

DECMEBER 18, 2010 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

A special meeting of the Wheatland Town Board was called to order by Chairman Glembocki at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 18, 2010 at the Town Hall in New Munster. The meeting opened with the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Town Board members present – Chairman William Glembocki and Supervisors Andrew Lois and Robert Herda. Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, Constable Bob Haas, Tom Barr, Gail Schoch, Frank Lumm, Hildegard Lumm, and Kevin Luebke.

Notices were posted in six 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.

- **Public Comments –**

Chairman Glembocki thanked Gail Schoch for her suggestion regarding safety vests. Gail Schoch, 7834 328th Ave. thanked the board for having a Saturday meeting and the clerk for posting Minutes on the website.

- **2011 Dodge Charger Squad Car – Review proposals and consider the purchase of a new squad to replace the current 2007 Dodge Charger purchased in October 2006**

Chairman Glembocki said we have four proposals from area dealers Martins, Union Grove, Miller Motors, Burlington, Palmen Motors of Kenosha and Lynch, East Troy. The range in price is a low of \$14,050 to \$25,488. All four submitted proposals based on the same 2011 Dodge Charger Police RWD vehicle specifications and included the current squad for a trade-in allowance.

The low proposal is Martins Garage, Inc., Union Grove for \$21,250 and a \$7,200 trade-in allowance for a final cost of \$14,050.

Chairman said he called Martins and they are holding the price. He contacted the town attorney and we can either amend the 2010 budget later in January or amend the 2011 budget.

Chairman said he talked to the Village of Twin Lakes Police Chief, the Kenosha County Sheriff, and to the City of Burlington Police Chief regarding the replacement schedule they use. They all replaced somewhere between 65 – 85,000 miles. The town's squad currently has 108,000 to 112,000 miles. If something major would go wrong with the squad, say the transmission, we'd eat into that \$14,050 quickly.

We're not abolishing the town constable position at least for the next term; so, we need to consider a new squad. He believes Dodge has a five year bumper to bumper warranty now.

Tom Barr, 8100 328th Ave. said the \$14,000 is a real bargain but there will be an equipment transfer cost to also consider. Haas said that was about \$1,500 the last time. Chairman said the equipment on the current squad car will be transferred.

Constable Haas said he wasn't able to get the prices before the budget hearing. That is the reason it is not in the budget. He had tried as early as August and September but for some reason Dodge wasn't releasing prices to dealers until now.

The 2007 squad was put in service October 2006. Supervisor Lois said he had done some thinking on the number of miles driven. If we limit the miles per day to 70, that amounts to approximately 25,000 per year. 73 mi. per day to 28,000 per year. We need to have some limits so the squad lasts longer.

Frank Luebke, 6431 347th Ave. said this is a part-time job. He drives to work in Illinois and uses his car to go up North and he only has 80,000 on his 2005 vehicle. This is 115,000 miles in a four year time period on a part-time job.

Frank Lumm, 4707 376th Ave. noted there are certain rules with the squad that Haas has to keep it running if unoccupied. So, there is actually more miles on the engine than the 115,000 miles that were actual road miles.

Constable Haas said he has to keep the squad running to keep the computer running. He receives all calls on the computer screen. If the squad is shut off, the computer shuts down and it takes a while to boot up.

Constable Haas said when he's out, he's driving around, not sitting. He keeps an eye on property and does vacation checks. He notices if something is wrong or different in a neighborhood. People are used to him being out; it is really full-time now. He said there is actually 112,000 miles on the squad at this time.

Constable Haas also said he will guarantee that this, the 2011-2013 term of office, is his last term. He doesn't know what will happen after that.

Supervisor Robert Herda questioned where Haas buys gas for the squad. Constable Haas said he purchases gas at Uhen's locally and in Burlington on weekends. Herda suggested he use the local Marathon station. Haas said he tries to do that.

Chairman said we can use the 25,000 mile limit. He likes the town to have a local constable. Tom Barr asked the board to consider using the 25,000 as a suggestion rather than a mandate. Chairman said he agrees with that. Supervisor Lois said the 25,000 will give us four years and it should be kept as close to that number as possible.

Chairman said we will amend the budget for the squad purchase after all the costs for the year are in. If we need to move money around or borrow money, we will do so then.

Supervisor Lois moved to purchase a new Dodge Charger Police RWD squad car from Martins Garage Inc. for \$14,050 using the current squad as a trade-in and try to keep the new squad to no more than 25,000 miles annually. Supervisor Herda seconded. Motion carried.

- **Alcoholic Beverage Operator Licenses (Bartender) –**

A. Lisa A. Blood, 35312 54th St., P.O. Box 852, New Munster, WI – *The Sly Fox*
Clerk said training and background check requirements have been fulfilled. Robert Herda moved approval. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

- **Adjournment –**

Meeting adjourned at 11 a.m. on a motion by Andrew Lois and second by Robert Herda.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Clerk