

JANUARY 25, 2021 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:00 p.m. Monday, January 25, 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, Treasurer Deborah Vos, Fire Chief Louis Denko, Wayne Kaddatz, Diane Grenus, Brad Cook, Geoff Cook, Brian Boeckenstedt, Deanna Delimat, Jon Winter, Josh Fischer, Mike Adam, Ryan Syreini, and Stephen Clubb.

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

Minutes of the January 11, 2021 town board meeting were motioned for approval by Kelly Wilson. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Report –

A. Fire Dept. – Fire Chief Lou Denko said they have new members enrolled at Gateway Technical College. He is trying to keep the new recruits busy and interested.

B. Public Safety Report - none

Public comments for this VIRTUAL MEETING must be submitted in written form no later than 4 p.m. the day of the meeting to smsiegler@townwheatland.com.

Chairman asked the clerk to read any written comments that were submitted. Clerk said there was one submitted by Diane Grenus and read the comments which pertained to the rescue squad and donating the equipment to Twin Lakes Rescue Squad. (As it was lengthy, a copy is attached.)

Chairman thanked Diane Grenus and closed the Public Comments.

Tabled from 1/11/2021 town board meeting - 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 he spoke to TLRS. If Chief Denko wants to pick up the defibrillator that is considered a backup and currently sitting on the shelf, he is welcome to do so. The other equipment is being used for the benefit of the three communities. Randall has already donated their half. How can we split a stretcher in half, and have it returned to Wheatland? He asked Chief Denko if he had provided a copy of the inventory they detailed when the rescue squad was received from Silver Lake Rescue?

Chief Denko said he gave the town a copy of the inventory two years ago. That is not the question; he is never consulted about rescue squad issues and he has 35 years of experience. You need to consult informed people, when making decisions.

Chairman said he was told three people from Randall have signed up for the staffing shifts but none from Wheatland. What is hurt by the donation letter? You were at the meeting with Randall and Twin Lakes, and it was a good meeting. You agreed with the donation then. We need to support Twin Lakes Rescue.

Supervisor Wilson said you (Chairman Glembocki) are not understanding the issue, we can lease the equipment to them at no cost and certainly and we can share but it should come back to Wheatland if TLRS does not continue to provide service to Wheatland. It is benefiting all three communities now. We need the list we were all given. She and the clerk were too busy to search today but we will. She said the rescue squads are at Randall and this has been discussed several times.

Kelly Wilson – table this matter and get the inventory list.

Chief Denko said it is the big items he is talking about such as defibrillators, stretchers, etc. We can lease to TLRS at no cost while the TLRS agreement stays in effect. They are not obsolete as you state.

Chairman said he was told they will be obsolete, and Randall has already signed over this equipment. He is just trying to follow the agreement from the meeting and do the same using the same wording as Randall.

Chief Denko said from the beginning TLRS said two ambulances were adequate. They then proceeded to purchase a third. We took the equipment off the two Silver Lake Rescue vehicles to put on the third TLRS ambulance. There was two of everything to start, stretchers, defibrillators, etc. The goal is to put a fourth ambulance on the road.

Supervisor Andrew Lois said he ran into a TLRS member filling up a squad at the gas station. He asked him how things were going with TLRS. He was told things are working well. Lois said we all

cannot afford to each have our own piece of equipment, no matter what it is. We need to work together and support one organization to make us all stronger. If that equipment sits on a shelf or is not being used, it will be useless anyway by the time we need it.

Chairman said he wants to send the donation letter as brought up at the January 11 meeting and follow thru on the agreement from a couple of months ago. He moved a motion to send the letter which is the same as the Town of Randall's and if Chief Denko wants to pick up the extra defibrillator, he is welcome to do so. Andrew Lois seconded the motion. Glembocki and Lois voted to approve; Wilson voted against. Motion carries.

Delimat Enterprises Inc., DeAnna Delimat, 34231 High Drive, East Troy 3120

Trade Name: Black Bull Fireworks

A. Fireworks Sellers Permit - (Wheatland issued) for January – December 31, 2021 from ½ of the metal building at 32135 Geneva Rd., Parcel #95-4-119-013-0320 with two 10 ft x 8 ft banners on each side of the free-standing sign and one 5 ft x 25 ft attached to the gable of the building, no outside storage and per town ordinance.

Clerk clarified the application. Black Bull is renting the entire building for 2021. Chairman said he did not know of any issue last year. He asked Chief Denko if he had any issues or comments relating to Black Bull.

Chief Denko said Mrs. Delimat has been good to work with and compliant with fire department requests. There is one thing that he noticed when they were open around New Year's Eve. The parking lot should be required to have lights if they are open after dark. It is a safety concern.

