

OCTOBER 16, 2017 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 2017 at the Town Hall in New Munster and opened with the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Town Board members present: Supervisor Andrew Lois and Supervisor Kelly Wilson. Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, and Constable Robert Santelli.

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.

Budget Workshop for the 2018 town budget

Constable Santelli presented a list of equipment that would be needed for a new squad car. The \$12,500 was a middle of the road estimate and included a LED lite bar, video camera, control box server to store video and computer. If the cage could be used in the new squad it would save \$1,000. A gun rack would be \$300 - \$400 but again the current one possibly could be used.

New squads are required to have a push bar on the front grill and the siren located behind the grill. Graphics would be additional. We have \$20,000 currently in the fund. He would look at the state bid and then ask for a dealer to match the price. He thought a squad would be mid \$20,000 and an SUV upper \$20,000. There is currently 96,000 miles on the squad. He currently has money left in this year's budget. Provided the board intends to purchase a squad in 2018, he could begin to buy some of the equipment with this year's budget.

The board discussed keeping the constable budget the same but increasing the squad replacement amount from \$5,000 to \$45,000 and using the \$20,000 in the reserve fund to partially offset this cost.

Note: The board members, clerk and constable took a few minutes and went outside to check the exterior of the building and the cement retaining wall which needs repair while there was daylight. Chairman will try to find someone who does cement repair work. If the stairs had to be removed, constructing a wood deck outside the west, upper exit door, and replacing the steps was a possibility.

The board went over other budget items. Budget total comes to \$1,200,761. The board agreed the clerk should change the levy amount to add the unreimbursed flood expenses for garbage dumpsters, etc. of \$8,600 if Dept. of Revenue allows the levy increase and decrease the reserve/carryover funds by the same amount.

Finalize 2018 budget for presentation to electors at budget meeting

Andrew Lois moved to approve a balanced budget of \$1,200,761 for presentation to electors at the budget meeting with the Clerk increasing the amount of the property tax levy \$8,600 if WI DOR allows this. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Set date for Budget Hearing

William Glembocki moved to set November 6, 2017, 7 p.m. for the 2018 public hearing on the budget. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Call a Special Town Meeting of Electors pursuant to Section 60.12, Wis. Stats. to immediately follow the town budget public hearing to adopt a 2017 town general tax levy and street light district levies to be paid in 2018 pursuant to Section 60.10 (1) (a) Wis. Stats.

William Glembocki moved to call a Special Town Meeting of Electors to immediately follow the town budget public hearing for the purpose of adopting a 2017 town general tax levy and street light district levies pursuant to Section 60.10 (1) (a) Wis. Stats. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence and Announcements -

- Wheatland Volunteer Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, October 22, 7 - 11 a.m. at the Firehouse, 34011 Geneva Rd., New Munster
- Halloween "Trick or Treat" - Sunday, October 29, 2 - 5 p.m.

Adjournment

William Glembocki moved to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk