



Town of Wheatland

Vernon County, Wisconsin

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REGULAR MEETING **JULY 15, 2015** **MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Wheatland Town Board was called to order at 9:00am, 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 June 17th minutes and the following corrections were made: Correction to Merwyn Cunningham's and Heath Gottbeheat's names and the Fire Department events and stipends totals. Motion by Stokke/second by Ballwahn to, "approve the June 17th minutes with corrections", motion carried.

Public Comment: Bob Hartel inquired about the salt shed account balance.

Chairman Streeter stated that the Wheatland Newsletter was almost ready for publication. A few more resumes needed to be submitted. The board discussed authorizing the publication of the Town Officer's contact information for residents. Motion by Streeter/second by Ballwahn to, "authorize publication of the Town Officer's personal contact information", motion carried.

Chairman Streeter updated the board regarding the pending lawsuit; Rural Insurance has requested for this case to be dismissed. Mississippi Sports and Rec. is fighting the dismissal. Town's Attorney is responding.

Kevin McCumber reported: Roads are in good condition; F 350 seal and sway bar were worked on; Titian will fix the speed sensor on the Case Loader's transmission because it has been shifting down; have been hauling screenings for winter at \$6.44/yard; Roger Springborn finished the first half of the mowing and town will issue a check. Town of Sterling is waiting to apply dusty control on Wheatland's gravel roads because of all the rain.

The Board and Kevin discussed allowing ATV's to be driven on the Town's roads. With regulations there will have to be enforcements, penalties, etc. The Town discourages tearing up the roads and would expect residents to be respectable.

Fahrner is scheduled to seal coat Battle Hollow mid August / 3rd week. East Missel and River Street will be measured for the seal coating extra; Streeter suggested to do one pass on East Missel because it's starting to "Alligator" if River Street is too much. Chairman Streeter stated the Town can authorize additional work with the seal coating contract, but to keep it fair to other contractors the State limits the extras to no more than 15% of the original contract amount.

Clerk Schultz stated the county is requesting notice of any proposed 36" in diameter or greater culvert replacement projects the Town would anticipate in 2016. This will help with developing the budget for the County's Bridge Aid Fund. Board suggested Mellem, Hope and Stevens as possible roads needing culverts. Chase Rd. may also need additional work; because when it rains it washes out on the back side.

Motion by Ballwahn/second by Stokke to, "approve building permit for Malvasio at S7002 State Hwy 35", motion carried.



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Motion by Stokke/second by Ballwahn to, “approve building permit for Cindy Koboske at S8265 Lawrence Ridge Rd”, motion carried.

Board discussed if land owners should pay the expense of replacement fire number signs. Motion by Ballwahn/second by Stokke to, “change the last sentence of ordinance policy #5.02(C) to read “New and or any replacement fire number signs will be of land owner’s expense. New signs will be \$50 and replacements will be the cost of materials”, motion carried.

Deputy Treasurer Cutsforth presented the financial. All accounts are reconciled and balanced. June income is \$4,866.24 and Expenses are \$62,863.51. Total cash on hand, in all funds, is \$98,084.37. Motion by Ballwahn/second by Stokke to, “accept the financial report”, motion carried.

Clerk Schultz reported that all Notice of BOR Determinations were completed and delivered at the end of the BOR. 2015 BOR was adjourned on June 22, 2015.

Motion by Ballwahn/second by Stokke to, “approve checks # 21332-21355 and late claim checks #21356-21370 as presented”, motioned carried.

Board reviewed the updated insurance policy and noticed corrections hadn’t been made. Ballwahn will contact insurance agent to verify corrections were made & get new prices with different deductions. Motion by Ballwahn/second by Stokke to, “pay insurance invoice & have corrections made prior to issuing new policy, then have Rural issue refund & have changes issued to Ballwahn”, motion carried.

The Fire Department report shows 12 events with 68 stipends for June.

Stokke reported that Eric Koch resigned as the First Responders Coordinator on June 22nd. Eric requested year to date stipends to be paid along with his last officer check. Chief Stokke recommended to pay the stipends and remove him from the Fire Department’s roster. Motion by Ballwahn/second by Streeter to, “accept Eric Koch’s resignation and remove him from the Fire Department’s roster”, motion carried. Motion by Ballwahn/second by Streeter to, “pay Eric Koch year to date stipends and officer salary up to the date of resignation”, motion carried.

Stokke suggested that the First Responders Coordinator Position to be part of the Fire Chief Position and to combine the salaries. He also suggested combining the currently open Assistant Coordinator Position and the Secretary Position and salaries together. Ballwahn thinks the positions would be better served as separate positions. Streeter encourages keeping the positions separate, but this would be okay until there is more First Responder volunteers and willing to split the positions. Motion by Ballwahn/second by Streeter to, “to combine the positions”, motion carried. Stokke abstained from voting. The New Fire Department Roster will be at the next meeting in August.

Stokke stated the Fire Department is willing to pay \$2,000 towards the replacement of the Fire Station garage door apron. Tim Ballwahn and Stokke will donate their time to install the concrete approach. Concrete approach at 6’ wide x 50’ long x 6” deep = approximately \$1,000
Asphalt at 30’ wide x 60’ long x 4” deep = approximately \$4,000. So total will be approximately \$5,000. Motion by Ballwahn/second by Streeter to, “move forward with the “Apron Project” which includes concrete area up to 10ft, and Kevin McCumber will contact Tim Ballwahn.”, motion carried. Stokke abstained from voting.



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Stokke stated the Fire Department voted to use \$2,000 of the fundraiser money to purchase a new Radio, two pagers and a light bar. NIFIRS Reports are not complete. Stokke suggested having Tami Cox bring them up to date paying her \$10 / hour. It's estimated to take at least 50 -60 hours. Recommendation will be put on next month's agenda. Fire Department has found a Grant Writer that will write two grants for \$750. One grant would be for Airpackets and the other for a New Fire Truck.

Motion by Streeter/second by Stokke to, "agree to renew the Fire Contract with the Town of Sterling for \$17,000 with the terms staying the same", motion carried. Clerk Schultz will mail invoice for pay request.

Motion by Stokke/second Ballwahn to, "transfer \$30,000 from MM to Checking.", motion carried.

Motion by Stokke/second Ballwahn to, "adjourn the meeting.", motion carried.

Next regular meeting will be Wednesday, August 19th at 9:00am. Meeting adjourned at 11:51am

Respectfully Submitted, Joann Schultz, Town Clerk