

**TOWN OF WHEATLAND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WHEATLAND TOWN HALL
New Munster, Wisconsin
Tuesday, April 14, 2009
7:00 p.m.**

1. Meeting called to order by Jeffrey Butler
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Town Board Members present – Outgoing Chairman Butler, Andrew Lois, Robert Herda and newly elected Town Chairman William M. Glembocki.
 - c. Notices were posted in five public areas and *Kenosha News* and *Westosha Report* were notified. Notice was posted on the town website and e-mailed to list of people who have requested town board meeting agendas. Legal notices were published in the *Kenosha News* on March 30 & April 6, 2009.
 - d. Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, Treasurer Deborah Vos, Municipal Judge Fred Hewitt, Attorney Dennis Lynch, Fire Chief Alan Kaddatz, Ray Giesler, Jennifer Reed, Marilyn Kaddatz, Jim Mirek, Bill Heeg, Wayne Kaddatz, and Frank Lumm.
2. Approval of minutes of 2008 Annual Meeting and 2008 Budget & Special Town Meeting
Fred Hewitt moved approval. Alan Kaddatz seconded. Motion carried.
3. Presentation of **2008 Financial Report** and approval of same.
The 2008 Receipts listed \$1,995,111.14. 2008 Disbursements totaled \$1,937,035.85.
Chairman Butler noted the Town Hall stucco was repaired and painted in 2008.
Clerk explained the financial report shows receipts actually received and disbursements actually paid in 2008. We are changing from a cash system to an accrual bookkeeping system; so, next year's report will change.
The snow removal costs listed for 2008 include costs actually incurred in December 2007 but paid in 2008. Kenosha County Highway Dept. bills December costs in the following January. The town contracted with Finishing Touches Landscaping for subdivision road snow removal in 2008 and those costs were incurred and paid in 2008 so we actually have more than one year's snow removal costs listed in the amount on the report.
Chairman Butler said we had to borrow \$750,000 in 2008 to pave some roads. The paving costs for the 2.2 miles of 376th Ave., part of 45th St., and 348th Ave. came in lower than projected but was still very costly. The remaining balance of \$162,200 will be used for road paving.
Clerk noted the Fire Dept. 2008 budget lists \$50,000 for restricted truck funds but the restricted funds area of the report does not list this amount. When the fire department purchased the aerial truck in 2006, we used the balance of the restricted fund, town general funds and \$50,000 from the fire department for the initial payment, with an additional \$50,000 due when the truck was picked up in 2007. The \$50,000 from the 2007 restricted truck fund (actually required \$59,000) was used to pay the balance when the truck was picked up.
In 2006, the fire department agreed the 2008 restricted truck fund would be budgeted but would be used to pay back the general fund for part of the truck cost. That is why, if you look at the 2008 budget you will see \$50,000 budgeted; but you do not see \$50,000 in a restricted fire truck fund. Chief Alan Kaddatz concurred.
Alan Kaddatz moved approval. Jennifer Reed seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Fire Dept. report –**
Fire Chief Alan Kaddatz's printed report lists 59 calls with five structure, four vehicle, four grass, 12 car accidents, three investigations, 10 mutual aids, two chimney, four burning violations, four false alarms, five miscellaneous, and six CO alarms. On January 7, 2008, the Fire Department experienced its biggest call ever when a tornado struck the Town. With the help of many other area departments and towns' people, we were able to help, to the best of our ability.

The fire department auxiliary, in its second year, has assisted the department in numerous ways.

In May, the fire department, with the help of the town's people helped with the Bike Blessing by hosting a picnic lunch and gathering at the New Munster Park Pavilion. Profits were turned over to the Tornado Recovery Committee.

In June, the Wheatland Volunteer Fire Department held another successful carnival.

The fire safety program was again held with Wheatland Center and St. Alphonsus Schools.

In October, a very successful second annual pancake breakfast was held at the firehouse with the help of fire department members, the fire department auxiliary and local town's people.

Three new members joined the department in 2008: Jane Fryda, John Kaldem and Max Moody.

The Fire Dept. received a FEMA Grant of \$72,800 for new state of the art air packs. We were able to add an additional \$40,000 to purchase the compressor, fill station, and mounting equipment, etc. with money raised from our Carnivals and Pancake Breakfasts.

The Wheatland Fire Dept. thanked the board and residents of the town for their support and cooperation.

Fred Hewitt moved to accept the Fire Dept. report. Bill Glembocki seconded. Motion carried.

5. **Building Inspector report –**

28 new single family home permits were issued. 15 of the 28 were for homes destroyed in the January 7th Tornado.

The total of permits issued was 184 and the value was \$10,737,351. 85 of the 184 were issued because of the tornado with a value of \$5,719,099. The total of fees collected was \$46,287.50.

Frank Lumm moved to accept the report as printed. Alan Kaddatz seconded. Motion carried.

6. **Municipal Court report –**

Judge Hewitt noted there were 620 citations issued which was a couple hundred less than 2008. It's been discussed that drivers were not speeding because of the high gas costs. 42 were dismissed.

452 speeding citations were issued. 20 of the citations were given for speeds 30 miles over the limit.

Frank Lumm moved to accept the report as printed. Bill Glembocki seconded. Motion carried.

7. **Recreation Board report -**

Andrew Lois reported for the Recreation Board. He noted we purchased a new fishing pier in 2008 for Lilly Lake at a cost of \$11,000. The flotation pier seems to be working out well and Lilly Lake people are pleased with it.

There was some grading and fill moved around at New Munster Park's ball diamond to correct drainage at a cost of approximately \$1,200 to \$1,500.

Jennifer Reed moved to accept the report as presented. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

8. **Town Chairman report & comments -**

Chairman Butler said Bill Glembocki was elected at the April 7th Spring Election and is the new chairman. He wished him "Good Luck!" He noted that other town officers were re-elected.

9. Old business - none

10. New business –

Clerk read a Certificate of Appreciation for Chairman Jeffrey Butler noting 16 years of elected service to the Town of Wheatland. A list of projects initiated during Butler's two year town chairman tenure was also read. A copy is attached.

Alan Kaddatz moved to approve the certificate and plaque for Jeff Butler. Frank Lumm seconded. Motion carried. The audience gave a round of applause for outgoing Chairman Butler.

11. Frank Lumm moved to set the annual Budget Hearing for Monday, November 9, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. Bill Glembocki seconded. Motion carried.

12. Marilyn Kaddatz moved to set the annual Town Meeting for Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. Jennifer Reed seconded the motion. Motion carried.

14. Wayne Kaddatz moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Bill Glembocki seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Butler thanked everyone for attending!

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk