

**November 29, 2010 Town of Wheatland Budget Hearing  
Special Town Meeting of the Electors  
Special Town Board Meeting for Budget Adoption**

Chairman William Glembocki opened the Town Board portion of the budget hearing at 7:00 p.m. on November 29, 2010 at the Town Hall in New Munster. Present: Supervisors Andrew Lois and Robert Herda. Also present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, Town Constable & Kenosha County Board District 26 Supervisor Bob Haas, Town Attorney Jeff Davison, Plan Commissioner & Recreation Board member Paul DeLuisa, Fire Chief Alan Kaddatz, Jeff Butler, Frank Lumm, Linda Gissell, Jack Bobula, Bill Heeg, Lou Denko, Katie Daniels, Jerry Greil, Dean Fryda, Jane Fryda, Brian Kerkman, Jonathan Winter, Jerry Schuerman, Don Gawlik and Darren Hillock, *West of the l* reporter.

Budget hearing and special town meeting notices were posted in the town posting areas on November 12 and printed in the *Kenosha News* on November 13 and November 19, 2010. Notices were posted on the town website and those who have requested e-mail agendas were also sent copies of the budget notice and special town meeting.

The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance."

Chairman Glembocki introduced the order of the meeting: public hearing on the budget, special meeting of electors to approve the 2011 highway expenditures pursuant to Section 82.03 (2) of the Wisconsin Statutes and the 2010 town general tax levy and street light district levies to be paid in 2011 pursuant to Section 60.10 (1) (a) of the Wisconsin Statutes, and then a special Town Board meeting to approve the budget.

Chairman Glembocki presented the **2011 Town Budget** which includes **2011 Revenue** of \$1,049,580 and **Disbursements** of \$1,049,580. He said the Town is limited by the State to no more than a 3% increase in the town levy. 3% has been included in the proposed budget.

Chairman Glembocki went over receipts section by section, asking for questions on any and all line items.

Constable Haas asked why we don't require more from cable operators than the 3%. Attorney Davison said cable is ruled by federal law. Clerk noted the cable user pays the 3%; operators just collect and pass on to municipality.

There being no other questions, Chairman Glembocki said the total is \$1,049,580, an increase of \$4,851 over the 2010 budget.

Chairman said the next section was Expenses and again asked for questions as he moved thru the budget. He said salaries and wages for everyone were the same as last year. There were no increases. The municipal court shows a \$600 increase but new state law is requiring a separate phone line for the court and a few other items.

Tom Barr, 8100 328<sup>th</sup> Ave. asked why there is no cost shown for municipal court clerk. Chairman said the treasurer is also the court clerk. All her salary is shown under treasurer office but not broken out to the different duties she has.

Chairman said there is an additional \$500 for elections. The county clerk is now charging the different municipalities for the cost of ballots and election equipment programming.

Linda Gissell, 1124 Tall Oak Ct., Racine (property owner at 33011 76<sup>th</sup> St.) questioned the health and IRA amounts for the clerk and treasurer. From the past it looks like you put money in for them. Is that a partial payment or does the town fully pay the premiums? At the Chairman's direction, the clerk responded. The town does not provide a health and retirement program but instead gives a stipend to purchase your own. Linda Gissell asked, "Is that normal?" A lot of companies are not even giving you money for an IRA. Clerk said there are also many municipal and county and state employees that are part of the Wisconsin health and retirement programs, which would be preferred. Linda asked if you can put money in the state program. Clerk said you can't go in as an individual. The state program was investigated years ago and this was considered the cheaper option. Linda Gissell asked how the rate was arrived at. Clerk it was a set amount and we do pay income tax on the amounts.

Chairman said there is an increase in financial administration of \$600 which is the annual increase in the assessor's contract. Town Hall shows an increase of \$500 to cover utilities.

Jeff Butler, 6631 373<sup>rd</sup> Ave. asked why there is nothing in the budget under Law Enforcement for a new squad car. Chairman asked Town Constable Bob Haas to respond.

Constable Haas said it is not possible to order a car yet. We might have a bid around December 15. We'll have to decide if we will get one then. The squad has 115,000 miles. He said that if it is decided to purchase a replacement squad, there would need to be a budget modification at that time.

Fire Dept. – Chief Kaddatz asked the amount in the Fire Dept. Restricted Fund for truck replacement. Chairman said it is \$100,000 and \$50,000 is in the 2011 Budget; so next year the amount will be \$150,000.

Fire department members are present in force tonight, Chief Kaddatz said, to bring up installing address signs in front of homes. There is not a standardized signing system at present. Building Inspector Tim Popanda has done a good job attempting to have people comply with this requirement but everyone puts up different sizes and in different locations. A few minutes looking for a location in an emergency make a big response difference. They would like to see this included as a budgeted item or placed on the tax roll.

Fire Dept. Captain Lou Denko said he had investigated this a while back. There are approximately 1,340 housing units in the town. At a cost of \$40 per installed sign, the cost would be \$53,600.

Attorney Davison said the town could put out RFP's and get some firm numbers, select a vendor, and place a special charge on the 2011 tax bill. Constable Bob Haas recommended the town go ahead with having the signs installed. Attorney Davison said it wasn't an agenda item for tonight's meeting.

Chairman said we will work on having some RFP's for the January 2011 meeting and work on spring installation. Fire Dept. Captain Paul DeLuisa asked if it could be bundled into the fire department budget. Attorney Davison said there should be a firm figure and we need to look at the best way to finance the expense. Chairman Glembocki said we could borrow money and pay back over several years so it is less on one year's budget but then you also pay interest. We need to look this over to find the best way before anything is decided.

Rescue squad – no change.

Inspection – no increase. Roads - \$2,051 increase. Street lights and highway lights increased by \$600 due to utility increases.

Transfer Station – no increase. Linda Gissell said she was speaking for several people and questioned the office supplies of \$1,000 for each of the garbage and the recycling sections. What is that for? Chairman said it is for flyers, weekly lists of people who are eligible to use station and keeping track of those people.

Weeds – Animal Control – Cemetery Maintenance all remain the same, no increase.

Parks – same. Linda Gissell asked about the proposed lock box for Lilly Lake for the deposit of launch fees beginning next spring. Where is that in the budget? Chairman said it would be taken out of the Lilly Lake Beach account. He noted there will have to be an ordinance adopted and fees set before the fees can be instituted.

Debt Service – no change. Frank Lumm, 4707 376<sup>th</sup> Ave. asked about the interest on the road improvement loan. Has the rate come down? Clerk said it was investigated but we were informed we had a good rate and should stay with it. Supervisor Lois said at the time of the loan, M&I was lower than everyone, including the state trust fund loan rate. (Clerk's note – the rate is 3.75 %.)

Grants – nothing in the foreseeable future.

Chairman said the proposed expenses total \$1,049,580.

Chairman noted he received a letter from Gerald Dressler, 7815 334<sup>th</sup> Ave., Citizens for Fair Taxes which objects to the budget. He asked the clerk to read the letter into the minutes. A copy is attached. For the record, Chairman Glembocki noted there are not two cell phones at the transfer station as the letter states. He said the parks department has one phone for safety reasons and that phone is also used at the transfer station.

Chairman also said if there is any money left at the end of the year it goes into the general fund. We don't spend to use it up.

Andrew Lois moved to adjourn the Public Hearing on the 2011 Budget. Robert Herda seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Chairman Glembocki opened the **Special Town Meeting of the Electors**. He asked the Clerk to read Resolution #7-2010 – A Resolution Authorizing Town Supervisors to Exceed Highway Expenditure Limits. Chairman explained statutes provide that the board would be able to spend \$166,200 without elector approval. We have \$235,207 in the budget but are asking for \$350,000 in case of excess snow removal costs, a road emergency or we receive grant money, etc. It's the same request as last year.

Bob Haas, 7218 368<sup>th</sup> Ave. moved approval of Resolution #7-2010. Jeff Butler seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote with none opposed.

Resolution #8-2010 – A Resolution to Adopt the Town Tax Levy was read by the Clerk. Chairman said the resolution calls for a general tax levy of \$543,320 plus \$90,284 debt service, and street lighting levies for the different districts of \$17,909.

Alan Kaddatz, 6300 396<sup>th</sup> Ave. moved to adopt Resolution #8-2010. Jack Bobula, 8402 368<sup>th</sup> Ave. seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote with none opposed.

The Special Town Meeting adjourned on a motion by Jeff Butler, second by Frank Lumm and a unanimous voice vote of the electors at 7:53 p.m.

Chairman Glembocki called the **Special Town Board Meeting** to order for the purpose of adoption of the 2011 town budget.

Supervisor Lois moved a motion to adopt the 2011 budget of \$1,049,580 as presented. Supervisor Herda seconded the motion. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Town Board meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. on a motion by Supervisor Herda second by Supervisor Lois. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk

November 29, 2010

Mr. Chairman,

I want to address the 2011 Wheatland Town Budget. As you know we are still in a severe recession. Working people are losing jobs and benefits ( health insurance, matching funds for their I.R.A or 401k's etc.

In reviewing the proposed 2011 budget for Wheatland there is no reduction in the budget in fact there is an increase.

There are many items that can only be seen as extravert, such as a combined budget for office supplies for the Transfer station and recycling area of \$ 2000.00. How could that area possibility need \$2000.00 for office supplies? Yet that exact amount is spent each year how can this be? Cell phones for the two attendants as well as a landline. I can only ask why? Are those cell phone being used only for town business?

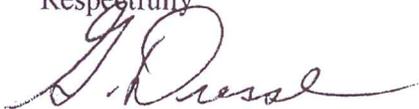
Benefits for Wheatland employees are not in line with what industry and governments are doing in this time of recession. Employees should bare the of the cost of health insurance and their retirement programs.

I have listed just a few of the possible cuts in the budget. The citizens of Wheatland need to see that their township government is sensitive it the economic hardship we all have to endure and cut the budget below what has been budgeted in this proposed budget and reduce to a level less that 2009 or 2010 or even lower

Because of the economy I am sure even you and the other board members as well as employees have had to cut back on their own personal spending. So why should Wheatland not have to do the same? The Tax payer deserve better

I hope the Board will consider these facts and re-think this excessive proposed budget. We cannot afford the excesses of the past. Cut this Proposed budget. The citizens will not look at this budget favorably or those who would pass it as is.

Respectfully



Gerald Dressler, Citizens for Fair Taxes  
7815 334<sup>th</sup> Ave

**RESOLUTION #7-2010**

**Resolution Authorizing Town Supervisors to Exceed Highway Expenditure Limits**

Whereas s. 82.03 (2), Wis. stats., requires the town board to provide machinery, implements, material, and equipment needed to construct, maintain, and repair the highways and bridges under the town's jurisdiction, except that the total sum spent under this subsection in any year for construction, maintenance, and repair of highways and bridges may not exceed the product of \$5,000 multiplied by the miles of highway under the jurisdiction of the town measured by the most recent highway mileage for the town, as determined under s. 86.302, Wis. stats.

Whereas s. 82.03 (2) (a), Wis. stats., allows a town to expend a greater sum than that set forth above for highway purposes if authorized by the town meeting.

Now, therefore, the town meeting of the Town of Wheatland, Kenosha County, Wisconsin, by a majority vote of the eligible electors assembled and voting at [the annual town meeting or a special town meeting with notice], having heard and considered the evidence regarding expenditures required to provide machinery, implements, material, and equipment needed to construct, maintain, and repair the highways and bridges under the town's jurisdiction during the next fiscal year, resolves and orders as follows:

1. It is necessary for the Town of Wheatland to expend a sum not to exceed \$350,000 to provide machinery, implements, material, and equipment needed to construct, maintain, and repair the highways and bridges under the town's jurisdiction during fiscal year 2011, which sum exceeds \$166,200, being the product of \$5,000 multiplied by 33.24, the miles of highway under the jurisdiction of the town measured by the most recent highway mileage for the town, as determined under s. 86.302, Wis. stats.

2. The Town Board of the Town of Wheatland is authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$350,000 to provide machinery, implements, material, and equipment needed to construct, maintain, and repair the highways and bridges under the town's jurisdiction during fiscal year 2011.

The town clerk shall properly post or publish this resolution as required under s. 60.80, Wis. stats., within 30 days of the below-noted adoption date.

Adopted this 29 of November, 2010.

Number of town electors voting aye 19

Number of town electors voting nay 0

Number abstaining or not voting (if determined) -

Signature of Town Meeting Chairperson 

Signature of Town Clerk Sheila M. Siegler

**RESOLUTION No. 8-2010**

**Resolution to Adopt the Town Tax Levy at Special Town Meeting of the Electors**

Whereas, s. 60.10 (1) (a) of Wis. Statutes authorizes the town electors of a town to adopt the town tax levy at a town meeting of the electors;

Whereas, a special town meeting of the electors has been called for this twenty-ninth day of November, 2010;

Now, therefore, the special town meeting of the Town of Wheatland, Kenosha County, Wisconsin, by a majority vote of the eligible electors voting on this twenty-ninth day of November, 2010 duly assembled and voting resolves and orders as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, the town electors of the Town of Wheatland, Kenosha County, Wisconsin hereby adopt the general town tax levy for 2010 to be collected in 2011 of \$633,604 and street light levies of \$17,909.

The town clerk shall properly post or publish this resolution as required by law under s. 60.80 of Wis. Statutes within 30 days of the below noted adoption date.

Adopted this twenty-ninth day of November, 2010 at a Special Town Meeting of Electors.

Number of town electors voting aye 19

Number of town electors voting nay 0

Number abstaining or not voting (if determined) -

Signature of Town Meeting Chairperson

*William M. John*

Signature of Town Clerk

*Sheila M. Sieglar*