

OCTOBER 18, 2022 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD 2023 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Andrew Lois at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at the Town Hall, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Board members present: Supervisors Andrew Lois and Kelly Wilson. Chairman William Glembocki was excused. Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler.

Notices were posted in three public areas (Town Hall, Transfer Station and Wheatland Center School) and the town's 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. Clerk noted that some of the email addresses are being rejected when sent out in a group. Tech support is researching but no answer at this point. As a result, a small group is not receiving this email notification.

Public Comments - none

Budget Workshop – Clerk distributed copies of a 2023 budget receipts and disbursements. Not much change from 2022. The state allowable levy increase is only \$4,627 which does not address inflation increases. Money will again be used from general fund reserves to balance the budget. So far, 2022 budget estimates, in total, show a slight decrease in disbursements from budget forecast and a \$50,000 plus increase in estimated budget receipts but still requires general funds to meet the shortfall.

Board discussed expenses of various departments. Supervisors Wilson and Lois both agreed that the clerk and treasurer positions require a salary increase, whether appointive or elective. The town offers no health plan or retirement plan for employees. Andrew Lois asked Kelly Wilson to look into the state plan for health and for retirement. Clerk will send Kenosha County municipalities a wage survey to try to find out what others are paying.

Clerk said fire department is over budget some of which is from increased membership thus the requirement for class fees and new uniforms. Utilities are higher along with increased cost for maintenance of trucks and equipment. Kelly Wilson suggested a \$15,000 increase be added to the budget.

Clerk will work the increases into the budget and have something ready for the board to approve for the October 24 meeting.

Meeting was moved for adjournment at 6:20 by Kelly Wilson. Andrew Lois seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk