



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

Date: January 27, 2026

Town Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 26, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

The Wheatland Town Board met on Monday, January 26, 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, Chad Troedter, Denise and Tom Brehm, Jaxson and Jenny Morehouse, Lou Denko, Mary and Rob Peterson, Chris Gorlinski, Glenn Raiman, Ray Ellrodd, Kristina Klabunde, Bill Jay, Diane Grenus and Ann Iverson

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 minutes

December 22, 2025

Motion made by Supervisor Madsen, seconded by Supervisor Wilson to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.

January 12, 2026

Motion made by Supervisor Madsen, seconded by Supervisor Wilson to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.

January 13, 2026 – Public Hearing

Motion made by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Madsen to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.

January 14, 2026 – Special Town Board Meeting

Motion made by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Madsen to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Clerk noted the only outstanding minutes not yet completed were for the Planning Commission.

Reports

Fire Department -

Wheatland has been fortunate with few local fires.

Neighboring towns are experiencing significant structure fires due to cold weather.

Mutual aid calls have increased.

Expected increase in alarm calls as pipes thaw and burst.



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New Software discussion –

First Due Software Suite

Replaces IAR

Real-time response tracking integrated with dispatch

Pre-plans, hazard info, mapping

Training logs and call activity tracking

Asset management and truck checks

Electronic NFIRS replacement (NARRIS) reporting

Potential future modules: fire inspections, permitting, invoicing for incidents

HIPAA-compliant use on personal devices

Tablets are likely required in trucks

Personal phones used for check-ins

GPS tracking activates only during response and for 20 minutes after

Fire Department hopes for implementation before SPS audit in March/April

Motion made by Supervisor Madsen, seconded by Supervisor Wilson to approve the purchase of First Due software for \$11,819.00 for the first year and every year after \$9,186.00

Public Safety –

New paper copy given of road inspection citations with updated information given to boards.

New computer discussion – bring two quotes, one for a ruggedized computer and dock and the other for a general computer with a dock from RTI and a government pricing option to make a better decision.

Constable vacation February 5-10

Windshield has a hairline crack that needs to be repaired will evaluate when dock for computer is installed.

Public Comments

Mary Petersen - Battery Storage update, is there any update about what Robin is doing regarding moving forward or not with the battery storage here in Wheatland?

Chairmen Butler – Lou and I had a meeting today with Robin Battery storage their lawyer and our lawyer and Samantha Kerkman. We are going to get this whether we like it or not. It will take approximately 1-1 ½ for this to go through. They feel this is a prime location, but we are going to have more meetings along with pamphlets to hand out. It was just a meeting that we had today to find out our options.

Was anything said about the public's strong opinion?

Chairmen Butler – They got that but they can go over our heads. Which means that it will be coming here.

Tom Brehm – making Town a Village? This is not a money thing it's about safety and our children at the school being so close.



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Chairmen Butler – to be a village it will cost the town a lot of money because we will need sewer and water which we do not provide right now. We did look into this many years ago and it got turned down.

Chad Troedter – circling back to the Fire Department again, why are we not getting grants for the Fire Department? This would help offset the cost of paid firefighters.

Chief Denko – The grant that Safer grant through FEMA, you would need to pay money back and have a grant writer, which is expensive.

Supervisor Madsen – We do have a Fire Department committee which has brought information about grants up. However, we are not that far in the process yet to evaluate it so we haven't gone any further.

Chris Gorlinski – Communication regarding meetings and information. Would you consider going through Next Door app? For people that do not have Facebook or can't find the website or newspaper.

Battery storage, who is pushing this, Robin?

Chairmen Butler – Yes, Robin has been here with this offer multiple times. Are there alternatives to the lithium battery option for battery storage? Looking into CO2 Dome option. Perhaps the Town doesn't have the authority to pick and choose that's why it's going through the state.

Chairmen Butler – Your CO2 Dome wasn't brought before us by Robin, so Lithium batteries is what they are offering.

Who does control what the PSC wants or will do with the site and project.

Chairmen Butler – Pretty much the Governor and state executives.

Tom Brehm – Let it go through the PSC. Let it ride

Dennise Brehm – Who negotiated the \$8.6 Million? Why was it decided on? Also, the time value of money doesn't add up.

Jenny Morehouse – Robin asked to have a meeting with them?

Chairmen Butler – Yes, Robin withdrew from the county and the town. Robin would like to better inform the people of what is going to happen in the project.

Since the community that was educated about the project said no to this, then why are you letting them come back?

Chairmen Butler - We are just in the information and talking mode. No motions are being made.

Diane Grenus – What was the 284 page document that people have?

Clerk – It's on our website where it states applications on the home page. On our new page it's under agendas and meetings. Not everything is updated because it's under construction.



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Jenny Morehouse – Why Robin?

Chairmen Butler – This is the only company that has come to us.

We are gambling with a company that is only a year old.

Chairmen Butler - I can guarantee that they will sell this within a year.

Dennise Brehm – There is no history and their never will be the company reinvents themselves.

Tom Brehm – I work in the industry business. It is your (Town's) job to voice and carry out our wishes. The Fire Department is a totally different issue. It needs to be separated. The homework for this company wasn't done.

Chad Troedter – Substation maintenance. Who is responsible for this when it comes to battery storage?

44th Street (Hillside Estates) Change of speed limit to 35 MPH discussion

The letter was read in its entirety. Mr. Raiman presented a petition with signatures to the board to present a letter to Kenosha County to approve access of ATV/UTV.

A motion was made by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Madsen to write a letter to Kenosha County to approve a speed limit change to 35 MPH on South 44th St to 52nd. Motion carried.

Highway O to Highway F change of speed limit to 35 MPH discussion – Tabled per petitioner.

Reports

Chairman Butler – Dei tree in road right of way was topped out and one tree cut down all went well

Black Bull packet should have been in your mailbox please read up and it will be put on the next agenda for consideration.

Microphone options for quotes to be considered for next agenda.

Plowing guys (Asphalt Contractors) everything is going well.

Supervisor Madsen – Marty McGinley from Wheatland Center School will be joining us on February 23, 2026 to discuss the referendum.

Supervisor Wilson – Spoke with Mr. Griffin regarding the plowing on the hill in Lilly Lake. Situation has been handled.

Clerk – Shannon and I were unclear on the expectations for the training on zoom that was approved last meeting. Can we close the Town Hall?



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Motion was made by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Madsen to approve the closure of the Town Hall during the week of training July 13-17. Motion carried.

Announcement:

Abraham's Document Shredding event 4/18/26 from 9am to 11am behind the fire house

Clerk in training April 15-16

Treasurer vacation March 20-27

Adobe Pro Approval

Quote through CDW is \$208.00, budget given to board members.

Motion was made by Chairmen Butler to approve Adobe Pro purchase of \$208.00 for two licenses, seconded by Supervisor Wilson. Motion carried.

Axon Enterprise Bill Approval

Contract has already been approved. Bill is just for reference.

Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn by Supervisor Madsen, seconded by Chairmen Butler. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie L. Sweatman

Town Clerk, Town of Wheatland