WI Dept. of Transportation to consider the present condition of S.T.H. 83 and schedule paving and drainage work for 2015

Chairman Glembocki said he asked Senator Nass to attend the meeting so he could see the issue first hand. Hwy 83 has a problem and it begins with the base products installed during the

reconstruction in 2004. It would now be a major project to correct so some consideration must now be given to getting the water coming up in the springs under the road drained to the ditch. As it is, the freezing just raises the pavement. This winter it had to be ground off and now needs repaving.

Resolution #2015 -- 002 was read. Kelly Wilson moved to adopt #2015 -- 002. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried. Chairman asked Clerk to mail copies to county and state officials.

Senator Nass was urged to support Senate Bill 118 which would eliminate the obsolete statute which limits the town to spending \$5,000 per road mile without additional elector approval at a special meeting. Some years that does not even cover snowplowing. Assembly Bill 161 is the assembly version and this has bipartisan support it seems. Senator Nass said he would be happy to look into this and support the bill if appropriate.

Chairman Glembocki thanked Senator Nass for attending the meeting.

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

- A. Road report – need to see where funds are first.
- B. Other reports - none
- C. Correspondence - none
- D. Announcements
  - May 9 – 10 a.m. – Lilly Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District Spring Meeting
  - May 16 - June 16 -- Public Boat Launch CLOSED at Lilly Lake for reconstruction
  - June 19-21 - Wheatland Vol. Fire Dept. Festival, Parade, Water Fights, Ball Games, Music, Food & Refreshment
  - 2015 Property Assessment Open Book - Aug. 13, 1 - 7 p.m. at Town Hall

#### **Financial matters:**

- A. Purchase approval

Chief Denko reported on the fire truck contract. It is now \$350,656 with the options the fire department requested. The town has \$343,202 budgeted. Chief said the fire department is picking up the balance from fund-raiser activities. Chief went over the changes and the discussion with UST. He said we are getting a \$4,651 value air ride as part of the chassis without an increase so the size of the cab is the difference between the new and original chassis which is 4" knee and 8" shoulder room.

If we pay for the chassis now, and our town attorney advises against this, we would not need to pay a \$3,256 financing fee. The board agreed we could not take the chance of the company going defunct and losing the chassis payment (town attorney's concern) so the total cost would be \$353,912.

The fire department will pick up the difference between \$353,912 and the budgeted \$343,202 using fire department fund-raising funds.

Clerk is still waiting for an answer from the town attorney regarding a question he had regarding the tank warranty. An answer was sent back to him in that UST does not guarantee the tank. The name listed as the company holding the guarantee is the manufacturer of the tank. So, this contract is still pending his approval.

Chief said the fire department needs to buy two 2100 gallon Fold-a-Tank or Husky portable tanks at approximately \$3,000 each. On a motion by Andrew Lois and second by William Glembocki, the board approved the purchase of the two 2100 portable tanks with the funds coming from the fire department budget but once budget is exhausted, they are on their own. Motion carried. Chairman warned the fire chief when the budget is gone, that's it. There is no more.

Andrew Lois moved approval of the contract listing \$353,912 as the total which includes the financing charge of \$3,256 with the town paying \$343,202 and the fire department picking up the balance using fund-raiser funds pending Attorney Davison's approval regarding the warranty. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

B. 2015 - 1st Qtr Budget vs Actual Report and need for budget amendment. Board discussed fire department, parks, and road budgets and expenses but this will be taken up at the next meeting because of lack of time.

- C. Other financial matters - none

Chairman said to consider June 13 as a date for the annual road tour. Everyone should check their calendar.

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on a motion by William Glembocki and second by Andrew Lois.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk