

NOVEMBER 16, 2020 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:00 p.m. Monday, November 16, 2020 at the Town Hall in New Munster and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Board members present: Supervisor Andrew Lois and Kelly Wilson. Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, Building Inspector Tim Popanda, Fire Chief Louis Denko, Susan Riley, Wayne Kaddatz, Diane Grenus, Caroline Brown and Brian Boeckenstedt.

Notices were posted in three public areas (Town Hall, Transfer Station and Wheatland Center School) and the Town website. The Kenosha News and Westosha Report were notified. Individuals who have requested meeting notices by e-mail were sent agendas as required by state law.

Kelly Wilson moved to approve the Minutes of the October 12 and 19 town board meetings and November 11 town board budget workshop, seconded by William Glembocki and motion carried. (Correction 11/30/2020 town board meeting. Original Minutes had omitted this motion.)

Report –

A. Fire Dept. – Fire Chief Denko said the fire department would go back to virtual meetings until Covid calms down. They had a busy week two weeks ago with the school fire and a huge grassfire on the east side of STH 83 that burned northeast all the way to the Fox River. The homeowner had open-burned very close to the marshland and set it on fire. They had a big response from area fire departments both times and everyone worked well together. They have also answered other MABAS calls. Last Saturday they had a training with the Twin Lakes Fire Department and intend to do more of that.

Supervisor Wilson asked if they have had a lot of rescue squad/first responder calls. Chief said it has been average. He has tried a number of times to order first responder supplies, but the items are in short supply.

Chief said the November 19 switchover to the county communication system has been delayed to December 2nd. There were last minute issues on the part of the county. The fire dept. is ready to go.

B. Public Safety Report – none

Public comments – Supervisor Andrew Lois noted the treehouse structure in a tree in the fence line in a field he was working in is ready to fall. The lot is in the 65th Ct. subdivision north of the school. Since Wheatland Center School is also near this, he worries it could fall on a student. Property has recently been sold. Building Inspector Tim Popanda said he will inform the new owner of our concerns.

6718 Wheatland Road raze of structure (Memorandum of Understanding with Kenosha County)–

A. Review demolition bids

B. Approve contract

Chairman asked Building Inspector Tim Popanda to introduce this item. He has been leading the demolition process for Kenosha County thru the MOU the town signed with the county. The county will be reimbursing the town for all costs. Popanda explained the property owner had not responded to the county's offer of a floodplain buyout or to the raze order. All the steps have been taken and the court has ordered the raze to proceed. Since the county does not have raze authority, the town was brought into the process. Popanda said this property has been flooded many times up to the windows. The stains on the walls provide proof.

14 bid packets were sent to prospective bidders and four responded with bids. Barhyte Excavating of Trevor was the lowest bidder at \$14,450. If the board awards the contract tonight, he will check with the county to make sure they are aware of this cost before having the contract drawn up by the town attorney. Responding to Chairman Glembocki, Popanda said Barhyte is a reliable contractor that he was worked with before on floodplain demolitions.

Supervisor Lois moved to approve the bid of Barhyte Excavating of Trevor and authorized Popanda to make contact with the county to make sure the cost is known to them and to contact Town Attorney Jeff Davison to have him draw up the contract. Supervisor Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Diane Grenus, 39400 60th St. asked why the fire department was not asked to use this building for a training. Inspector Popanda responded there were several reasons such as soft ground next to the Fox River, and probable asbestos in the structure that would have to be removed. Chief Denko further elaborated and said if there was water damage and no sheet rock on the walls, they would not be able to use the interior of the building for training plus there have most likely been animals living inside. They need to justify to DNR they are actually training and not just watching the structure burn to the ground.

Some houses just do not qualify.

Waste Management bought out Advanced Disposal - approve one-year contract amendment extension of transfer station service for garbage and recycling to 12/31/2021 with 1.5% increase

Waste Management has informed the town they have purchased Advanced Disposal's holdings. They have furnished a contract that fulfills our agreement with Advanced Disposal.

Supervisor Wilson moved approval of a contract with Waste Management for a one-year extension of the contract until December 31, 2021 with a 1.5% increase. Chairman Glembocki seconded. Motion carried.

Report – Gail Schoch bequeathed parcel #95-4-119-122-0630 to the Town of Wheatland

This is a report only, as we have not had any written communication with the attorney involved in the estate dispersal. Because of rumors about Schoch leaving this property to the town to be used as a dog park, Supervisor Wilson had called to follow up on letters the town sent to the attorney we believed was in charge. More will follow once we know the details of the bequest.

November 3, 2020 Election Report – and explanation of the absentee process

Clerk will report this under clerk's report.

Resolution 2020 – 006 – November 3, 2020 Election Inspector recognition

Clerk read the resolution. William Glembocki moved to adopt Resolution 2020 – 006. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020 – 007 – Set special charges for 2020 tax roll – garbage/recycling

Clerk read the resolution and noted the cost per unit for 2020 is \$103, an increase from \$95.10 in 2019. With Covid and people staying at home, the garbage has increased tremendously with people having time and using it to clean out. Kelly Wilson moved to approve Resolution 2020 – 007. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020 – 008 – Set special charge for 2020 tax roll -- weed/grass cutting

Clerk read the resolution and explained the process of sending weed/grass cutting notices, follow-ups and then bills which explain that if not paid, it will be collected on the tax roll. We have one unpaid in 2020 of \$170. Kelly Wilson moved approval of Resolution 2020 – 008. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Reports - Correspondence - Announcements

A. Reports

1. Road – Chairman will speak to Asphalt Contractors to confirm they will be snowplowing some of the town's roads this season.
2. Chairman - none
3. Supervisors - none
4. Clerk-

	Clerk's Report to Town Board - November 16, 2020 Meeting
Nov. 3 Election	2126 voted; 1284 were by absentee ballot; 842 voted at the polls
	2291 voters were registered at the start of the day plus 111 registered at the polls
	Trump/Pence - 1386; Biden/Harris 683
	Steil 1476; Polack 612
	August 1371; Gaulke 693
	Referendum for non-partisan committee for district map. Yes - 1156; No - 721
	60% of the vote was by absentee ballot
	92.8% of the voters registered at the start of the day voted

Clerk explained the absentee ballot process. Ballots once voted are placed in sealed envelopes with the voter's signature and a witness signature and address affixed and then secured in a locked cabinet. On election day, a team of three inspectors checked the ballot envelopes against a list of absentee voters, read aloud the name of the absentee voter, checked to make sure signatures in place and then slit open the envelope. The ballot is removed, flattened out and placed in a separate tote. Once they get to a count of 20, one of the inspectors takes them over to the ballot tabulating machine (DS-200)

and with the assistance of the inspector working that area inserts the ballots in the DS-200. There are no votes counted until the day of election.

This presidential election, because of Covid restrictions, in-person absentee voting was also held at the town hall October 20 – 30 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. with three election inspectors working each shift.

Voters who requested ballots to be mailed to them were sent ballots the day of the request with the initial round sent on September 17. Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed must be either by mail, e-mail, or myvote.wi.gov. None are sent to a voter who had not made application.

All absentee ballots are tracked in the state election system. The clerk enters the application, the date mailed, the date returned and then recorded again when the vote actually is tabulated on November 3rd. A voter can check their voting record on myvote.wi.gov.

B. Announcements

November 30, 7 p.m. – 2021 Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting to approve levy

Financial matters:

A. Purchase approval – NONE

B. Other financial matters – Discussion on the Lilly Lake Beach steps and cement wall deterioration.

Board agreed the wall and steps must be addressed before more deterioration takes place. The cement has fallen from the wall and the gate posts are exposed. The rest of the wall needs to be checked also. For the time being, we will close off the gate at the beach with snow fence or something of that nature.

Supervisor Wilson also reported that Joe Vozel, Vozel Landscaping will store the swim pier, fishing pier, water patrol pier and boat lift and the launch pier on his property either on CTH W or at a vacant lot in Lilly Lake. The beach and monument park will be free of any storage materials and can be used as needed.

C. Clerk's report of October disbursements listed checks #29762 - #29831 in the amount of \$153,609.50. Kelly Wilson moved to approve as printed. William Glembocki seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment – Kelly Wilson moved to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. William Glembocki seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk