

SEPTEMBER 28, 2009 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Glembocki at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2009 at the Town Hall in New Munster and 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, Fire Chief Alan Kaddatz, T.J. Dougherty, Karl Pierce, Tom Barr, Jeff Butler, Ardell Steffen, Bill Heeg, Jim Mirek, and *Kenosha News* reporter Jill Tatge-Rozell.

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

Robert Herda moved approval of the Minutes of the September 14 and 21, 2009 town board meetings. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

- **Fire Dept. Report** –Chief Alan Kaddatz said all the fire trucks have been weatherized except for #6633. That truck has to have some additional work done at International. Chief Kaddatz said the annual fire department Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 25th at the firehouse.

- **Public Comments -**

Jeff Butler, 6631 373rd Ave. asked for an update on the Mike & Angela Brooks Reyer raze notice and the Phillip Piccolo raze notice. Chairman Glembocki reported Angela Brooks Reyer was served with the notice to raze last week. As soon as the time frame is up, we will begin the raze process. Regarding Piccolo, the town attorney is proceeding with court action.

- **Presentation from WisDOT – Hwy 50 / Hwy P intersection upgrade by Wis. Dept. of Transportation**

Chairman Glembocki introduced Karl Pierce, WI Dept. of Transportation Project Manager and T.J. Dougherty, HNTB Transportation Engineer.

Karl Pierce said they are working on the design for the Hwy “50” / Hwy “P” intersection upgrade. They are five months from the design final so any comments at this time can be implemented in the design. They expect to let the project in May 2010. Comment forms can be sent in and he said he will leave forms and information.

T.J. Dougherty said WisDOT has identified problems at the intersection which has a significant crash history. Between 2002 and 2006, there were 40 accidents and one fatal. The traffic signals were installed but there are still crashes.

They have identified a sight problem along the curve and the signals as one problem. Secondly, the studies show that traffic is not seeing around the traffic in the turn lanes.

The plans are to change the left turn lanes into turn lanes separated by a concrete barrier. The signals will be changed to large overhead signals on arms above each traffic lane. They could have a “green turn only” light. That is being discussed. There will be an advance, yellow, flashing light/sign ¼ mi. in both directions in advance of the intersection.

He said “P” will remain open though there may be reduced travel at times during some parts of the construction. The area will have 45 mph, black “enforceable” speed limits during construction.

Chief Alan Kaddatz said there have been problems with the power going out in the past (Alliant Energies has some problems in the Slades Corners area) and the lights either go out or may also switch to all signals flashing red. Dougherty said the latest traffic signals have a “fail safe” built in so that if they are not working properly, instead of just not working at all, they go to the flashing red.

Chief Kaddatz asked if there wasn’t some type of battery backup to protect when the power goes out. Pierce said he was not aware of battery backups but would check other areas of the country. There may be something that is being used. They will look into it.

Advance 45 mph speed limits were suggested to slow vehicles before they get to the intersection. Dougherty said that doesn’t work without enforcement.

Rumble strips were suggested to slow traffic. Pierce said they would wear off quickly with all the “50” traffic.

Responding to a comment from Chief Kaddatz, Pierce noted that if this was not a

signalized intersection, new federal regulations would require WisDOT to consider a roundabout design. Feds do not say a roundabout has to be used but it would have to be considered.

Chairman Glembocki thanked Karl Pierce and T.J. Dougherty for the presentation. He also advised anyone with comments to send mail them. We will have the forms in the town office.

- **Request of Emerald Greyhounds, Inc., Ardell Steffen and Russell and Wendy Steffen for renewal of a two year kennel license for Emerald Greyhound Farm, 5501-376th Ave., parcel #95-4-219-333-0210 with the same number of animals and conditions as previous licenses**

Ardell Steffen, said there greyhound count is down but they are doing a lot of adoptions. Supervisor Lois noted the property is always well-maintained. Constable Haas has said there have been no complaints.

Robert Herda moved approval of a two year kennel license renewal for Emerald Greyhounds, Inc. for tax parcel #95-4-219-333-0210, 5507 376th Ave. under the same conditions as previous licenses. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Alcoholic Beverage Operator (Bartender) License applications:**

- A. Chad A. Prudik, 110 Thomas CT PO Box 4, Twin Lakes – *Lily Lake Resort*
- B. John J. Ferrante, 750 Southwind Dr., Apt #203, Lake Geneva – *The Sly Fox*
- C. Danielle M. Leone, 6319 E Hwy 50, Lake Geneva – *The Sly Fox*
- D. Tamara L. Shabty, 1499 Mill St., Lyons – *Dave's Saloon*
- E. (Renewal) Ashley E. O'Laughlin, 822 Dodge St., Lake Geneva – *The Sly Fox*
- F. Ray A. Garreau, 32200 45th St. Lot 334, Burlington – *Luisa's*

All applicants have acceptable background checks and provided alcohol server certification. Andrew Lois moved approval of bartender licenses for Prudik, Ferrante, Leone, Shabty, O'Laughlin and Garreau as listed above. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried.

- **Reports**

A. Road report – Chairman Glembocki noted he had checked 70th/314th area and a cross culvert is needed. It should be installed before the strip paving is done by Kenosha County Hwy Dept. Board agreed and authorized a work order for a 15" cross culvert on 314th Ave. be sent to Kenosha Co. Hwy Dept.

Board asked that First Class notices be mailed to property owners in the area of road construction in Lilly Lake and 85th St. be notified of the upcoming construction. The part of the fence in the right-of-way of 85th St. needs to be removed. Clerk will speak to the owner.

Chairman said the tree has been removed from the 81st/335th intersection. He didn't check the other trees but assumes they are gone. Clerk said property owners were called if a tree was in front of their property. Also, Huemann has abandoned the point well in the 336th/76th intersection.

B. Other reports - none

- **Announcements –**

- A. October 19 – FLU SHOTS 3 – 6 p.m. - Town Hall – Visiting Nurses Ass'n
- B. October 27 – Wheatland Center School Referendum Election – polls open at the Town Hall from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

- **Correspondence**

- A. Copy of the 9/17/09 letter from WI Dept. of Administration approving the Town of Bristol Incorporation Petition was received.
- B. North Chicago VA Medical Center has notified us of a new health care center and included contacts for information.
- C. Worker Compensation experience modification of .91% was received.
- D. Notice was received of an Invasive Management Workshop Oct. 21 & 22 at Havenswood Environmental Center near Milwaukee.
- E. The PSC advises we will have new area codes phased in for our area in 2010 and 2012.
- F. TDS has received a r.o.w. permit for work on 45th St. east of "W" for underground repair.

- **Financial matters –**

- A. Purchase approval / bill approval – none
- B. Review RFP – N.M. Park Food Stand re-roofing and date for approving – Board authorized the Building Inspector to coordinate the RFP process and contact prospective bidders who work in the area. Bid approval date was set for the October 12th town board meeting.
- **Adjournment –**
Andrew Lois moved adjournment at 7:15 p.m. Robert Herda seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,