



**Town of Wheatland**  
34315 Geneva Rd. New Munster, WI 53105  
Clerk Katie Sweatman

Date: November 13, 2025

## **Town Board Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, November 10, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.**

The Wheatland Town Board met on Monday November 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Wheatland Town Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Roll call included:**

Chairmen: Jeff Butler

Supervisor #1: Kyle Madsen

Supervisor #2: Kelly Wilson

Also in attendance were Clerk, Katie Sweatman, Treasurer, Shannon Herda, Larry Babcock, Mary and Tom Petersen, Diane Grenus, Ann Iverson and Lou and Traci Denko.

### **Verification of public notice for agenda**

The agenda was submitted on Thursday and Friday at the Town Hall upstairs and downstairs, West of the I, Wheatland School and Facebook (Keeping Wheatland Informed)

### **Approval of prior meeting minutes from October 28, 2025**

*Motion made to approve and accept the minutes as presented from October 28, 2025 by Supervisor Madsen, seconded by Supervisor Wilson.*

Fire Department, burns have not been called in to the fire chief. Most calls are coming from people on highway 50. This is becoming a problem because resources are being used when not needed. The fire chief is asking that controlled burns should be called into the chief just to be notified in case calls are generated. Larry Babcock asked if we could send out a mailer regarding this information. Treasurer Herda noted that with the tax letter a section is included in the back regarding burning. Clerk Sweatman noted that we can also post a reminder on Facebook as a for your information. Diane Grenus asked if fire pits are supposed to be called in too? Chief Denko stated that most fire pits are not considered a problem however, a specific situation that happened over the weekend this fire pit was very full and very big and it was a problem because it could be seen by highway 50. Supervisor Wilson also asked if we could put a friendly reminder on the marque sign in front of the fire station. Chief Denko stated he would do that.

Public Safety, Bob Santelli should be back from leave the week of November 19, 2025 as long as he is released. When officer Santelli comes back his cradle point needs to be updated as the lifetime of the cradle point is 3-5 years. This was originally installed in 2020 and can be updated through FirstNet for \$738 just for the cradle point. Officer Santelli states there is a lot that goes into this. When Officer Santelli gets back he can work on this and his new laptop. This amount will be a lot more than just the FirstNet price due to other companies that will be involved.

### **Public Comments**

Larry Babcock spoke about the Town Constable doing the code enforcement. Mr. Babcock is concerned because he doesn't do code enforcement. He stated many examples of why. Chairmen Butler believes that everyone is available to their opinion. Chairmen Butler had to cut him off for being inappropriate.



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Mary Petersen asked if the minutes were still going to be on the website. Clerk Sweatman clarified that nothing is changing. Everything is staying the same we are migrating from the old website to the new and once everything is up to par we will go live the same way we are doing it now.

**Lilly Lake Boat Cover**

The original cover was junk and through [www.boatcovers.com](http://www.boatcovers.com) we have an option from \$551.00 to \$722.00. There is a 5-year warranty on the new cover that is able to fit our boat. Travel Tuff is \$551.00.

*A motion was made to accept the Boatcovers quote for \$551.00 plus shipping by Supervisor Madsen and seconded by Supervisor Wilson. Motion carried.*

**Fire House committee update**

They met last Wednesday with Keller who presented other firehouses from around Wisconsin that they have been involved in. There is another meeting on November 12, 2025. Supervisor Madsen states that this was a big eye opener with what is involved in the process. Chairmen Butler states that we received a document from Sherrer but nothing was stated about price, it was just gentleman's handshake. Sherrer is concerned because they don't know which we are deciding to go at this time. Clerk Sweatman stated that Attorney Terry is still looking into the matter and will elaborate at the next meeting.

**Transfer Station Repairs**

Where we put the iron in the container is a foot or so down and they would like a slab of concrete put in to make it stop sinking. Chairmen Butler was able to get 2 estimates for review. He would like to know if we move forward with this, this year or in the spring?

The other bins he would like to see railroad ties put under them for stability.

Compactor hasn't been serviced since 2016. Original servicer sold to Fleet Genius and would charge \$105 per hour they are anticipating 2 hours and they will go over everything from looks and replacements. Chairmen Butler states that this should be done every 3-4 years just for maintenance.

Supervisor Madsen asked if there is any difference between doing it now versus waiting until the spring for the concrete. Chairmen Butler said there was not difference but it was something that overlooked and now needs to be taken care of. The board agreed that this is something that can be put off until the spring, they will table this discussion.

*A motion was made by Supervisor Wilson to allow Fleet Genius to work on our compactor for \$105/hour on maintenance, seconded by Supervisor Madsen. Motion passed.*

**Community Member looking for Community Service Opportunities**

Christine O'Day is looking for community service opportunities, Clerk Sweatman is offering for her to come in and do some filing and organizing for the town as this help could clean up the office and straight line the office procedures. Supervisor Madsen asked if there was any legal situations that we need to evaluate? Chairmen Butler believes that until some of the paperwork is purged and



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organized we should just keep it with who we have. We also have the budget, elections for next year and the taxes going on. Supervisor Wilson would like the clerk to check with our attorney. Conversation has been tabled.

### **JDA Battery Storage Discussion**

Supervisor Wilson mentions that Scott McPherson with Bess is suppose to submit their permits by end of this week. All of the permits have to be approved by the county first before we can move forward with planning any board meetings.

Rukstales property is showing major improvements to haul items out. Inspector Tim is working the family in this situation.

The Wedding Barn in Slades Corners does not have electricity disconnected. They have been notified and everything should be taken care of. They have come in and paid their permits.

Cranberry Knolls is completed with mastic. Chairmen Butler has stopped and evaluated the work and at first wasn't happy but after some adjustment it was about 50% better than what it was. More material was used but it should be still within budget.

Dei property with dead trees was evaluated by Chairmen Butler. There is a spruce tree that she would like topped out in the road right of way. Chairmen Butler states we are going to trim it out and do it when the ground freezes in January.

Complaint taken by a citizen regarding the parking sign behind Honeydriperz. They can't read the sign. Chairmen doesn't know if we even need the signs. Those signs are old and should not be replaced. They should be taken out. Supervisor Wilson already looked at this sign. Discussion is tabled until next meeting.

Clerk has a financial report included. 2 copies need to be signed.

Flags, an opportunity has been offered to get really nice flags for free through an opportunity with a bank program. Clerk is to follow up with this program to get possible free flags.

Hooved animal family in the community follow up. The attorney is sending a letter to comply with stipulations within 60 days.

### **Announcements**

Fire/EMS meeting at Randall Fire Station #2 November 19, 2025 at 3PM

### **Financial Matters**

Changes that have been made to the budget to include the items that were listed and suggested at the last meeting. Along with that we have added the copier/printer line. Elections, building inspector and FICA lines were also adjusted. We also adjusted the mileage line and put it into meetings lines. *A motion was made to accept the budget as presented by Chairmen Butler, seconded by Supervisor*



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*Madsen. Motion carried.*

**Cell phones for Clerk and Treasurer**

Treasurer Herda is concerned about her personal cell phone being compromised being that she is using it for banking purposes for the Town. This is also a concern that if we get summoned for a records request, we could get our personal cell phones seized. Ann Iverson states that it's not an uncommon practice to use your cell phones for biometric authentication. Supervisor Wilson would like us to check with our attorney for recommendations on personal cell phone practices through other municipalities. Clerk/treasurer to check into what other municipalities do. Conversation is tabled for next meeting.

**Resolution 2025-02**

A motion was made for adoption of Resolution for special charges, seconded by Supervisor Madsen. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

*A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Madsen, Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie L. Sweatman, Clerk