

## **FEBRUARY 6, 2017 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 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, Constable Robert Santelli, Fire Chief Lou Denko, Brian Kerkman, Alan Kaddatz, Bill Heeg, and Dean Luke.

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 January 30, 2017 Town Board Meeting were motioned for approval by Kelly Wilson and second by Andrew Lois. Motion carried.

Chairman Glembocki stated this is out of order of the meeting but he asked Dean Luke to talk to the board about creating a RFP for town hall exterior work and window and door replacement and this is to accommodate Dean Luke who has a prior commitment. Dean Luke wants direction from the board as to what work is being contemplated. Board agreed we have been discussing the following:

1. exterior town hall walls -
  - strip off the stucco and insulation down to the block wall
  - remove the chase for the old siren post on the east side of the building
  - repair block as necessary and install insulation and "smart board" siding
  - install a veneer brick halfway up the west wall and the southwest side of the building
2. cement work -
  - remove cement in upper parking area and cement/block retaining wall, cement stairs along west wall, cement sidewalk along west and south side of building
  - remove railings
  - install new retaining wall, cement upper parking area and cement sidewalk along building (allow space between building and sidewalk and raise sidewalk to eliminate (if possible) step-down from door and direct drainage away from building) and replace railing on the upper west-side parking area.
3. replace all windows in lower and upper areas of the town hall
4. replace two exterior, lower level, west-side doors

Dean Luke said he would write up a proposal for the board to review and use for seeking bids for the work possibly for the February 27 meeting. It was also noted there is still an old, oil tank buried on the west side of the building. Tank was abandoned according to DNR requirements with slurry sand.

Keeping the building open for business once the project begins will be an issue. We need to consider ways to minimize the impact.

**Public Comments** - none

**Public Safety Report** - none

**Fire Dept. Report** - working on installing the hydraulic lifts for the porta tanks for the tanker truck. They have to fabricate mounting plates. Before they install, the truck has to go back to US Tank for two corrections. They are also trying to get the generator installed. They are passing on the corn beef and cabbage fund-raiser this year. Too many fund-raising activities are straining the members time. In May, they are coordinating a mass casualty (active shooter drill) training with Swat, medical control, sheriff's dept, and fire chief's association. The fire department is hosting and training emergency first responders to respond to school calls. They have two teachers and a bus driver so far and will keep some equipment at the school for school calls. They would be volunteer members of the fire department who happen to work at the school, under the umbrella of the fire department and thus covered by the town insurance.

Regarding the fire department long range plans for the firehouse. We need to think of the future use and such items as a training room, activity room, weight room, and meeting room. The firehouse is in a good central location and located with quick access to Hwy 50 so in the future, it will continue to meet the needs of the community.

There are many issues with the current firehouse such as space, storage, moisture in the building that corrodes the equipment and other items. There is no point putting money in the firehouse for the doors and correcting the drainage problems if there are plans for something new in the near future.

Chief Denko said they are working on improving the ISO rating from a "9" to a "6" which would save people several hundred dollars on their homeowners insurance according to one estimate. One day

seminar in April relates to lowering the ISO rating and Chief Denko plans to attend. Board members are invited. That would help with justifying the financing for the firehouse building. They've looked at area firehouses recently constructed or renovated. Town of Burlington's architect for the Bohners Lake station is the person working with them. The cost of that firehouse was \$865,000. He is with the Kueny architectural firm. The architect was unable to be present and did not have any sketches ready. He should have ready by the February 27th meeting.

Chief Denko stated \$1M amortized over 20 years for the 1,342 homes in Wheatland at a 3% municipal rate, comes out to around \$50 a year for 20 years for each homeowner.

He asked if the board had any plans for a public works building. If so, that should be incorporated into the plans. Chairman said if the town does hire a public works person, that person will be required to be able to respond to medical and fire emergencies as part of the fire department.

**Tabled 1/30/2017 -- Lilly Lake Water Patrol options for 2017**

Chairman announced the person he had in mind for a water patrol officer is not interested. Clerk said that at the board's request, she had contacted the water patrol officer from two years ago and he has not responded.

Clerk said the Town of Salem (soon to be the Village of Salem Lakes) has now offered to provide water patrol this year. Board directed the clerk to contact Salem and obtain more information on cost. Supervisor Lois said we should have the Salem safety director, Dave Shortess, attend a meeting.

Chairman will speak to Recreation Plus and explain the water patrol issue and that we may or may not need to participate in the Yamaha law loan program this year.

**Alcoholic beverage operator license (bartender): Lee A. Bieneman, Burlington - Sit 'n Bull**

William Glembocki moved to approve a license for Lee A. Bieneman subject to the backgrounds check. Second from Andrew Lois. Motion carried.

Clerk noted the person denied by the board in December for a bartender license did not bring in the information that she said would allow the board to approve a license.

**Reports - Correspondence - Announcements**

- A. Road report – none
- B. Chairman's report - none
- C. Clerk's report - Fire Pitt's application for a Class B license for the former *Sly Fox* has been withdrawn at this time. There are issues with the sale.

Clerk said there is a Recreation Board meeting anticipated for March 6.

Board directed clerk to send card and flowers to Jack Bobula who is recuperating from surgery.

Clerk said Bruesewitz Plumbing did "camera" the line from the unisex (handicapped) bathroom to the main line leaving the building. They did not find anything amiss other than a slight drop in the line at one spot. But since then, there has not been any more issues reported.

**Clerk's Report -February 6, 2017 Town Board Meeting**

Subject	Item
Fire calls	January report received from the fire dept. of fire and first responder calls.
Fox R Com.	Meeting at Town of Vernon Fire Station Friday, Feb. 17, 2017, 1 p.m. for the Southeastern WI Fox River Commission Meeting.
Todd Terry law firm	Notice from Todd Terry, Wheatland Municipal Court Prosecutor that he has formed a new law firm with Greg Guttormsen - Guttormsen & Terry, LLC.
WIIAOA	New organization for independent assessing officers association. Asking for town to join and pay annual fee. <b>(Note: Board not interested.)</b>
Tri-County Annual Meeting	20th Annual WI Towns Association Tri-County meeting at Parkway Chateau on February 23, 5:30 p.m. <b>(Note: all board members will attend.)</b>

GIS to keep track of street signs, etc.	New system to keep track of signs, culverts, light poles, etc. using a GPS handheld device. Endpoint Solutions. Might be worth investigating. <b>(Note:</b> board directed clerk to investigate further. Chairman asked about purchasing the metal detector and advised clerk to proceed with purchase.)
Ag Seminar	Wisconsin Agricultural Community Seminar endorsed by WI Towns Ass'n - Feb. 21, WI Dells. Pre-register if interested.

D. Correspondence - Chairman noted the board has a copy of a letter from Barbara Stankiewicz to Building Inspector Tim Popanda. She is disputing that there were any improvements on her property that require a building permit. Chairman said that obviously there are major changes that require a permit and we need to follow up on this. He will tell Building Inspector to proceed with enforcement; whatever it takes.

E. Announcements-Spring Primary Election, Feb. 21, Polls open at Town Hall 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

**Financial matters:**

A. Purchase approval –

B. Clerk's Report of Disbursements - January 1-31, 2017 William Glembocki moved approval of the Clerk's Report listing expenses of \$107,797.94, checks #26388 to #26441, dated January 1-31. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

C. Other financial - none

**Adjournment** - William Glembocki moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk