

AUGUST 2, 2018 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 2, 2018 at the Town Hall in New Munster and opened with the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Town Board members present: Supervisor Andrew Lois and Kelly Wilson (5:25). Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, Town Attorney Jeff Davison (5:45), Fire Chief Louis Denko, Assistant Fire Chief Brian Kerkman, Brian Boeckenstedt, Clem Stein, and Tim Fikkert.

Notices were posted in three public areas (Town Hall, Post Office 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.

Public comments -

Clem Stein III, 5700 312th Ave., Salem, WI to waive the requirement for a sprinkler suppression system for his "events barn"

Clem Stein's architect, Tim Fikkert explained that Act 137, adopted April 2018, was enacted and the code put in state statutes. It relates to rural situations where municipal water supply is not available. This building has a 300 seat occupancy. They are asking the town board to approve the fire chief and building inspector to sign a position statement. He said it is more so the state knows the local entities are aware of there being no sprinkler system.

He explained the position statement - SPS 362.0903(18) Buildings Without Access to Municipal Water (a) Exemptions and (b) Building types and occupancies. Under (b) there are 4 categories. Clem Stein's category would be A Group A-2 occupancy banquet hall etc. They would keep the occupant load to 300 people.

There was much discussion. Chairman said we need to wait for the town attorney who is running late. He recessed the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman called the meeting back in session at 5:45 p.m.

Architect Fikkert offered on behalf Clem Stein to add in conditions the board would want appropriate to the safety of an assembly classification. He pointed out that Clem Stein has extra exits over and above the minimum in this building.

Building Inspector Tim Popanda said in 2017 the state approved the plans as a sprinkled building, now in 2018 you are asking for an exception. He said that is a problem. He also said that Clem Stein continues to allow a woodworking shop in one corner of the building.

Clem Stein said the state changed the square footage rules in April 2018 from 8,500 to 12,000. He has a new architect who offered a different direction. He did say he would find other quarters for the woodworking shop.

Attorney Davison said the reason for Act 137 and the change in statutes is to allow the re-purposing of a farm building (barn). This building has never been a barn and the property is not used for agriculture.

The difference between a sprinkler system and a smoke alarm system were outlined. Clem Stein needs both for the building Fire Chief Denko said.

Chairman said the building inspector and the fire chief are not comfortable with signing the exception to the sprinkler suppression requirement.

Attorney Davison said the board should require Clem Stein to sign a statement that he will relinquish his temporary use permit for the events barn if he schedules an event without requesting a fire dept. fire watch service. No events can be held without the fire watch service.

Clem Stein did say he was booked each weekend until the end of October.

Andrew Lois moved to require Clem Stein to sign a statement that he would surrender this Temporary Use Permit if he holds an event without scheduling a fire watch service by the fire department. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

William Glembocki moved to deny Clem Stein's request for an exception from the requirement for a sprinkler suppression system for his "events barn" at 5700 312th Ave. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Discuss requirements/standards for (RFP) - Snowplowing service for 2018-2019 snow season

Chairman said this will be tabled until the next town board meeting.

Announcements

- August 4 - L.L. Summerhaven Assoc. - Venetian Night boat parade at 6 p.m. and Movie Night at Lilly Lake Public Beach - CoCo, approximately 8:30 p.m.
- August 14, 2018 Partisan Primary Election @ Town Hall - Polls open 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Absentee voting has begun at the Town Hall, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. - Last day to vote by absentee ballot is Friday, August 10, 2018 @ 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