

FEBRUARY 9, 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, Treasurer Deborah Vos, Jim Mirek, Ron Kujak, and Ron Williams.

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.

Minutes of the January 26, 2009 town board meeting were moved for approval by Andrew Lois. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of the January 12, 2009 town board meeting were corrected to state the t.v. recycling charge is changed from 66¢ to 55¢ per pound by motion of Andrew Lois and second by Robert Herda. Motion carried.

- **Fire Dept.** – Chairman said there are two cars on the property now to be used for practice by the Fire Dept. for extrication. There needs to be a different location because of the proximity of the volleyball courts. Glass gets carried to the courts and participants play in the sand in bare feet.

- **Old Business –**

Clerk reported Building Inspector Tim Popanda has informed Mitchell Pasiewicz that the plans he submitted to obtain a building permit to repair the block structure at 4700 368th Ave., Tax Parcel #95-4-219-332-0200, which was slated to be razed, are not sufficient. The court order for dismissal of the raze order has a time limit of July 31, 2009 for completion of the project.

- **Review and acceptance of an amendment to Municipal Flood Control Grant Program grant award No. MFC-30016-08 in the amount of \$346,985.10.**

A. Review and approval of purchase agreement for the property located at 31621-71st Street.

B. Review and approval of purchase agreement for the property located at 31905-71st Street.

C. Review and approval of purchase agreement for the property located at 31421-77th Street.

D. Review and approval of purchase agreement for the property located at 7512-314th Ave.

Clerk stated the town has to put up the money initially for the property purchase. Kenosha County pays us the day of the closing for their percentage, but the DNR reimburses after approximately 60 days. The town can cover the amount without borrowing money unless some major problem arose. Robert Herda moved approval of the above amendment and additional \$346,985.10 and the purchase the four properties listed. Andrew Lois seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- **Review and approval of a Quit Claim Deed for Tax parcels 95-4-119-121-0310 and 95-4-119-121-0315** (ownership to be transferred from the Town to Kenosha County fulfilling a condition of the FEMA funding).

Clerk stated Kenosha County Housing Authority provided the approximate 30% matching funds for the town portion of the Municipal Flood Control Grant Program. This was FEMA money being held for floodplain buyouts. FEMA requires the county hold title to the property. The Town agreed to this condition when we approved the program.

Andrew Lois moved approval of the above transfer of property from the town to Kenosha County by Quit Claim Deed of Tax parcels 95-4-119-121-0310 and 95-4-119-121-0315. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried.

- **St. Alphonsus Annual Fish Boil, St. Alphonsus School, 6211 344th Ave., New Munster**

A. Special Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage Licenses - February 27, 2009 - Shelly Daniels and Lorraine Cerer, persons in charge

B. Special Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License – March 20, 2009 -- Shelly Daniels and Mike Lois, persons in charge

Andrew Lois moved approval of Special Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage Licenses for St. Alphonsus Church for February 27, 2009 and March 20, 2009 for the Annual Fish Boil. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried.

- **Alcoholic Beverage Operator (Bartender) Temporary License applications – St. Alphonsus Fish Boil:**

- A. Shelly Daniels, 6601 368th Ave.-TEMPORARY LICENSE - Feb. 27 & March 20
- B. Mike Lois, 4001 328th Ave. - TEMPORARY LICENSE - March 20
- C. Lorraine Cerer, 4900 368th Ave. - TEMPORARY LICENSE - Feb. 27
- D. Gabriel T. Grantschnig, 354 E. Hunt Ave., Twin Lakes – TEMPORARY LICENSE – Feb. 7
- E. Lora Sattersten, 30600 52nd St., Salem – TEMPORARY LICENSE – March 20

Robert Herda moved approval of the temporary alcoholic bartender licenses for the five names listed for the dates specified. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

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

- A. Rebecca Gorlinski, 6411 368th Ave., Burlington, WI 53105 - Independent
- Andrew Lois moved approval of the above alcoholic beverage operator license for Rebecca Gorlinski. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried

- **Public Comments**

Ron Kujak, 5611 380th Ave., questioned the grant money. Does the town have to fund any portion of the property purchase. Chairman said the town does not but we do have to provide the initial money and wait for reimbursement from DNR. So, we have funds tied up for several months.

