

NOVEMBER 11, 2020 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Andrew Lois at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at the Town Hall in New Munster and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman William Glembocki was excused. Present: Supervisor Kelly Wilson, Town Clerk Sheila Siegler and Diane Grenus.

Notices were posted in three public areas (Town Hall, Transfer Station and Wheatland Center School) and the Town website. The Kenosha News and Westosha Report were notified. Individuals who have requested meeting notices by e-mail were sent agendas as required by state law.

Public comments – Clerk stated Diane Grenus brought in a “Wheatland Strong” wall sign project done by residents to hang in the town hall. Location will be decided by the board. Supervisor Lois and Wilson thanked her for her work on the project.

Work on 2021 budget – finalize budget for presentation to electors at Budget Hearing November 30, 2020, 7 p.m.

Clerk passed out copies of a proposed budget using figures compiled from 9 months of 2020 and anticipated amounts for the remainder of the year and 2021 projections. Included in the budget are proposals for Lilly Lake Beach cement work, beach improvements now that the water should be going down and the beach is exposed and for a replacement swim pier. Also included are wage increases for the public works employees as discussed.

The anticipated receipts are 1,105,316 and proposed disbursements are \$1,245,992. There is a shortfall of \$140,676. Proposed tax levy is \$709,107. Reserve funds will again need to be applied to balance the budget.

Board members discussed the Chairman’s request to put \$50,000 in a restricted fire dept. fund for a future fire truck. Kelly Wilson did not think this should be done if we may need the money for road paving and end up having to borrow money because we have restricted the \$50,000. Andrew Lois said he was not in favor of this and said when we need the money for a fire truck, we should borrow it for that purpose. Clerk said the state has had levy limits in place since 2006, and since 2011 it has been tied to new construction values. Thus, no growth, no levy increase. This year we can increase the levy by \$2,851 which does not cover the increased cost of everything. The state does not want municipalities to tax to save money for future projects. Board members agreed they did not support adding \$50,000 to the budget so that it can be added to the restricted fire dept. equipment fund.

Kelly Wilson moved to set the proposed budget at \$1,245,992 for presentation at the November 30, 7 p.m. budget hearing with a tax levy of \$709,107 which includes \$699,397 general levy, \$19,426 streetlight levy, and \$90,284 debt repayment levy. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment - Kelly Wilson moved to adjourn at 5:56 p.m. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk