

May 22, 2023 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Chairman Butler. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call taken with Chairman Brett Butler, Supervisors Kelly Wilson and Kyle Madsen present. Also present Donna Deuster, Clerk, Chief Denko, Dustin Heins, Emily Lein, Jill Lewis, Jeff Butler, and Tom Brehm.

Clerk Deuster stated minutes were posted in 3 public places, posted on the website and emailed to those requesting to be notified.

Supervisor Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 8th, 2023 meeting, 2nd by Supervisor Madsen. Motion carried.

Chief Denko reported the annual donation letter has been sent to property holders. He is looking for a way to include this opportunity to support the fire department to renters. He will look into leaving a supply of letters in the town hall. The department is currently involved in the task force with 2 very good Gateway instructors, looking to expand to local law enforcement and eventually Wheatland Grade School.

Safety Report – Officer Santelli was unavailable to report.

Public Comment – No one spoke.

Dustin Hein was present on behalf of Freedom Fireworks 5712 392nd Ave.. He reviewed they would operate as they did previous years in the same site. Chief Danko said they have been compliant with fire codes in the past.

All concerns raised by the board were answered by Mr. Hein.

Supervisor Madsen made a motion for a favorable recommendation to Kenosha County on behalf of Dustin Hein, Freedom Fireworks to establish sales of fireworks and novelties at 5712-392nd Ave. with one 30 x 90 sales tent and one 8 x 40 steel storage container from June 16 – July 5, 2023. Seconded by Supervisor Wilson. Motion Carried.

Chairman Butler made a motion to approve the Town of Wheatland Sellers permit to sell fireworks and novelties at the above location July 16th – July 5, 2023. Seconded by Supervisor Wilson. Motion carried.

Supervisor Wilson made a motion to approve the town issued Possessor permits for sales of Fireworks. Seconded by Supervisor Madsen. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-004 as follow-up to Ordinance 10-003 regarding the Public Participation Plan for Amending the Comprehensive Plan. Motion was read by Chairman Butler, motion to approve was made by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Madsen. Motion Carried.

Chairman Butler reported from the Parks and Recreation Board that several item will come up for consideration later on the agenda.

Presently there is a life/disability policy held by the town for elected officials. It comes for renewal in July, but it doesn't serve a benefit as seen in the past because other income of individuals comes into consideration before this works, and only one person was paid out a death benefit. Cost is about \$2400. Annually. After a short discussion, Chairman Butler made a motion to discontinue this policy, seconded by Supervisor Wilson. Motion carried.

Tim Popanda, Building Inspector requested to work with the Town Attorney to proceed forward with preparing a raze order for the property at 7815 334th Ave. Supervisor Wilson made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Chairman Butler. Motion carried.

Supervisor Wilson, with discussion from Constable Santelli, is looking at purchasing portable speed

readers that would be transferable from post to post at a cost of about \$3000.00 each. This would alert drivers to their current speed and encourage them to drive within the speed limit. In the meantime, Clerk Deuster was directed to put our name on the waiting list for the county speed trailer. Kelly Wilson will also continue to work with updating the town junk ordinances.

The process for working with the Town Attorney was reviewed and the Town Clerk would work as an intermediary for possible use of the Attorney's services.

ATV use was discussed and no new matters were brought from the Board. However, Tom Brehm inserted he felt the county would support an ordinance once the paving on Highway O and KD were completed. He stated he would continue to monitor the situation with the Town of Burlington on 31st Street.

Reports –

Road – Chairman Butler reported the shoulders on 392nd have been repaired. Supervisor reported a street sign down on 314th and 75th Street in Oakwood Shores.

Chairman Butler reported he is considering options for the Black pipe on Lilly Lake Beach. It was noted in the past it was an annual event to rebury it so it does not appear on the beach. Chairman Butler will look into this option.

Supervisor Madsen – no report

Supervisor Wilson – Looking into the progress on the Shed for the transfer Station and will be looking to work with Allen for the move and possible destruction of the current shed.

Treasurers report, A report presented on behalf of Treasurer Deborah Vos indicated a total of \$1,493,670.76 in the Town of Wheatland Accounts. A balance sheet presented to support this and included in the meeting file.

Clerk – Clerk Deuster noted the “shed” in Wheatland was now down and cleared up as part of the removal of other flood properties.

Correspondence and Announcements - None.

Financial Matters.

Purchase approval. – none

Clerk's report of disbursements. It was noted there was a duplicate charge which were paid for Safe Harbor. The check introduced at the last meeting was voided and a new check was written which the net change would be a reduction in spending of 299.60.

Other Financial matters.

Chairman Butler noted the Parks and Recreation Committee wished to increase the fees for 2024 in the following categories:

Rental of Pavilion and Food Stand increased to \$100.00 each.

Soft Ball Team fees to increase to \$400.00.

Purchase of posts and setting of them at Oakwood Shores Park and Koch Park from Willis Fencing for \$4,413.50 with the work to start in a couple of weeks.

Purchase of lighting for the basketball court from Ericson Electric in the amount of \$1,700.

Motion made by Chairman Butler, seconded by Supervisor Wilson to adjourn at 6:40 pm. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Deuster,
Clerk, Town of Wheatland.