

## **MARCH 14, 2016 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2016 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, Assistant Fire Chief Brian Kerkman, Jack Bobula, Bert Robers, Lillian Robers, and *Westosha Reporter* Jason Arndt.

Notices were posted in two public areas (Town Hall and Transfer Station) 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 February 22, 2016 Town Board Meeting were motioned for approval by Kelly Wilson and second by Andrew Lois. Motion carried.

**Fire Dept. Report** - tanker truck now projected for May 15 delivery. Clerk reported Chief Lou Denko and Assistant Fire Chief Brian Kerkman have stated they are against removing the north and south stop signs because they feel it will cause an accident.

**Public Comment** - none

**Tabled 1/11/2016 - Class B Alcoholic Beverage License Application - Ray's CAP LLC**, Raymond N. Weis, 36525 57th St., Burlington, WI 53105 for "Ray's Change A Pace," 34814 Geneva Rd., - Tax Parcel #95-4-119-031-0530 (currently held by Last Chance West, Inc.)

Chairman said this remains tabled.

**Request for a "Cattle Crossing" sign to be installed on 376th Ave.** south and north of the Robers farm located at 3401 376th Ave.

Lillian Robers, 233 Origen St., Burlington, WI 53105 said they are requesting the "cattle crossing" sign because they feel it would make the road safer for the drivers, for the farmer, and for the animals. There have been a couple of accidents there.

Chairman asked if they have someone posted on the hill to alert drivers when they move the cattle across the road. Bert Robers said he can't say someone is always there. It is a small number of animals that need to go from the farm site with the buildings to the pasture on the west side of the road.

Supervisor Andrew Lois said the board is just trying to have the road safer and trying to save lives by posting the sign.

Chairman Glembocki said Town Engineer Len Roecker reviewed the request and provided information stating the required sight distance is 500 ft. for 55 mph and 360 ft. for 45 mph. Chairman noted the speed limit is 45 mph but not everyone observes that. He also consulted the town attorney about liability and was told to follow the town engineer's recommendation.

Supervisor Kelly Wilson said she is in favor of the signs. It should make it safer. If drivers aren't paying attention, the sign is there to remind them.

There was discussion of the type of sign and wording. 500 feet ahead and an image of a cow were agreed to by the board.

Supervisor Lois moved to approve the installation of two "cattle crossing" signs 500 ft. from each side of the crossing for northbound and southbound traffic with signs consisting of an image of a cow and the wording "500 feet ahead." Supervisor Wilson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bert and Lillian Robers are aware they will be billed for the signs and installation.

**Request to Kenosha County to remove the north and south stop signs at the intersection of Hwy "O" (368th Ave.) and Geneva Rd. and replace the current stop signs located on the east and west sides of the intersection with flashing, lighted stop signs**

Brian Kerkman, Assistant Fire Chief, was present to state he and Chief Lou Denko believe the stop signs should remain. They want to keep it a four-way stop and feel removing them could cause an accident.

Chairman said he recognizes the concerns stated by the Fire Chief and Assistant Chief but also feels people are running the stop sign now and that could be a cause for an accident. He had a van go thru a stop sign as he was about to go thru the intersection just this past week. Others have told him about similar experiences.

He spoke to the Kenosha County Highway Director Gary Sipsma who thought the 4-way stop at this intersection were set up to be temporary and the signs should be removed. Sipsma felt solar-powered flashing stop signs on the east and west sides of the intersection, if requested by the town board, would be approved at the county's cost because County Hwy "O" intersects with a town road.

Supervisor Andrew Lois said he has had the same experience as the chairman with vehicles

going thru the intersection right in front of him. It will also be better for the school buses going thru this area many times a day.

Chairman said he appreciates the concern expressed by the fire department but feels it is better to remove the north/south stop signs. The board will request signs to be installed such as "two-way stop," "Hwy O traffic does not stop," "dangerous intersection," "changed traffic pattern," etc. He will also ask the sheriff's department and the town constable to keep a close watch here and write citations for "10 over." We believe the speed limit is 35 mph but will ask for that if it is a higher mph limit.

Supervisor Kelly Wilson moved a motion to ask Kenosha County to remove the north and south stop signs at the intersection of CTH "O" and Geneva Rd., to install solar-powered flashing stop signs for east and west traffic, to request signs be installed such as two-way stop, Hwy "O" traffic does not stop, dangerous intersection, changed traffic pattern, etc. and to make sure the speed limit is 35 mph all the way to "50" and if not, to request it be changed to 35 mph. Supervisor Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration and possible approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Salem to operate a 2016 Lilly Lake Water Patrol**

Chairman explained the Town of Salem was willing to administer and provide an officer for the water patrol on Lilly Lake this year. Citations would be run thru the town court, we would furnish a PWC, we would receive any DNR reimbursements for the operation of the patrol (68% approximate), and we would receive coverage on weekends and holidays. Board members indicated they were in favor. A resolution will be prepared for consideration at the next town board meeting.

**Reports - Correspondence - Announcements**

A. Road report – Chairman said the centerline is coming off in spots on Geneva Rd. where we had applied the slag seal coating last year. It is likely from the snowplow and perhaps something we should expect from this type of surface. Board members agreed the surface held up pretty well.

B. Chairman's report - none

C. Clerk's report

<b>Clerk's Report - Mar. 14, 2016</b>	<b>Item</b>
Snowplowing complaint	3/2/16, 3:25 p.m. - Steve Butkowski - High Street Sub. 5603 373rd Ct. complained again about the snowplowing - I think 3rd time. I gave him Chairman's name and phone number so he could talk right to the boss.
Deer Kills	3/2/16, 11:10 a.m. - Jason Freitag, KCHD called to report DNR no longer contracting with a private company to pick up deer kills. They will still do the state roads but no town or county. County is intending to drag the deer to the backside of the closest ditch and leave it to the varmints. In a populated neighborhood, they will pick it up and take it to their dump. If we want, we can send in a work order and they will do the same for us.
fishing pier repair	Austin Pier quote \$1,100 plus \$150 delivery charge unless we want to pick up. Summerset Marine quoted \$1,136 plus \$300 delivery. Ordered from Austin 3/4/16 after consult with Chairman.
Senator Ron Johnson representative	3/4/16 - 3 pm - Senator Ron Johnson's representative, Tawsif Anam, met with clerk and treasurer at town office. Issues, problems, contact Senator's office. Tawsif is a Medicare specialist if there are problems in that area.
376th Ave. shoulder	Paleka mailbox (3837 376th) hit 4x this winter. KCHD out there and can't move mailbox because mail person won't deliver if gets too close to drop off. Paleka may have extra fill to build up shoulder if he does work in his yard and driveway. We need to meet with Paleka and KCHD Glenn or Jason.
33105 76th St.	Tom Kaczmarek, Jr., 33105 76th St., complained about the ditch line and culvert being filled with run off/erosion and damage to the asphalt along the roadway from the utility

	work.
Fisher Court Case	Chase Bank requesting court to authorize contractor and appraiser along with town building inspector to enter home to assess property as to what is needed to complete and the worth of the building.
Water crossing thru their lot	7509 313th Ave. complaining water from 7503 running across their driveway due to lot site was built up when house was constructed and they have no ditch or culvert.
Transfer station RFP	Contract up with Advanced 5/15/2016. See RFP document. Date for return???
Lilly Lake water level gauge	Mike Adam installed. Can you do a beginning reading?
Rezone withdrawal	Plan Commission was scheduled for Rob & Mary Ochoa-Petersen rezone petition. It has since been withdrawn. P.C. mtg only if Vanderwerff provides information for his proposal in time to schedule 3/28/16 meeting.
K.C.Hwy Dept	KCHD does fix signs they knock over in snowplowing at their expense if they are aware of knocking them down.
Fire Dept. report	February call report for fire and 1st responder service

Chairman said he did hear from Butkowski and explained it was his fault Finishing Touches did not plow in the last snowstorm until late. He told Finishing Touches to wait until the storm had quit. Not supposed to be much and melting the next day.

Board agreed to let the county know we want them to take care of dead deer the same way they are for county roads.

Have Austin Pier deliver the new section. We can't pick up for \$150.

Clerk will remind the utilities that property owners are expecting more restoration.

Chairman will meet with highway dept. and Paleka to determine what can be done regarding building up the shoulder.

Board decided to have garbage/recycling RFP proposals back by Wednesday, April 20th for the April 25th meeting.

Chairman will check the elevation for the Lilly Lake water level gauge when he has a chance.

D. Correspondence

E. Other reports - Andrew Lois and Kelly Wilson asked about enforcing the requirement that alcohol-licensed premises be open for business a certain amount of time. *The Sly Fox* has not been open. Chairman Glembocki will contact the owner.

F. Announcements -

- Fire Dept Corned Beef/Cabbage fund-raiser, St. Alphonsus School - March 14, 4-8 p.m.
- Lilly Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District Spring Meeting, May 7, 10 a.m.
- April 5 Presidential Preference & Spring Election - Polls open at Town Hall 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

**Financial matters:**

A. Purchase approval – Board discussed options for audio-visual for board meetings. Clerk is to bring a proposal to the board for a 65" TV and software/laptop to be able to access county records and also power point presentations with a budget up to \$3,000.

B. Other financial matters - Received a late bill from Kenosha County for transfer station asphalt paving because they received late. That will be a 2015 budget expense but paid in 2016. BMO refunded \$436.56 of the closing cost for restructuring the road loan.

C. Clerk's Report of Disbursements February 1 - 29, 2016 & Budget Report - Andrew Lois moved approval of the February disbursements in the amount of \$114,050.66, check #25548 thru #25626, February 1-29, 2016. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m. on a motion by William Glembocki and second by Kelly Wilson.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk