

DECEMBER 18,2023 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Brett Butler at 5:10 p.m. on Monday, December 18,2023 at the Town Hall in New Munster. He opened the meeting with the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Town Board members present – Chairman Brett Butler and Supervisor Kyle Madsen, Supervisor Kelly Wilson. Other presents: Treasurer Deborah Vos, Constable Robert Santelli.

Notices were posted in six public areas and on the town website. The *Kenosha News* and *Westosha Report* were notified. Individuals who have requested meeting notices by e-mail were also sent agendas as required by state law.

Discussion on the purchase of Body Camera and related equipment for the Constable.

Constable Santelli spoke about the purchase of the Body cam, he said that it is \$2234.00 cheaper than the last contract they sent us. It is a savings of \$1000.00 a year of original cost. The Hardware would be ours and paid for in the first year. If something happened that was not needed anymore, the contract could be torn up and the town would own the hardware. The Town could sell the hardware, or the Fire department could always use the hardware and software.

Butler asked if Santelli no long ran, would this be a good recruitment tool? Santelli state that not a cop out there would not know how to use it. Butler is this a positive or do not want this job because of body cam? Santelli said it is a positive thing for officer now days.

Chairman Butler asked how many hours to download? Constable Santelli stated that auto saved, number assign and label, and recall for court would only take a couple of hours.

Complaints can be seen on the new unit also.

The Fee Schedule for requested information from the Camera can be sent vis email or a thumb drive and the charge for the service will be around \$15.00.

Santelli also stated that he will have access to deleted video but will need a retention schedule in place. In 120 days, the system will ask Bob can they redact them.

Chairman Butler thought the Body Camera was a positive thing, safety for all involved.

Santelli states that the Cam all over officer and in squad will activate when he turns the taser on.

Butler said he has a cam in his truck and feels that this equipment is safety for the Officer.

Santelli said that the pepper spray he has is water based and if a person was pepper sprayed and tasered the person will not ignite.

Santelli said that the taser will be in less than 4 weeks and the body cam and squad came about 4 weeks, it will take about 90 days to complete. Santelli state that it should be up and running by March 2024

Supervisor Wilson said that this is providing safety for Bob, Town and public. She thanks Bob for his efforts on the work on this project. Butler thanks Kelly also for her efforts.

Wilson approved the purchase of the Axon @ 25,573.67 and Madsen second it, All in favor.

ARPA funds to use for the purchase.

Chairman Butler stated that is makes sense to use for purchase at least the initial purchase, but thinking to wait on the balance as owed each year, Wilson agreed with Butler.

Butler made a motion to make use of ARRP funds for the first year's amount of \$13,812.31.

Madsen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm. Second by Madsen, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Town Treasurer, Deborah K Vos