

TOWN OF WHEATLAND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

**WHEATLAND TOWN HALL
New Munster, Wisconsin
Monday, April 24, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

1. Meeting called to order by William Glembocki
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Town Board Members present – Chairman William Glembocki, and Supervisors Andrew Lois, and Kelly Wilson.
 - C. Notices were posted on the town website, at the town hall and at the transfer station. *Kenosha News* and *Westosha Report* were notified. Notice was also e-mailed per state statute to list of people who have requested town board meeting agendas.
 - D. Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, Treasurer Deborah Vos, Municipal Judge Fred Hewitt, Constable Robert Santelli, Fire Chief Lou Denko, Attorney Jeff Davison, Alan Kaddatz, Brett Butler, Rachelyn Hadad, Connie Johnson and *Westofthe!* reporter Darren Hillock.
2. Approval of minutes of 2016 Annual Meeting and 2016 Budget & Special Town Meeting
Brett Butler, 6220 373rd Ave. moved approval. Robert Santelli, 6802 Fox River Rd. seconded. Motion carried.
3. Town Board officers recently elected for a two-year term were introduced: Chairman William Glembocki and Supervisors Andrew Lois and Kelly Wilson, Town Clerk Sheila Siegler, Town Treasurer Deborah Vos, and Town Constable Robert Santelli. Judge Fred Hewitt was also present. He has a four year term of office which will expire in 2019.
4. Presentation of 2016 Financial Report and questions:
 - Alan Kaddatz, 6300 396th Ave. asked about the \$874.92 Ag Conversion Penalty. Clerk explained the penalty is collected by the county treasurer when a property is converted to a residential use and the property had previously received ag-use value assessment (thus reducing his property tax bill). The assessor notifies the county treasurer and the penalty is charged to the owner who actually converts the use to residential. Once the county collects the penalty, 50% is forwarded to the town.
 - Chief Lou Denko, 38601 31st St. asked if the \$54,000 DNR grant received in 2015 was for the public boat launch. Chairman said it was.
 - Denko also asked if the legal fees of \$26,153 were in part due to the sex offender court case and appeal. Chairman responded it was and we still do not have a ruling on the appellate court appeal.
 - Fred Hewitt, 5008 368th Ave. asked about the \$6,894.56 Animal Control amount. Chairman said it is for Clawz and Pawz who pick up animals and Kenosha County Humane Society (Safety Harbor) who house picked up animals. Attorney Davison said you are now required to have a certified humane officer and it is costly even if there are few animals picked up.
Alan Kaddatz moved to accept the 2016 Financial Report as presented. Fred Hewitt seconded.
Motion carried.
5. Fire Dept. report - Fire Chief Lou Denko reported 50 fire calls in 2016, 182 EMS calls, 17 Fire & EMS calls. Chief Denko said EMS calls were the highest increase. Combined totals showed a 31 increase.
Fred Hewitt moved to accept the fire department call summary. Brett Butler seconded. Motion carried.
6. Building Inspector report - Listed 145 permits which included 14 new single-family homes, four commercial permits and two raze permits, \$5,317,682 in value, and \$51,975 in fees collected.
William Glembocki moved a motion to accept the 2016 Building Inspector Report. Alan Kaddatz seconded. Motion carried.
7. Municipal Court report - Judge Hewitt reported the court had 158 cases for 2016 and an 88% collection rate. He said court is averaging 30 - 40 tickets each time with average of 15 showing up at court. The court is using the state tax intercept program to collect unpaid fines. Fine and citation statistics are listed in the report.

Lou Denko moved to accept the 2016 Municipal Court report. Alan Kaddatz seconded. Motion approved.

8. Recreation Board report - Brett Butler reported for the recreation board. He said parks are looking pretty nice at this point in the season. They completed the drainage project across the New Munster Park ball diamond in 2016. Removed the long yellow shed along the 1st base side and filled in the spacing with fencing. LED security lights were installed on New Munster Park storage shed, pavilion, food stand and scorer booth. One of the fishing pier float sections damaged by muskrats was replaced at Lilly Lake Public Beach. We continue to use the Kenosha County Health Dept. to collect and test the swim area water at the public beach.

Andrew Lois said the LED security lights seem to have helped the vandalism that was experienced at the park last summer.

Andrew Lois moved to approve the Recreation Board report as presented. Rachelyn Hadad, 6220 373rd Ave. seconded. Motion carried.

9. Town Chairman report & comments - Chairman said roads are in sad shape but they cost money and we have a small budget to work with for paving. He also said the fire department is looking at future building needs.

10. Old business - Alan Kaddatz noted the slag sealing done on Geneva Rd. in 2015 seems to have held up well and hoped the board would look at that for other roads. Chairman said it is possible to add another coat to this stretch. Andrew Lois commented the sealing was about \$35,000 and over \$225,000 for mile of paving. It was worthwhile to extend the pavement life for a few years.

11. New business - Chairman said the board is considering updating the town hall exterior, windows and a door plus cement work on upper parking level, stairway, sidewalk and ramp, well casing cut-off, door blocked off, etc. We are still getting prices so cost is unknown, could be \$50,000 - \$110,000.

Robert Santelli moved a motion to authorize the town board to upgrade the town hall exterior, doors, windows, cement, etc. Connie Johnson, 3803 348th Ave. seconded. Motion to approve was unanimous.

12. Set annual Budget Hearing – Chairman said the date will be set by the town board for late October or November.

13. Set annual Town Meeting – Monday, April 23, 2018, 7 P.M.

Alan Kaddatz motioned to set the 2018 Annual Meeting date for April 23, 2018, 7 P.M. Brett Butler seconded. Motion carried.

14. Adjournment - Alan Kaddatz motioned to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Fred Hewitt seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk