

JANUARY 26, 2009 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

- Meeting was called to order by Chairman Butler at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall in New Munster and opened with the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Town Board members present – Chairman Jeffrey Butler, and Supervisors Andrew Lois and Robert Herda.

Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, Fire Chief Alan Kaddatz, Fire Dept. Sec'y/Treas Bob Rynkiewicz and Jim Mirek.

Notices were posted in five public areas and *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.

A motion to accept the Minutes of the January 12, 2009 Town Board meeting as printed was moved by Robert Herda and seconded by Andrew Lois. Motion carried.

- **Fire Dept. business** – Fire Chief Alan Kaddatz said the fire department needs two new chain saws, one for each truck. They have a price from Otto Paap Inc. for \$1,190 each. Stiehl saw with a 20" bar and adjustable depth. They needed them at the weekend barn fire when they had to cut thru the ice on Lilly Lake. Board consensus was to allow the purchase.

Chief said they signed an ARA (automatic response alarm) agreement with Twin Lakes for the area west of the Fox River. An agreement with Silver Lake for the part of the town east of the Fox River is pending with Silver Lake. They would automatically be toned out by Kenosha Co. Dispatch for any structure fire. They also have continuing agreements with neighboring areas thru the MABAS agreements.

They sold the old air paks to Twin Lakes for \$5,000. The Fire Dept. has allocated the \$5,000 to purchase new pagers.

Fire Dept. report was moved for acceptance by Robert Herda. Andrew Lois seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- **Old business** –

Supervisor Andrew Lois brought up the Sarti Hills drainage issue. He had talked to Jerry Hebard from NRCS and Dan Treloar, Kenosha County Conservation Planner – there is no new money yet for 2009. Tim Lois told him he was going to follow thru on constructing the "green waterway." We need a meeting the end of February with the subdivision property owners. Len Roecker is working on a report. John Hotvedt will be contacted for opinion on who has authority for maintenance of drainage easement and who has authority to allow a connection to the south drainage easement which is being proposed by Tim Lois as part of the "green waterway" improvements on his property. Lois said Hebard and Treloar want to be present at the meeting also.

Chairman Jeffrey Butler reported that the Mitchell and Janina Pasiewicz raze notice issue has been settled in a court agreement. He received zoning permit and is getting a building permit. Chairman told him we wanted it done in a timely manner.

- **Notice of Intent to Patrol Lilly Lake - DNR reimbursement program**

Chairman reported that Constable Bob Haas had checked with Kenosha County Sheriff Dept. Lieutenant Paul J. Falduto, Jr. and he is willing to again act as our water patrol officer for 2009.

Andrew Lois moved to approve a Notice of Intent to Patrol Lilly Lake and participate in the DNR reimbursement program. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried.

- **Request Yamaha Law Loan Program participation thru Recreation Plus, Twin Lakes**

Chairman Butler said that for the past few years, Recreation Plus has been supplying a Yamaha jet ski thru the Law Loan Program at no cost to the Town of Wheatland.

Robert Herda moved a motion to request Yamaha Law Loan Program participation thru Recreation Plus for the 2009 boating season. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

- **Treasurer's report**

Treasurer's report for the month of December 2009 listed income of \$71,989.88 and expenses of \$217,852.08. Income included a \$35,915.36 reimbursement from Kenosha County Housing Authority for the local contribution portion of the Oakwood Shores property buyout -

Municipal Flood Control Grant Program. DNR will be reimbursing the balance.

Report was accepted as printed on a motion by Andrew Lois. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried.

- **Building Inspector report**

The December 2008 report listed two permits with a value of \$29,000 and permit fees of \$250. Report was accepted as printed on a motion moved by Robert Herda and seconded by Andrew Lois.

- **Road report**

Chairman Butler discussed snowplowing bills. With all the snow we'll have no money left in our road budget. Finishing Touches bills for December and January total \$76,352 including the salt/sand mix purchased from Kenosha Co. Hwy. Dept. Kenosha Co. Hwy Dept. charged \$35,820 for December work. We do not have the January charges yet.

Chairman said the roads will be in bad condition in the spring due to all the cold weather and the salt used to clear snow. We won't have the funds to fix the roads.

- **Announcements –**

PRIMARY ELECTION – February 17, 2009 – Town Hall – Polls open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. Election is for a contest including county circuit court judge and state superintendent of schools.

- **Correspondence -**

1. Chairman said Jerry Dressler and Bob & Rita Kissner have sent letters to the Smart Growth Advisory Committee objecting to the large homes being built on Lilly Lake. They want the houses to be the traditional small summer cottage type homes and want tighter restrictions. They feel this is leading to higher values for their existing homes and thus higher taxes. Chairman said this will be discussed at the Smart Growth meeting at the Kenosha County Center tomorrow.

2. WI Dept. of Transportation has advised us of a transportation funding symposium on Feb. 10 at Waukesha CTC. Funding for 2009 CMAQ & Enhancement Programs will be explained.

3. A copy of a letter from WI Dept. of Administration to the Town of Bristol, dated 1/16/09 was received which denies the Bristol incorporation petition but advises they can file for a smaller area under the same application if done within 120 days of 1/16/09.

- **Financial matters:**

a. Purchase approval / bill approval - none

b. Other financial matters –

\$4,215 was received from WI Emergency Management for the June 2008 Fox River Flood costs. We should also be receiving \$7,524 in FEMA snow declaration funds (2008 blizzard). Ben Schliesman assured the Clerk today that the money will be coming. Chairman noted we will also be receiving approximately \$46,000, supposedly in February, from the Urban Forestry Catastrophic Storm Grant (Jan. 7, 2008 tornado).

- Andrew Lois moved and Robert Herda seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,