

NOVEMBER 2, 2009 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Glembocki at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 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, Tom Barr, Jeff Butler, Jim Mirek and Bill Heeg.

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. Property owners abutting Tax Parcel #95-4-119-114-0660 (Barr) were notified by First Class Mail.

Robert Herda moved to table approval of the Minutes of the October 26, 2009 town board meeting. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

- **Fire Dept.** – none
- **Public Comments** - none
- **Review Shoreland Stipulated Use Permit Application: Thomas & Diane Barr, 8100 328th Ave., Burlington, WI 53105 – Tax Parcel #95-4-119-114-0660. Permit is for placement of fill material in shoreland jurisdictional zone of Lilly Lake.**

Tom Barr was present. He needs to place a small amount of fill in order to have a level area to build an accessory building. Because he is within 1,000 ft. of Lilly Lake (shoreland jurisdiction zone), he needs a stipulated use permit. He will not be filling in any wetland area.

The board reviewed the application and had no additional comments to add to the permit. Chairman directed the clerk to send a letter to that effect to the Kenosha County Land & Water Conservationist.

- **Alcoholic Beverage Operator (Bartender) License applications: Tori J. Wrobel, 39600 Bloomfield Rd, PO Box 91 Powers Lake – Sit 'n Bull**

An alcohol beverage server certificate was submitted by Wrobel. A background check showed no criminal history. Andrew Lois moved approval of the alcoholic beverage operator license for Tori J. Wrobel. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried.

- **Reports**

A. Road report – Chairman noted that inclement weather has prevented road work in Lilly Lake and an issue with a utility box on 85th St. in Powers Lake is being resolved. Work should be completed shortly.

B. Update on action regarding raze orders issued to Philip Piccolo and Mike & Angela Brooks Reyer

Piccolo – Chairman said the judge postponed the hearing.

Reyer – The Judge has ruled in our favor. Reyer's attorney and the town attorney are working on a possible agreement to keep the foundation and re-build the house. Agreement has to be accepted by the board. That could possible happen at the November 23rd board meeting.

Jeff Butler, 6631 373rd Ave. commented that he has no problems with allowing the rebuilding as long as there are time limitations and a money fine to back it up if not completed.

C. Other reports – The water patrol officer has filed an appeal on behalf of the town for consideration of relief of the requirement for a minimum number of citations in order to qualify for funding from DNR.

- **Announcements** – none
- **Correspondence** – none
- **Financial matters** –

A. Purchase approval / bill approval – none

B. Designate 2010-2011 TRIP project – Chairman said the town has been awarded \$7,514.91 for the 2010-2011 TRIP cycle. Andrew Lois moved to designate 368th Ave between Hwy "50" and 31st St. as the project area. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried.

C. Consider 2010-2011 TRIP D application – Chairman said he heard at the TRIP meeting that this is a three to four hour application. Project can be no less than \$100,000 which we would have to match. We would need to borrow money for the match. We could use it to pave some of the subdivision roads damaged by the tornado. There is \$1.7 million state-wide but

there is also much competition. The committee suggested we have the town engineer do the application. Clerk was directed to speak to the Kenosha County Highway Dept. Director and try to determine the chances of receiving this highly competitive grant. Application deadline is December 1. Jeff Butler said in the past, TRIP D went for big projects like straightening dangerous curves, bridges, correcting dangerous intersections, etc.

- 2010 Town Budget

- A. Finalize budget for presentation at town budget meeting –

The Board reviewed a draft budget with receipts projected at \$1,044,729. Local property tax levy maximum increase is \$15,209 which is the 3% allowed by the state. Not many changes from last year's budget. State shared revenue dropped \$10,353. Transportation aids are increasing by \$1,300. The 3% cable franchise fee has increased. Building permits are down. Court fees are down. Interest rates have declined; we are projecting much less for next year. Town's 2008 mill rate was .00179 and the 2009 anticipated rate is .00186. Even with no increases, the mill rate will increase this year because assessed value has decreased. Total garbage fees are less than last year; so, the special charge for garbage will be less.

Projected expenses are similar to the 2009 budget but exceed projected receipts. We need to cut approximately \$28,000 from the budget. The \$15,000 for the town hall building fund may have to be eliminated from the budget. A new law the state put in that came up without much public input requires that we keep the budget for emergency services (fire, police, rescue) the same as the 2009 base. If we lower it, the state will take money from shared revenue. We don't project a decrease but we need to keep this in mind. The road budget needs more money but it's not possible. We'll have to make it work. Garbage costs are less this year. We will have a new contract next year which could mean higher or lower costs. Board decided to leave it as is. The parks budget will stay the same. Debt service is \$90,284 and those costs are set until the 10-year loan is paid in 2018.

Board agreed to eliminate the \$15,000 for the town hall building fund, \$5,000 from the miscellaneous contingency fund, and approximately \$8,000 from the road budget and balance the expenses to the projected receipts. The levy is projected at \$527,477 plus \$90,284 debt service.

Andrew Lois moved a motion to approve a proposed budget of receipts and expenses totaling \$1,044,729 for presentation at the budget meeting. Robert Herda seconded. Motion carried.

- B. Call a special town meeting of electors and set budget meeting – Robert Herda moved a motion to call a Special Town Meeting of Electors to consider the 2010 road expenditures and the 2009 tax levy for November 23, 2009, immediately following the 7 p.m. budget hearing, and to hold a public hearing on the budget at 7 p.m. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

The board agreed to begin the November 23rd town board meeting at 6:15 p.m. The plan commission will be meeting on November 30th if all parties are able to attend. If not, we will have to hold that after the November 23rd budget meeting.

A town board meeting to approve the garbage special charge resolution will have to be held prior to the November 23rd meeting unless the county is able to hold off entering the special charges for the tax bill printing. Clerk will check and schedule a meeting accordingly.

Supervisor Herda said the emergency warning siren has not been sounding at 10:30 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month. Clerk will notify Emergency Government.

- **Adjournment** – meeting adjourned at 8 p.m. on a motion by Andrew Lois and second by Robert Herda.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk