



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

Date: January 15, 2026

## **Town Board Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, January 12, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.**

The Wheatland Town Board met on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Wheatland Town Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Roll call**

Chairmen: Jeff Butler

Supervisor #1: Kyle Madsen

Supervisor #2: Kelly Wilson

Also in attendance were Katie Sweatman, Clerk, Shannon Herda, Treasurer, Bryan Stevens, Chad Troedter, Deb and Andy Lois, Denise and Tom Brehm, Adam and Jenny Morehouse, Jeff Meracle, Vince Mosca, Lou and Traci Denko, Mary and Rob Peterson, Rachel Daniels, Michelle and Bob Durkin

### **Verification of Public Notice**

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

### **Approval of prior meeting from December 22, 2025**

This item was tabled for approval until next meeting.

### **Reports**

**Public Safety** - nothing to report at this time.

### **Fire Department:**

The interview with the consultants is on track with a quick tour. New software program is needed to replace the I am responding. This will be about \$9k. This will help with doing reports.

The radio update with the county, the update should be happening with the tower in Silver Lake Park sometime in 2027. They have been doing small updates however; no significant improvements have been seen.

### **Public Comments:**

Andy Lois – wondering if we can change the speed limit to 35mph so he can ride his ATV/UTV down his road? Chairmen Butler states we have to talk to the county because it's their road.

Tom Brehm – values this small community

Adam Morehouse – Robin Energy is a newly formed company. The companies liability and a high risk. This company looks to be a company that is created through multiple other companies. Supervisor Wilson stated that the company's official name is Robinson.

Deb Lois – Wants to know if the town's people will put this into a referendum? Supervisor Wilson commented that because we are not using the town's money no referendum is necessary.



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Jeff Meracle – following up with conversation with Supervisor Madsen. He reached out to Samantha Kerkman and Erin Decker to see if they will be able to make the public hearing. At this time, they do not believe that they will be able to make the public hearing.

Therese Murphy - What are we (Wheatland) getting from this deal? What happens if alarms go off with the school being so close to the location? Is our house values going to go down. Chairmen Butler commented that all of these questions would be better able to be answered tomorrow from the Robin Energy affiliates.

Chad Troedter – don't you think that you should know the answers to these questions being the Town Board? Chairmen Butler mentioned this is why they are coming to answer questions and comments with better knowledge about the situation.

Jeff Meracle – what are your positions about this being the Town Board? Chairmen Butler said that they need more information regarding the entire project. We work for the people and whatever the people want is what we are going to follow.

Will we know what the recommendation will be to Kenosha County before the end of the night? Chairmen Butler stated there is a possibility they could make a favorable or unfavorable decision tomorrow night. There is also a possibility that the decision could be tabled.

Jenny Morehouse – states that she doesn't want to hear from Robin again, she would like to speak to the people that are going to Kenosha County and Samantha Kerkman. Supervisor Wilson mentioned that at the open house there were approximately 30 people that attended. We expect that there will be more people tomorrow night and these people we not at the open house. Supervisor Madsen stated that tomorrow night is for questions to Robin and then Wednesday will be another Town Board meeting where additional comments can be made to us.

Rachel Daniels – she is concerned regarding the power that this project is anticipated for. Also, she is concerned about the potential impact to our property, community and long-term impact to our community.

Once it goes to the planning board then to Kenosha County do you have to agree with the planning board. Chairmen Butler stated that we do not have to agree however, it is every unlikely we will disagree.

Vince Mosca – how is tomorrow going to work? Chairmen Butler stated tomorrow is the public hearing where Robin is going to present then the plan commission will run a meeting with a potential vote.

Tom Brehm – recommends putting information at the transfer station. The big application of 285 pages has a lot of information that was quoted. He is concerned that the company knows what they are going to make off of this project that should be a question for Robin.



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A community member spoke about what happens with our insurance company? This question needs to be brought to the attention of Robin Energy.

Rachel Daniels – made a statement regarding this being put into our back yard. Weather issues in the area will not be sustainable. What is really right with our rural farming community and she hopes the board hears the people and takes their opinions seriously.

Andy Lois – is concerned that he needs more time for consideration. Town Board may need more time to consider all the information that is presented.

Tom Brehm asked the Fire Chief if we are headed to a full-time staff for the fire department? Fire Chief Denko stated that we are working on getting a part-time staff for the future. The problem is that we can't keep volunteers because of what we offer is not adequate enough when we compete with other jurisdictions that have better facilities or opportunities than we do.

Jeff Meracle – is concerned about this facility being so close to the school. Chairmen Butler stated that is one of the reasons the applications have to be considered for rezoning. More information on that will be given at the public hearing tomorrow.

Supervisor Madsen is concerned that we will not have enough seating for the community tomorrow. After Chairmen Butler stated that we have borrowed chairs from the firehouse.

Rachel Daniels – believes that the battery storage is linked to the firehouse. This is unfortunate because they need to be kept as separate issues.

### **Reports**

**Chairmen Butler** - Gravel Pit - Restoration is going well. We are more than welcome to visit at any time we have to meet them at the gate. Supervisor Wilson states the contract expires at the end of 2026 so who do we have to question about this. Johnson Gravel is restoring the pit. The county is looking into this matter.

The stop sign on O and Geneva Road got ran over and is in the process of being replaced by the county.

John Holloway called regarding the noise ordinance they do not want to change the ordinance. This is part of the cabaret license issue. The clerk received a call from Jill and the limit should be at 95. Jill is also trying to follow through on recommendations from the board for the next meeting.

Fallen tree on 336<sup>th</sup> – the tree was documented by officer Santelli and looked at by Chairmen Butler and Supervisor Wilson. A conversation was had with the homeowner and officer Santelli to get an estimate and submit to insurance.

**Supervisor Madsen** - Salt on Geneva Road was a lot per Supervisor Madsen. Follow through with Asphalt Contractors.



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There is a potential for a traffic light to be installed on highway 50 and W. Erin Decker was contacted and will be having conversations with Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Officer Santelli brought up that in Lilly Lake there are multiple areas where snow is just being dumped. These piles need to be put in a different location due to liability.

Expense reports for expenditures were given to the Board to sign. *Motion made by Supervisor Masden to accept the expenditure report, seconded by Supervisor Wilson. Motion carried.*

Certification of Election paperwork was given to all members.

Injury and Illness Report as well as the Fire Department Report were both filed and on record if the Board would like to see them.

Liability insurance option to go up to \$250k. Also, the fire departments ATV is being evaluated to be added. We have requested a quote to evaluate. The questionnaire was submitted. We did get confirmation that if we submitted the full amount in payment can be refunded or put into the new policy if we needed to.

New logo discussion – Wheatland Center no longer has interest in proceeding with this. We have now followed up Westosha Central High School. We have two girls in the marketing department that are willing to help. A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday with the girls.

RTP Federal Recreational Trails Program Grant. There is a chance that this will not cover us however, we are looking into it. Deadline is March 1 to apply,

Tax collection is going great. January settlement came in today. This has been verified and now we can pay out to schools.

Abrahams Shredding event is scheduled for April 18, 2026.

RTI Bryan Stevens set up all the microphones for tomorrows meeting. These were borrowed from Salem Lakes. Bryan is going to work up a quote incase the Board is interested in purchasing them.

IT Server \$8,650.00 was put in the budget numbers. We do not have a server right now. Also, we need to meet specific compliance requirements.

*A motion was made to approve the purchase of a new server by Supervisor Madsen, seconded by Supervisor Wilson. Motion carried.*

Adobe Pro is approximately \$700.00 for a year. This will allow us to manipulate forms and applying the forms online with applications. This will be for two licenses. This was not in the budget numbers. We are to look at the budget numbers and see if we can approve the purchase.



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Clerk and Treasurer institute training for July. \$500 each for virtual 32-34 hours of training. This is to become certified. *Motion made to approve the purchase of the CTI training for both the Clerk and Treasurer by Chairmen Butler, seconded by Supervisor Wilson. Motion carried.*

EMC Workman's compensation insurance – *Supervisor Madsen made a motion to accept the EMC policy bill of \$4,909.00, seconded by Supervisor Wilson. Motion carried.*

WMCA dues are due at \$65.00 have been paid. Northern conference is April 15-16 at \$139.00 plus 2 nights stay in a hotel. *A motion was made to approve the training for the clerk by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Madsen. Motion carried.*

Roll call for closed session

Chairmen Butler – Yes  
Supervisor Madsen – Yes  
Supervisor Wilson – Yes

Motion passed.

Entered closed session to discuss employee performance. No action was needed.

*Motion made by Chairmen Butler to reconvene to open session, seconded by Supervisor Madsen. Motion carried.*

### **Adjournment**

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

Katie L. Sweatman  
Town Clerk, Town of Wheatland