- **Reports**

- A. Treasurer's report – Treasurer Deborah Vos presented a report listing January expenses of \$124,744.05 and January receipts of \$210,023.52. Andrew Lois moved to accept the report as printed. Robert Herda

- B. Building Inspector report listed two permits for January, fees of \$85 and improvement value of \$2,800. Robert Herda moved to accept the report as printed. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

- C. Road report –

Chairman said pot holes are all over. Frost is just coming out. It doesn't pay to fix them until the frost comes out.

Supervisor Herda said the posts on Geneva Rd., in front of Dayboll's property, should be removed. The posts interfere with pushing snow off the road. Chairman said we will look at it during road inspection.

- D. Other reports

1. "Healthy People Kenosha County 2010" annual report is available for anyone who is interested.

2. Judge Fred Hewitt will be attending Municipal Judge Trial Seminar March 12 & 13, Wausau.

3. Preliminary Plat – Hawksview Glenn Sub. – We have received the updated copy with approved revisions. This fulfills a condition of the approval in that the revised preliminary plat must be submitted to the town within 180 days of approval by the county.

4. Cindy Long-Ney, 4900 376th Ave., slipped on a piece of plastic at the transfer station on January 28, 2009, approximately 12:35 p.m. She complained to Jack Bobula that she thought she broke her arm but refused his offer to call 911.

5. Building Inspector Tim Popanda is taking the FEMA NIMS classes online. He has received two class completion certificates.

6. Chairman said Asset Recyclers has raised their prices from 22¢ pound to 55¢ per pound. Chairman says the law does not require us to recycle televisions. He thinks it is too expensive and they should go in the landfill. Supervisor Lois asked if the cost was part of the garbage/recycling fee property owners are charged on the real estate tax bill. Clerk said the recycling and garbage costs are a part of that special charge.

Chairman asked for a report on how much we are spending for t.v. recycling for the past year. We can review and decide if we are going to continue with the television recycling

program.

Ron Williams, 5100 328th Ave., raised some questions and suggested the disposal would taper off once the digital conversion is completed. Jim Mirek, 3607 368th Ave., suggested that the dumping of televisions in an open box costs money also, though it may not be as much. He suggested the board try to figure the difference.

- **Announcements –**

SPRING PRIMARY ELECTION – Tuesday, February 17, 2009 - Polls open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. at the Town Hall, 34315 Geneva Rd., New Munster. On the ballot are the state superintendent of schools and the judge for the new circuit court branch.

- **Correspondence**

A. Feb. 6, 2009 – DOT Federal Stimulus Local Project Solicitation letter was received. They are soliciting first phase ready-to-go stimulus projects. It is not the type of funding that would apply to road paving for existing roads.

B. Feb. 21 – WTA – Janesville – WTA District meeting for interested town officials.

C. WTA Tri-county Meeting, Feb. 18, Waterford – plan commissioners & town board officials will be attending.

D. CERT Class (Community Emergency Response Team) – will be held at the Randall Fire Station (KD & F) March 6, 7, 8 for interested town officials.

E. A Sharing Center Dinner is scheduled for Fitzgerald's Octagon House in Genoa City to raise funds for the sharing center programs. Letter did not state the date of the event.

F. We received notice of an anticipated March payment of \$46,929 from the DNR Urban Forestry Catastrophic Storm Grant Program to offset January 7, 2009 tornado expenses.

- **Financial matters:**

A. Purchase approval / bill approval

1. Consideration of a key code lock for the lower town hall – Clerk explained the need to provide a more secure lock. The board received a copy of a proposal from Tom Porps General Maintenance & Remodeling, Twin Lakes, for a 5 button mechanical lock with a key bypass for the west side door of the town hall in an amount of \$487.88. Board took the proposal under consideration.

B. Other financial matters –

1. Renewal of town and fire department insurance policies thru the Horton Group
The 2009 premium for the total package is \$29,149, \$253 less in premium fees than 2008.

Andrew Lois moved to approve the renewal with the Horton Group for 2009. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried.

2. Insurance claim received – Chairman said the squad car was damaged slightly in December when it slid into a post because of slippery roads. The repair cost was \$1,912. Insurance has a \$500 deductible.

C. Review and approve clerk's report for disbursements - period January 1 - 31, 2009 - Andrew Lois moved to approve the Clerk's Report of Disbursements, Checks #18485 thru #18571 dated January 3, 2009 thru January 31, 2009 in the amount of \$124,744.05. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried.

- Robert Herda moved to adjourn the town board meeting at 7:20 p.m. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk