Town of Wheatland

34315 Geneva Rd. New Munster, WI 53105
Clerk Katie Sweatman

Date: August 5, 2025

Town Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 29, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

The Wheatland Town Board met on Tuesday, July 29, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Wheatland Town Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call included:
Roll call
Chairmen: Jeff Butler
Supervisor #1: Kyle Madsen
Supervisor #2: Kelly Wilson

Also in attendance were Clerk, Katie Sweatman, Traci Denko, Phill Zelek, Mark Seegers Michael Clark, Ken and Lindsay Young, Frank Ptak, and Mary Petersen.

Verification of public notice for agenda –
The agenda was submitted on Thursday and Friday at the Town Hall upstairs and downstairs, subscription list, Wheatland School, Facebook (Keeping Wheatland Informed) and West of the I

Approval of Minutes of prior meetings -
A motion was made by Supervisor Wilson to approve June 30, 2025 and July 14, 2025 minutes as presented and seconded by Supervisor Madsen. Motion passed.

Fire Department Report – Chief Denko states that they were well prepared for the weekend of Country Thunder and Das Fest. They had 3 car accidents. 7 volunteers were able to stay overnight at the fire station.

As of the today there is no county radio system for Fire and EMS. This is getting to be a real problem. This has been reported to the county and they are waiting for the provider to fix it. This has been a constant problem. We can use our tower and right now we have to use it as a backup. This will not be correctly fixed until 2027.

Pump testing is next week on all the trucks.
6614 is up for sale on the WI Surplus website. We had one person show up for the sale but unfortunately, this sale fell short.

Chief Denko is formally asking to sit down with Chairmen Butler to talk about where the fire house discussion is heading. Chairmen Butler said absolutely this is not a problem.

There was a fire at the Solar Farm today due to an exploded inverter. We now have contact information for the site in case we need it for the future. The building inspector and the fire chief are sending a letter asking for the parcel to be maintained. This was a significant explosion 30-40 foot which took out a couple of panels. The building inspector will be in-touch to reinspect the parcel. The agreement was copied and given to the inspector for the letter to be written. They were installing new inverter sticks at the time of the explosion.

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Public Safety Report – No radio communication with public safety too. Constable Santelli was able to reach out to Twin Lakes for communication. Constable Santelli is urging for a letter to be sent to express the importance of radio communication.

Rukstales update: Constable Santelli has not been able to get onto the property. Mr. Baker does not have a problem with the constable entering the property through his.
Other properties were followed up on, including 52nd street. This is now closed.
Brown property was scheduled to have a meeting. A copy of the ordinance was given to the owner.
Bacle family has kids that go up and down the road and this is a safety concern. Constable is to follow up with parents.
Oakwood Shores with an ATV riding around. Constable is going to run the route more often to see if they are still causing problems.

Public comments – Mr. Ptak asked about the solar panels and how the energy works. Information was given about the utility aid coming in November.

PHILLIP P. & JENNIFER L. ZELEK, 40300 Bloomfield Rd., Genoa City, WI 53128 (Owner), requesting a variance (Section III. P. 12.18.4-5(b): that accessory buildings shall be located in the side or rear yard only) to construct a detached accessory building to be located in the street yard on Tax Key Parcel #95-4-119-073-0410, Town of Wheatland.
Chairmen Butler went to the county and talked to Mr. Andy Buehler regarding the variance. Mr. Zelek is in the right with all dimensions of new building and is working in the jurisdiction of all county ordinances. Mr. and Mrs. Young mentioned this is a steel building and he doesn't believe this is going to enhance the property value. Mr. Clark mentioned there are several culverts that go through the area and drainage could impact the amount of water run.
A motion was made to bring this variance to the Planning Commission Board by Supervisor Madsen and seconded by Supervisor Wilson. Motion passed.

Fire Department Committee Meeting is waiting on dates and times to be given from the members. Supervisor Wilson is to reach out to members and gather a meeting for next week.

Fish stocking for Lilly Lake has been discussed previously. Order to consist of 200 Northern Pike that are 9"-12".

Just Live Temporary License for beer/wine – Labor of Love event 8/31/25 from 11:30AM -7PM
Motion made by Supervisor Madsen for approval of a temporary license for the Labor of Love event and seconded by Chairmen Butler. Motion passed.

Reports - Road – Weirdt tree, Chairmen Butler talked with Chris Mickelson from the county highway department and it was agreed that the entire tree needed to be taken instead of causing more problems later. The tree was hollow.
Asphalt Contractors to send a new contract for services. Contract to be sent to clerk.

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A street sign down in Cranberry Knolls. This sign is on Lyons township. Clerk reached out to Lyons and they have already handled replacement of the sign.
Trees on 376th, Michael Dufern is concerned about his maple trees falling on his home. These trees are in the road right of way. Some of these trees are hollow and tall. We have received a bid from Complete Tree Service and are still waiting for the bid from FnS after that we can decide what we would like to do.
341st Ave by the Fire Station the culvert is washing out. It is going under the pavement. Clerk is to put a workorder into the county.
Clerk is to get the amount of funds already paid out on roads to evaluate Cranberry Knolls washboard issue. Follow up with county about pricing to take care of Cranberry Knolls.

Clerk – Phones will be officially installed tomorrow. Internet has already been converted at the firehouse. The Town Hall is going to transfer in early 2026.
Lilly Lake Town Bank, bank account has been converted from Brett Butler to Jeff Butler for a signer. As well as Donna Deuster converted to Katie Sweatman for online access.

Announcements - Open Book Scheduled for August 14, 2025 from 10AM to 3PM all information will be given from AAC virtually. Mailings on this will go out very soon.
Board of Review Scheduled for Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 6PM. Board agreed this was a good date.
Quickbooks wants us to reevaluate our contract and adjust for direct deposit. This would include a $5 charge per employee per pay period. That would make us pay over $1,300.00 per year more.
Because we are in an old contract, they are pushing us to reevaluate. This new contract would up our payment by $600. Clerk would like to do fund transfers through our bank at BMO. Other options are to be looked into and brought back up at the next meeting. There is going to be a form for every employee to fill out that will include payroll info and banking private information.
Nationwide is asking to reevaluate 457 and OBRA for every employee regarding benefit funding and distribution. This is also going to be the time for new sign-ups and changing distributions.

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Madsen and seconded by Supervisor Wilson. Motion carried.