Deanna Delimat said she and her husband also noticed that and have already replaced lights and lamps to light the area. She asked the clerk for the amount they turned over to Wheatland for 2020 in the way of the possessor permits sold. Clerk said the amount was \$20,040. Delimat said they appreciate all the cooperation of the town board and fire department members. She added they have also replaced the stone walkway with concrete.

Kelly Wilson moved to approve the Fireworks Sellers Permit for 2021 for the entire metal building at 32135 Geneva with the lighting being addressed to the satisfaction of the fire chief. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

B. Sell fireworks possessor permit per town ordinance – current cost is \$5 for each permit. William Glembocki moved approval. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Receive letter from Attorney Stephen M. Clubb, Rizzo & Diersen S.C. regarding Gail Schoch bequest to the Town of Wheatland of property to be used for a dog park and discussion

Chairman said he had concerns of the cost of long-term ownership of a dog park. We do not have to act on this tonight. He asked Supervisor Wilson for her comments as she is the one who tracked down information on this.

Kelly Wilson said she heard from neighbors that Gail Schoch had left the property to the Town of Wheatland for a dog park but had a hard time finding information about this. We reached out to the first attorney who we were told was handling the estate. Subsequently we found out the correct attorney was Stephen Clubb, Rizzo & Diersen. After much back and forth and letters and e-mails we finally received a letter stating the real estate had been left to the town along with \$100 to establish a dog park. If the town is unable or unwilling to transform the real estate into a dog park, the bequest would lapse.

Wilson asked if the town even wants to entertain something like a dog park.

Stephen Clubb said if the bequest lapses, the property would go back to the residual estate and could be sold, and proceeds distributed to other heirs.

Clubb was asked why did it take so much time and effort to learn of the bequest? If Kelly Wilson had not followed this thru, would we even have known Schoch left this to the town? Wilson said it has been over two years since Gail Schoch died.

Clubb responded that it was a very substantial estate and there were some complicated issues. The town would have been notified before the estate was closed.

Chairman said there would be no decision on this tonight. Wilson said we will sit on it for now.

Supervisor Lois said he wants time to look at the property. There is a dog park in Twin Lakes/Bassett that gets a lot of use. He sees a benefit for Lily Lake residents to let their dogs run off leash in a fenced area. It seems to be very popular.

Supervisor Wilson said we need to look at the property and get a price on clearing, fencing, maintenance. Then figure out if this is something we want for the town.

Responding to a question, Attorney Clubb said it will be a few months before the town needs to decide on whether to accept the bequest and establish a dog park. There will be time to address the issues. He said taxes are current for the property.

Board members agreed to investigate further and table the matter for now.

Supervisor Wilson asked if the town was going to open the town park for use in the 2021 season. Chairman said we need to see if the Covid pandemic continues before we decide to open things. It is month to month, and they are warning of a new surge of cases with this mutant virus.

Supervisor Lois said perhaps ball games could be resumed but not sure about gatherings where people are in close contact. Responding to a question from Chairman Glembocki, the clerk said last year the recreation director had park users sign a waiver protecting the town that had been drawn up by Attorney Davison.

A recreation board meeting needs to be set up.

Reports - Correspondence - Announcements

A. Reports

1. Road – other than snow removal issues which have been taken care of, Chairman Glembocki said he had nothing to report.
2. Chairman - none
3. Supervisors - none
4. Treasurer Report for December – Treasurer Deborah Vos reported a December 31, 2020 balance of \$3,137,611.97. Chairman said the report is available if anyone wishes to look at it. Check with the clerk or treasurer. Kelly Wilson moved to accept the treasurer's report. William Glembocki seconded. Motion carried.

5. Clerk -

	Clerk's Report to Town Board - January 25, 2021 Meeting
Fox R. riverbank restoration	Payment received from SEWFRC for \$33,595.60. Remaining \$3,732.85 will be paid from the county's soil and water management program.
Geneva Rd.	Asphalt curbing on north side of Geneva Rd. in area between 345th and 346th Ave. is breaking apart in chunks. Will need to look at this in the spring. Reported 1/21/2021 by property owner.
Certified Survey Map	The CSM requested by Cook with 69th St. access was approved at the January 11 town board meeting. The property owner has now decided to eliminate the 66 ft. space between Lot 1 and Lot 2 that was to be a road reservation and instead use a shared driveway access which will be part of their respective lots. Access on 69th will be restricted to this shared driveway location. The approval is still subject to Town Engineer's letter about drainage and shared driveway maintenance.
Snowplowing complaint	Had some complaints the salt truck didn't get to their street. Reported and truck went back.
Snowplowing compliment	Lady in Lilly Lake said the snowplowing company we have now is doing a great job and better than the last one.

