

## JANUARY 11, 2021 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:00 p.m. Monday, January 11, 2021, virtually using the Zoom app, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Board members present: Supervisor Andrew Lois and Kelly Wilson. Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, Fire Chief Louis Denko, Wayne Kaddatz, Diane Grenus, Brad Cook, Geoff Cook, Ashley Nyberg, Brian Larie, Ryan Syreini, Corine Simon, Jon Winter, Joan Koster, Amanda Larie and Marie Steidle.

Notices were posted in three public areas (Town Hall, Transfer Station and Wheatland Center School). 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. All posted notices and e-mailed agendas included a link to the meeting.

Minutes of the December 14, 2020 town board meeting were motioned for approval by Kelly Wilson. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

### **Report –**

A. Fire Dept. – Fire Chief Lou Denko said the fire and first responder calls were up by four from 2019. He did not have the exact number with him.

Chief said rescue is a concern. Twin Lakes will not have full-time daytime staffing until February 1. It was initially to begin January 1. He is trying to get Wheatland members to join Twin Lakes Rescue to answer calls to fill out the staffing.

Supervisor Wilson asked Denko if he has heard anything in regard to the battery backup for the STH 50 stop lights? Chief said he had not. Chairman said the resolution was sent to the Kenosha County Highway Director and clerk confirmed the director e-mailed that he had sent it to the appropriate state transportation office.

B. Public Safety Report – none

**Public comments** – Public comments for this VIRTUAL MEETING needed to be submitted in written form no later than 4 p.m. the day of the meeting to [smsiegler@townwheatland.com](mailto:smsiegler@townwheatland.com).

Clerk read a public comment from Ryan Syreini was provided to the board prior to the meeting. He stated he favored keeping the equipment from Silver Lake Rescue and not donating it to Twin Lakes Rescue and stated his concerns about the rescue squad asking for additional \$20,000 and not being up to staff as promised. We also have other comments from property owners opposed to the CSM application, but she will bring those forward when we get to item #9 on the agenda.

Diane Grenus, 39400 60th St. said she was also concerned about giving up donated equipment. Why are we giving it up?

Chairman thanked everyone for their comments and closed Public Comments.

### **Approve contribution letter to Twin Lakes Fire & Rescue for medical supplies and assets received from Silver Lake Rescue Squad that are currently in service with Twin Lakes Fire and Rescue**

Chairman said the Town of Randall has already signed over the equipment that is currently on the Twin Lakes Rescue squads and being used by the three communities. The ambulances Silver Lake Rescue turned over are being stored in the Randall building and are not part of this letter of donation. Chairman said he was just following thru on the meeting that was held a couple of months ago where this was discussed with Randall, Twin Lakes and Wheatland. He understood the defibrillators being used by TLRs are supposed to be obsolete next year.

Supervisor Wilson asked what causes a defibrillator to become obsolete. Chief Denko said the defibrillators are only three years old and that same equipment is being sold. None of it is obsolete.

Supervisor Wilson said when they met with the Silver Lake several years ago and found out they were operating at a negative, it was concerning. Burlington and Silver Lake volunteer rescue has gone away since then. We don't know what the financial situation or business model of TLRs looks like. We don't want to be in a pickle if something happens. She said it is her feeling that TLRs should be allowed to use the equipment but if TLRs decides to sell or trade or get rid of it, it should be instead returned to Wheatland. She added TLRs has more than the defibrillators; they also have the stretchers and a whole slew of other things.

Chief said a concern is that this letter does not quantify what is in TLRs possession now. Silver Lake gave us two, fully equipped, functioning squads. At that time, an independent mechanic evaluated the squads for Randall and Wheatland and said for about \$2,000 each, we could have the ambulances on the road. We need to quantify the equipment but continue to keep TLRs as our primary provider for

rescue squad service.

The Village of Oostburg is paying \$13,000 a month for 12-hour service. He doesn't want to be in that position.

Chairman said at the meeting with Randall and Twin Lakes, no one objected but he will talk to TLRS and get back our share of any equipment they are not using.

Supervisor Wilson said to rewrite the letter and revisit at the next meeting. Chairman said he was in agreement and will talk to TLRS and rewrite the letter.

Clerk asked Chief Denko if he had a copy of the inventory that was done last year at the time of the donation and can you provide a copy? Chief said he will provide a copy.

Chief Denko said our best option is to continue to provide support for TLRS.

Chairman said we will table this until the next meeting for further discussion. In the meantime, he will speak to TLRS and rewrite the letter and attach the inventory to the letter.

**Geoffrey Cook & Mardell M. Cook, 33719 Academy Rd, Burlington, WI 53105**

**Land Division Application - Certified Survey Map to create two additional parcels, Tax Parcel #95-4-119-034-0400 located on the southeast corner of CTHKD and 69th St.**

Chairman asked if Geoffrey Cook was present in the virtual meeting. Geoff Cook said he was, as was his son, Brad Cook.

Supervisor Andrew Lois said he looked at the road today and doesn't see any problem at all with the shared driveway on 69th St. for the three lots. They only have to go past two or three houses to get to "KD." Any new subdivision will have to go out to "KD."

Chairman Glembocki said they are only asking for three lots. Any change down the road and they will have to use the 70th PL access to "KD."

Clerk said there are public comments regarding this item. All members of the board were given copies. Rose VanPelt submitted a petition representing eight property owners stating their opposition to this application, an e-mail submittal from Corrine Simon stating they were against and an e-mail from Debbie & Mark Andrekus stating they were against the application. Clerk also said she understood from someone representing the group that if the "road reservation" was moved to line up with 70th PL, the CSM application would be acceptable to the group.

Chairman asked if there were any other issues.

Brian Larie, 35110 69th St. said he had a question. When there is heavy rain the ditch in front of his and his neighbor to the west floods because the drainage has to go to the Cook property. He wants to make sure this is not going to make that worse.

Clerk said she was going to add that Town Engineer Len Roecker's letter regarding drainage and shared driveway maintenance agreement needs to be added to any motion to approve. The drainage needs to be maintained to the south and east. If there was ever a subdivision proposed, that would trigger a stormwater drainage study report. Brian Larie said this answered his concern.

Andrew Lois moved to approve the Certified Survey Map application of Geoffrey Cook and Mardell M. Cook as presented subject to moving the "road reservation" designation from 69th St. to align with 70th PL if a subdivision was developed in the future, and also, subject to following Town Engineer Len Roecker's letter in regard to addressing drainage and to the creation of a shared driveway access maintenance agreement for Lots 1, 2, and 3. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

**Draw names of candidates for placement on the Spring Election ballot**

Clerk drew names for the Spring Election ballot. Diane Grenus will be listed first, followed by William M. Glembocki.

**Notice of Intent to Patrol Lilly Lake - DNR reimbursement program**

Andrew Lois moved to approve a notice to DNR of our intent to patrol Lilly Lake in 2021. William Glembocki seconded. Motion carried.

**Reports - Correspondence - Announcements**

A. Reports

1. Road – Chairman said there were snow complaints, but he spoke to the company with the snow removal contract for the subdivision streets and has been assured they will have a third truck out for the bigger snow events. They did have issues with a truck breaking down and one slid in the ditch during the storm with the heavy, wet snow and sleet. Hopefully, there will be improvement.

2. Chairman - none

3. Supervisors –

Supervisor Lois said there had been a 45-mph sign knocked down on 368<sup>th</sup> Ave. by snowplow but clerk reported the problem and sign is now up.

Supervisor Wilson noted the board received a snow report for December. How does this compare to last year? Clerk said she would have to check on that. Wilson said she could look at last year's report.

4. Clerk -

New Munster siren	Emergency government is checking the duration time of the 3rd Saturday, 10:30 a.m. monthly test of the warning siren. We reported it was sounding longer than normal.
Fire calls - Dec.	Dec. Fire Dept. Report - 22 total calls; 9 Fire; 13 First Responder; 4 of the fire calls were also First Responder calls.

B. Correspondence - none

C. Announcements – Primary Election February 16, 2021, polls open at the town hall 7 am-8pm

**Financial matters:**

A. Purchase approval – none

B. Approve agreement with Andrea & Orendorff for 2020 town general fund audit

Kelly Wilson moved approval of an agreement with Andrea & Orendorff for the 2020 town general fund audit for the same cost as last year. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

C. Other financial matters - none

**Adjournment** - Meeting was moved for adjournment by Kelly Wilson at 6:45 p.m. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk