



Town of Wheatland

Vernon County, Wisconsin

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REGULAR MEETING **JUNE 17, 2015** **MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Wheatland Town Board was called to order at 9:06am, by Chairman Streeter, with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Meeting was properly posted at the Community Center, the Redmound Store, the Recycling Center and the Town Website.

Present: Chairman Robert Streeter, Supervisor Jayne Ballwahn, Supervisor Don Stokke Jr., Deputy Treasurer Mary Louise Cutsforth and Clerk Joann Schultz. Absent, Treasurer Gloria Binger.

Clerk Joann Schultz read the May 20th minutes and the following correction was made: Don Stokke got prices to fix apron in front of Fire Department. Motion by Stokke/second by Ballwahn to, “approve the May 20th minutes with correction”, motion carried.

Public Comment: Mike Everson stated that visibility was bad at Everson & Brown Rd intersection. Vegetation was high and suggested a tree to be cut down. Merwyn Cunningham suggested a washout on Liberty St to be looked at by Kevin and filled in.

Rural Insurance agent Kevin Bluske reviewed with the board the Town's Summary of Coverages & Premiums. There is an automatic annual increase of 3% in value on buildings. Corrections of vehicles will be made to policy. Ballwahn inquired on the cost savings if the Town's deductible was raised to \$1,000 or \$2,500.

Motion by Ballwahn/second by Stokke to, “create a policy to allow rental of the Community Center tables with a deposit fee of \$20 per table.”, motion carried.

Chairman Streeter nominated new Planning Commission Members: Phil Tegan, Tim Ballwahn and Steve Casperson. Motion by Stokke/second by Ballwahn to, “approve nominated members to the Planning Commission”, motion carried. The new members took the Oath of Office administered by Clerk Schultz .

Citizen members were needed to establish at least a 3 person quorum at the 2015 Board of Review. Motion by Streeter/second by Stokke to, “appoint Don Stokke Sr and Steve Casperson, as citizen members of the 2015 Board of Review”, motion carried.

Kevin McCumber reported: Holes filled in on Lawrence Ridge Rd; continue grading roads because of rain; cut 10 trees; gravel needed on corners of Battle Hollow to bring road up because they have too much of a dip; bushes hogged Missel Rd; patched Brown & Missel Rd and should receive reimbursement from VTC because of their Contractor's mistakes; Ballwahn requested potholes to be filled in at Washington/Stokke Rd., Kevin said there's no culvert there and it's washing out; Battle Hollow Seal Coating contract is signed, Kevin will call contractor to get start date; repaired rear-end seal on F350; Heath Gottbeheat obtained his CDL License;

Board discussed the changes needed for Kevin's insurance supplemental earnings to adhere to the recent IRS Ruling regarding insurance benefits. Motion by Ballwahn/second by Stokke to, “increase the Patrolman's supplemental insurance by \$111, rounding it to \$506 on his check ”, motion carried.

Rodger Springborn was the only bid for the 2015 mowing season in the amount of \$9,900. Stokke thought it would be cheaper to purchase a mower, however being so late in the season it would be best to go with the bid and revisit the purchase for next year. Motion by Stokke/second by Ballwahn to, “approve and accept the only bid from Springborn ”, motion carried.



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Motion by Ballwahn/second by Streeter to, “approve building permit for Terrance Rasque”, motion carried. Strayer property was split and a new address number was assigned.

Deputy Treasurer Cutsforth presented the financial. All accounts are reconciled and balanced. May income is \$5,211.24 and Expenses are \$29,180.09. Total cash on hand, in all funds, is \$156,081.64. Motion by Ballwahn/second by Stokke to, “accept the financial report”, motion carried.

Deputy Treasurer Cutsforth made recommendation to adjust the Budget. Motion by Stokke/second Ballwahn to, “make two changes to the budget, increase Fire Department Equipment to \$8,000 and 1st Responders expenses to \$4,500, debited from Salt Shed Storage GL.”, motion carried.

Motion by Streeter/second by Ballwahn to, “approve interim Deputy Treasurer Mary Louise Cutsforth”, motion carried.

Motion by Ballwahn/second by Stokke to, “approve checks #21301 – 21326 and late claim checks #21327-21331 (\$2,725.53) as presented”, motioned carried.

Motion by Ballwahn/second by Stokke to, “approve clerk to purchase replacement computer with a limit of \$1,000, if a simple fix cannot be made to the current computer”, motion carried.

Clerk Schultz presented the three Liquor Licenses Renewals / Applications.

Motion by Stokke/second by Ballwahn to, “approve Chaseburg Farmers Union Co-op Service Class A beer & Class A liquor License and Robert Bruce Operator’s License.”, motion carried.

Motion by Stokke/second by Ballwahn to, “approve Mississippi Sports & Rec Class B beer & Class B liquor License and Maureen Sommerfeld Operator’s License.”, motion carried.

Motion by Ballwahn/second by Stokke to, “approve Blackhawk Trading Post Class B beer & Class B liquor License and Mary Louise Cutsforth, Darlene Meiners, and Carolyn Meiners Operator’s License.”, motion carried.

Clerk Schultz will complete Licenses and insure delivery before July 1st, 2015.

Chairman Streeter suggested putting together a Summer Town News Letter. Town will be able to post 2015 Spring Election results, new Town Board Member’s resumes, Town Employee introductions and other Town information. Motion by Ballwahn/second by Stokke to, “authorize a Town News Letter to be created.”, motion carried

Chairman Streeter attended the WTA Workshop in Tomah. Supervisor Ballwahn and Clerk Schultz attended the WTA Workshop in Richland Center.

The Fire Department report shows 8 events with 56 stipends for May.

Board discussed revising Fire Call stipends. Motion by Ballwahn/second by Streeter to, “increase Fire stipends to \$15 and meetings stay at \$10.”, motion carried. Stokke abstained from voting.

The board discussed at length the options for replacement of the Fire Station garage door apron. Streeter stated that the structure engineer strongly suggested it should be 6’ or more because of the truck weight and wouldn’t recommend asphalt against the building. Stokke stated it would be hard to find volunteers to help with the installation.

Motion by Stokke/second Ballwahn to, “transfer \$64,000 from MM to Checking.”, motion carried.

Next regular meeting will be Wednesday, July 15th at 9:00am. Meeting adjourned at 11:59am

Respectfully Submitted, Joann Schultz, Town Clerk