Clerk said the Cook family has decided to incorporate the land area of the 66 ft. shared driveway shown on the map into the Lot #1 and Lot #2 parcels. The shared driveway location for Lot #1 and Lot #2 will not change; 69th St. access will be restricted to this location for the two lots. Lot #3, the remaining large parcel, will use CTH KD for access. Clerk asked if the board saw the need to bring this back for another meeting. Board agreed that was not necessary.

6. Lilly Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District – Initial approval has been received for the \$45,000 State Trust Fund 2nd loan. The temporary loan from the town will not be required. 2nd payment to Genesis Excavating of \$12,580.40 has been issued but holding \$9,500 until after spring growth. \$32,072.11 is due March 15 as 1st State Trust Fund loan repayment. A draft copy of the Onterra plant management report has been received. Planning Committee will review and comment and then report will be presented to the public.

B. Correspondence - none

C. Announcements –

February 16, 2021 – Spring Primary Election, polls open at the town hall 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

In-person Absentee Voting begins Tuesday, February 2, 8 a.m. In-person absentee voting ends Friday, February 12, 5 p.m.

Financial matters:

A. Purchase approval – none

B. Increase hourly rate for transfer station and park employees - clerk explained that during budget deliberation, hourly rate increases for transfer station and park employees were added to the budget but a motion to increase the wage was not done. Andrew Lois moved to increase the hourly rate from \$12.60 to \$14.00 per hour for transfer station and park employees. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

C. Clerk's report of disbursements for month of December & budget report was approved by motion of William Glembocki and second by Kelly Wilson. Report lists checks #29911 thru #29993, December 1-31, 2020 in the amount of \$98,630.42.

D. Other financial matters – Town 2021 insurance premium amount total for liability and property insurance including worker comp and fire dept. accident/sickness is \$30,101. Andrew Lois moved to approve. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment – Meeting was moved for adjournment by William Glembocki. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk

Sheila Siegler

From: Diane Grenus <diane_grenus@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 9:28 AM
To: Sheila Siegler
Subject: public comment for Jan 25, 2021 town meeting

Attachment
#1 - 2021.1.25
Town Board Minutes

Diane Grenus, 39400 60th St, Burlington, WI 53105

I am very curious as to the reason why the Town of Wheatland board members want to sell the two rescues that we acquired when Silver Lake Rescue liquidated.

Positive benefits to keeping the rescues:

- * Keeping the two rescues did not caused cause a negative impact on the budget.
- * Instead they have increased assets for the Town of Wheatland.
- * The increased assets can provide much needed support to the Twin Lakes Rescue Squad, which by the way, such support is needed.
- * Not only providing added support to the Twin Lake Rescue Squad, the squads also provide the residents of the Town of Wheatland assurance that when a 911 call is made, immediate and sufficient support is ready to roll out the door.
- * Town of Wheatland FD and Twin Lakes Rescue Service has the responsibility to provide residents a comfort level that there are trained volunteers, paid staff in the case of Twin Lakes Rescue and working equipment and supplies sufficient to cover a multitude of emergencies.

As for the vague donation letter regarding the medical equipment and vehicle from Silver Lake Rescue:

- * Was a thorough inventory conducted of the equipment and supplies, to include brand names, serial numbers and age if available?
- * Was the inventory that was transferred to Twin Lakes documented?
- * I do not see in the donation letter assurance that said inventory is not to be disposed of at the will of Twin Lakes Rescue but to be returned to TWFD.
- * I also do not see whether compensation for supplies depleted nor for wear and tear of equipment has been discussed.
- * Was the pulse of the community checked to see what people thought about the rescue squads or was this a decision made exclusively by the board?
- * Was input from the TWFD Chief taken into consideration when making this decision?
- * Discussion surrounding the rescue squads, equipment and supplies need further discussion and input from community residents.

My thoughts about the service Twin Lakes Rescue providing service to Wheatland Community:

- * TL Rescue state service is going well and no issues, yet at meetings I've heard several times how TWFD volunteers has had to support TL because they did not have enough resources to adequately provide rescue service.
- * I also remember that the new contract has an increase of \$20,000 and that TL Rescue was moving toward paid staffing from 6am to 6pm. Statements at recent meetings indicated that they are now providing paid service from 8am to 6pm

instead. What part of the \$20,000 was for compensation of paid services for 12 hour shifts daily and we are only getting 10 hours daily?

* Perhaps more communication is needed to take place between TWFD, Randal FD and TL Rescue and include the Chiefs of all three departments to reach a mutually acceptable working relationship.

Thank you, Diane Grenus