

**TOWN OF WHEATLAND
TOWN BOARD MEETING
WHEATLAND TOWN HALL
34515 GENEVA RD., NEW MUNSTER, WISCONSIN**

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brett Butler at 6:00 p.m., Monday June 26, 2023 at the Town Hall and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Board Members present, Chairman Brett Butler, 1st Supervisor Kyle Madsen, and 2nd Supervisor Kelly Wilson. Also, present; Clerk Donna Deuster, Al Kaddatz, Jeffery Koenen, Brian Thomas, Mary Schneider, Paul Ehr, Louis Denko, Traci Denko and Wayne Kaddatz.

Clerk Deuster affirmed the agenda was posted in 2 public places and available at the transfer station, emailed to those requesting the agenda, and on the Town Web site. A motion was made by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Madsen to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Chief Denko spoke appreciating the cooperation of the residents with the burning ban and said it would continue to be monitored before the ban would be lifted. Chief Denko expressed concern with the potential problems with VRBO, and short-term rentals related to the fact that most of the renters have no idea where they are if they call in an emergency. A handful of Wheatland properties were identified using information from the health department and visitor's bureau, but he is sure there are many more. Chief Denko is asking the town if we can reach out and make sure the address is clearly visible on the refrigerator or door where it can be seen in an emergency.

Maintenance is mostly completed with a weld needed on 6614 and a nozzle which needs to be rebuilt.

All 11 EMTs will be current on their licenses using the Vector training.

Public Safety – none

Public Comment:

Mary Schneider of 7727 Fox River Road spoke on ATV's running off the road on the point. There are about 12 trails which are made on Oakwood Point. Her concern is safety because of the speed they are running, young kids without helmets going fast, and the potential for destruction of property and the shoreline. She would like the Board to look into an ordinance to control this behavior. It was mentioned by Supervisor Wilson a letter is going out to registered ATV owners with the current ordinance to remind them all trails are on road.

Paul Ehr, 33501 Geneva Place, spoke on enforcing ordinance 20.14 related to noises disturbing the peace. The large semi's which run their air brakes are loud and he feels could be managed with signage at the Towns edge, and someone to enforce it.

Resolution 2023-005 for the transfer of \$30,000 from the ARPA funds to the Fire Department Budget was discussed. The sign would be promoting Safety, recruitment and retention. Motion to approve the request was made by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Madsen. Motion carried.

ATV travel on Town Roads. It was noted signage is visible for the previous area in question directing the riders to use town roads. Currently there is no one (Constable, DNR or KCSD) to patrol and enforce the area in question and it can't be blocked or chained off as it is county property.

The proposed Highway ATV project is on hold until Highway O work is complete. Per County Executive Samantha Kerkman, the extension of ATV routes will be a pilot project once it does start and could be pulled back at will. Supervisor Madsen has been working with Town of Burlington, Rachel Nabor, and will be attending a meeting on July 13th regarding the shared town line road, 31st St. and the future of ATV use on it.

Road Report – Chairman Butler has gotten calls with the wider roads (especially Hwy O), the shoulders are narrower causing traffic to drop off if they use the shoulder. Overall, this would affect the construction of the road as it weakens the edges of the road. Supervisor Butler will address this with someone from the county.

Chairman Butler – no report

Supervisor Madsen – no report

Supervisor Wilson – mentioned she is working to update the public nuisance ordinance and the dog ordinance. It was brought up to include feeding of feral cats with the dog (animal) ordinance. Supervisor Wilson is also continuing her research into Speed Trailers, and Solar stationary speed monitors.

Clerk – no report

A question to Chairman Butler regarding the proposed road bond for new construction status. Chairman Butler is working to find the appropriate amount for the bond for the maintenance of the road, then bring it to the attorney for draft and approval. He noted a few recent new building projects have caused concern with the surfaces of the road connecting to the property.

Financial Matters

Purchases Approval – none

Other financial matters – none

Treasures report – Treasurer Deb Vos presented the report to the Board and stated that the Town of Wheatland currently has a balance of \$1,712,834.99.

Motion to Adjourn made by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Madsen. Motion carried.
Adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Deuster

Town of Wheatland, Clerk.