

## JANUARY 12, 2009 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

- Meeting was called to order by Chairman Butler at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall in New Munster and opened with the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Town Board members present – Chairman Jeffrey Butler, and Supervisors Andrew Lois and Robert Herda.

Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, Scott Pierce, Westosha Central High School District Administrator, and Bill Heeg. Mitchell Pasiewicz arrived later in the meeting.

Notices were posted in five public areas and *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.

A motion to accept the Minutes of the December 8, 2008 Town Board meeting as printed was moved by Robert Herda and seconded by Andrew Lois. Motion carried.

- **Fire Dept. business** – None
- **Old business** –

Chairman Butler stated that Mitchell Pasiewicz has filed a restraining order against the town in regard to the raze notice for property at 4700 368<sup>th</sup> Ave. No action can be taken on the raze notice at this time. The court date has not been set.

- **Presentation by Westosha Central High School representatives regarding the January 20, 2009 referendum election. The referendum requests approval to borrow money for the cost of constructing and improving facilities and infrastructure at the school.**

Chairman Butler stated this was delayed from the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting because of snowy weather. Scott Pierce handed out brochures and explained the school's proposal. He gave a Power Point presentation with highlights of the proposal and responded to questions.

- **Alcoholic Beverage Operator (Bartender) Original License applications:**

Board members reviewed the applications of Scott Wagner, 7939 368<sup>th</sup> Ave., Burlington for *Sit 'n Bull* and Andrea Friedrich, 34115 Lagoon Dr., Burlington for *Dave's Saloon*. Both have fulfilled the alcohol server certificate requirement and nothing in the records check for either would preclude issuance of a license.

Andrew Lois moved approval of alcoholic beverage operator licenses for Scott Wagner and Andrea Friedrich. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried.

- **Public Comments** –

Bill Heeg was present and stated he is happy to work at the transfer station. It is a busy place. He is currently working in Harold Richter's position at the Transfer Station.

- **Treasurer's report** – will be presented at the January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- **Building Inspector report** – will be ready at the January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- **Road report**

Chairman said the snowplowing by Finishing Touches Landscaping is improving. There have been complaints by people of driveways being plowed shut. Board agreed it is nothing new. It was done by Kenosha County also because there is not time to lift or turn the plow blade for each driveway. Chairman said Finishing Touches opens the roads and comes back later to clean them up.

76<sup>th</sup> & 77th Streets which lead out to the "point" in the Oakwood Shores floodplain area have thick ice from the river flooding the road and freezing. There is water on both sides and Finishing Touches couldn't plow. Kenosha County opened up the road today. Road closed barricades were put up over the weekend and will remain up all winter. The two or three property owners who have business in that area are able to go around the barricades and access their property.

- **Other reports**

1. Harold Richter is out indefinitely with back problems. Bill Heeg has taken over for him at the transfer station. Deborah Vos is doing light cleaning at the Town Hall and Dennis Lois is shoveling snow, etc.

2. County Executive Jim Kreuser called to relate that a dog park may be a part of the West End Park proposal. He said it was discussed at the hwy and parks committee and wanted us to

know about it.

3. County Executive's office called and they are considering scheduling office hours at the different municipal locations during the year. It would be an hour or so before a regular town or village board meeting.

4. Clerk reported the Kenosha County Land Use Committee would be taking action regarding the Conditional Use Permit for Horseshoe Pits for *Dave's Saloon* – Jim and Cathy Meinen on January 14. It was held up for various reasons. Another issue may be if the fence goes up, there may not be a place to store the snow.

5. Also, Meinen's are requesting a sign over the porch roof on Geneva Rd. It may require a variance.

6. Board members agreed to hold up on any tree/brush cutting on 45<sup>th</sup> St. & 348<sup>th</sup> Ave. and further evaluate it once the snowplowing bills are complete.

7. Tornado Committee Report –

The Board accepted the Minutes of the December 10, 2008 Tornado Committee meeting on a motion by Andrew Lois and second by Robert Herda.

Approximately \$6,000 of expenses for the tornado committee for the January 11<sup>th</sup> Banquet at Marino's was approved for payment on a motion by Andrew Lois and second by Robert Herda.

8. Clerk said a Plan Commission is necessary for January because we need to work on the town land use plan. Chairman asked that Nancy Anderson, SEWRPC be present for that meeting.

9. Clerk reported John Hotvedt is working on several ordinances and the snowplowing contract. We should be receiving those items shortly.

- **Announcements**

A special Westosha Central High School Referendum Election will be held January 20, 2009, Polls are open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. at the Town Hall.

- **Correspondence**

A letter was received from The Steidles, 35130 69<sup>th</sup> St. requesting the town ban burning of any kind. No action was taken.

- **Financial matters –**

1. Asset Recyclers was charging 22¢ a pound for disposal of television sets and has now informed us they will be charging 55¢ per pound, effective December 15, 2009. Chairman said some of the televisions are quite heavy and he did have the large, heavy ones thrown in the dumpster. Since we do need a spot for disposal of televisions, there was no decision made regarding Asset Recyclers.

2. Board approved a donation to the Kenosha County Sheriff's Dept. Deputy Friendly Safety Poster Contest program in the same amount as last year on a motion by Robert Herda and second by Andrew Lois. (Clerk's note: 2008 donation was \$50.)

3. Town Chairman stated the room tax revenue from the Pit Stop, the Chris Georges property in Powers Lake, is still under discussion. The zoning office staff is currently reviewing the situation and will be acting accordingly once all avenues are explored.

4. The Board reviewed the Clerk's Itemized Report of Disbursements - December 1 – 31, 2008, checks numbered #18388 thru #18484 in the amount of \$217,852.08. Report was approved on a motion by Robert Herda and second by Andrew Lois.

5. Chairman asked Mitchell Pasiewicz if he had something he wanted to say. Mr. Pasiewicz said he did not want his building torn down and removed under the town raze order. Chairman said this is in court and the town can't discuss it. He also said the town board was not going to act to remove the building until the restraining order issue is resolved. He also said the town would work with him if he is willing to repair the structure and do it in a timely manner. We are not going to wait around for years for this to happen. Chairman told Mitchell Pasiewicz he needs to get his zoning permit first. Then the building permit can be issued if a detailed building plan is presented.

- Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on a motion by Robert Herda and a second by Andrew Lois.

Respectfully submitted,

