

NOVEMBER 8, 2010 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Glembocki at 6:40 p.m. on Monday, November 8, 2010 at the Town Hall in New Munster.

Town Board members present – Chairman William Glembocki and Supervisor Robert Herda. Andrew Lois is excused. Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, Treasurer Deborah Vos, Municipal Judge Fred Hewitt, Fire Chief Alan Kaddatz, Plan Commissioner Mary Ochoa-Petersen, Jim Mirek, Tom Barr, Jack Bobula, Bill Heeg, Jeff Butler, Jennifer Shufelt, and Lynn Biese.

Notices were posted in five public areas and the town website. The *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.

Minutes will be available for the next meeting.

- **Sharing Center - programs and assistance given to residents of Wheatland – presented by Lynn Biese**

Lynn Biese, Sharing Center Executive Director, said they are the only non-profit west of the “I” and in the emergency service network on the west end. They serve 180 families a month. Services given away have seen a 600% increase over last three years. They have a \$150,000 budget. 160,000# of food are given out to western Kenosha County each year. They are asking for support from all the municipalities and requesting \$1,500 from the Town of Wheatland. She distributed information regarding their services and the numbers and areas of the municipalities they serve. Free and reduced school lunch eligibility is a benchmark for the amount of poverty in the county. Wheatland Center School free and reduced lunches increased from 38% last year to 47% this year.

Chairman said we will take her request under advisement. One of the town supervisors is absent this evening.

- **Fire Dept Report –**

Chief Kaddatz said the Fire Dept. has approved purchasing \$25,000 of extrication equipment with fund-raising money. They also approved a mobile radio for someone who lives in the Powers Lake area. There is poor cellular and hand-held radio coverage in Powers Lake. The radio will be mounted in his vehicle.

- **Public Comments –**

1. Jennifer Shufelt, 6511 347th Ave., has several things she wants the board to consider in putting together the 2011 budget. She has researched salaries across the state. It's time to consider significant increases in the salaries of the treasurer and clerk.

2. Health Insurance - in light of HR 3722 we will be required to provide health insurance. She looked into the Wisconsin Health and Retirement Program. It's too late to be in the state program for 2011 but we should look into something independent of that for 2011. The state program should be investigated for the following year.

3. She favored contributing to the Sharing Center at the \$1500 level or higher.

- **Municipal Court – new state regulations - presented by Judge Fred Hewitt**

Act 402 is effective January 1, 2011. The act makes major changes to Wis. Stat. Chapters 755 and 800 which control the operation of municipal courts in Wisconsin.

Many of the things listed we already do but some of the changes we will have to adapt:

1. Municipal Court budget must have its own and be separate from the Police and Prosecutor. The prosecutor is currently in the Municipal Court budget and will have to be separated.

2. Term is now four years for municipal judge.

3. Separate phone line/extension for Municipal Court.

4. Separate signage for police and for court. We will need to put a court sign above one of the office counter windows.

5. Judge will determine Court hours and control hiring, termination, hours of employment and work responsibilities for Court personnel.

Judge Hewitt said the town does already provide a Court clerk, provide annual training for the Court clerk, a prosecuting attorney is available to the Court, the Judge is provided with an office, an area is provided to store records and not accessible to the public, and the Judge is provided and does wear a black robe.

He said the Act is trying to show the public that the Court is separate from the Police, Separation of Powers. This is not an all inclusive list of the changes going into effect.

- **Certify Special Charges to be placed on the 2010 Real Property Tax Roll**

- A. Weed special charges

William Glembocki motioned to certify \$650 in weed cutting charges to be collected as a special charge on the 2010 tax bill for the properties indicated. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried.

- B. Resolution # 6 - 2010 – certifying the dollar amount of the 2010 Tax Roll Special Charge for Garbage/Recycling Service for each residential unit on improved real estate property.

Robert Herda moved to adopt Resolution # 6 – 2010. William Glembocki seconded. Motion carried. The 2010 dollar amount is \$80.09 for each residential unit.

- **Cancel November 22 regular town board meeting and reschedule for November 29**

William Glembocki moved a motion to cancel the November 22 meeting and reschedule the meeting to November 29 at 6 p.m. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried.

- **Set 2011 Town Budget Public Hearing for Monday, November 29, 7:30 p.m.**

William Glembocki moved a motion to set the 2011 Town Budget Public Hearing for November 29, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried.

- **Call a Special Town Meeting of Electors for November 29 immediately following the town budget public hearing, to authorize town supervisors to exceed highway expenditure limits in 2011 pursuant to Section 82.03 (2) of the Wisconsin Statutes and to adopt a 2010 town general tax levy and street light district levies to be paid in 2011 pursuant to Section 60.10 (1) (a) of the Wisconsin State Statutes**

William Glembocki moved a motion to call a Special Town Meeting of Electors for November 29 immediately following the town budget public hearing for the following purposes: authority to exceed highway expenditure limits, to adopt a 2010 tax levy and to adopt street light district levies. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried.

- **Reports –**

- A. Treasurer's report for the month of October – Treasurer Deborah Vos reported receipts of \$33,454.14 and expenses of \$173,545.69. Report was accepted on a motion by William Glembocki and second by Robert Herda.

- B. Building Inspector report for the month of October – ready at next meeting

- C. Road report – the repair of "50" is nearly completed. Supervisor Herda reported a pot hole on Geneva Rd. in front of Uhen's Garage.

- D. Other report

- 1. Update on electronic recycling law – none

- 2. Nov. 2 election totals – 1,194 voted – 1,096 voted at the polls and 98 voted by absentee ballot. 55 people registered at the polls. In the 2006 gubernatorial election, 1,210 residents voted.

- 3. Building Inspector Tim Popanda has received his commercial electrical inspector certification.

- **Announcements –**

November 15 – SHOW (Survey of the Health of Wisconsin) vehicle will be parked at the Town Hall for the week while they survey Wheatland residents who have already been contacted.

- **Correspondence - none**

- **Financial matters:**

- A. Purchase approval - none

- B. Review and approve clerk's report for disbursements - period Oct. 1 - 31, 2010

Robert Herda moved approval of the Clerk's Itemized Statement of Disbursements, checks #20529 thru #20622 in the amount of \$173,545.69, for the period Oct. 1 – 30, 2010. William Glembocki seconded. Motion carried.

- C. Workshop on 2011 Budget & finalize for presentation at public hearing

The increase in the municipal court is \$600. The prosecutor will be separated from the rest of the municipal court. Elections increased \$500. The town has to pay part of the election ballot costs now. Assessment increased \$600, the amount of the built-in increase of the assessor contract. Town Hall increased \$500 to cover utility increase. Squad - Chairman said not ready yet with anything. Roads – Chairman said we will have to do the best we can but anything extra

should go there. Parks – budget proposed to be same.

Grants and donations – there are none outstanding for 2011.

William Glembocki moved a motion to set the budget at \$1,050,135 which includes a 3% levy increase for presentation at the public hearing. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried.

- **Adjournment –**

Robert Herda moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. William Glembocki seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk