

## **FEBRUARY 22, 2021 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:00 p.m. Monday, February 22, 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, Deanna Delimat, Diane Genus, Brett Butler, and Alan Kaddatz.

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 February 8, 2021 town board meeting were motioned for approval by Andrew Lois. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

### **Report –**

A. Fire Dept. – Fire Chief Lou Denko said mutual aid calls (MABAS) have made the firehouse extra busy as well as the rescue squad. He has assisted Twin Lakes Rescue Squad on calls.

The tanker will be serviced at the firehouse by a UST electrician on Saturday to repair a PTO issue. It will be out of service at that time.

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](mailto:smsiegler@townwheatland.com).

Chairman asked the clerk for public comments. Clerk reported of the three late comments from last meeting, Ryan Syreini withdrew his and sent an updated comment, Debbie Glembocki's will be read as first submitted and Debbie Lois has added to her comments and will be read at this meeting.

Clerk read Debbie Glembocki comment received 2/8/2021, 4:35 p.m. (Attachment #1); Debbie Lois comment received 2/22/2021, 12:21 p.m., (Attachment #2); and Ryan Syreini's received 2/22/2021, 2:31 p.m. (Attachment #3).

Chairman Glembocki thanked them for their comments.

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

**Trade Name: Black Bull Fireworks**

(a) Temporary Use Permit (Kenosha County issued) to sell novelty fireworks at Rock Corner - Wheatland, 33703 59th St. in the parking lot area using a 30' x 60' tent and 8' x 40' steel storage container with two 4' x 20' banners and two 5' x 3' banners from June 16 to July 4, 2021. Hours: June 16 to July 4, 8 am-9 pm

(b) Fireworks Permit - (Wheatland issued) for June 16 - July 4, 2021 with the same operation as listed in (a) and per town ordinance

(c) Sell fireworks possessor permit under same conditions as 2020

Chairman asked Fire Chief Denko if there were any issues he thought needed to be addressed. Chief said none except that they will need inspection before opening and the STH 50 site east of the Fox River will need an additional inspection as it is a year-around business.

Kelly Wilson moved a favorable recommendation to the Kenosha County Board of Adjustments for the Temporary Use Permit as requested by Delimat Enterprises Inc. as listed above from June 16 to July 4, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. and as listed on their application. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Andrew Lois moved approval of a Fireworks Permit to Delimat Enterprises Inc. to sell fireworks at Rock Corner from June 16 – July 4 following all the requirements listed in part (a) above and on the application. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Kelly Wilson moved approval for Delimat Enterprises Inc. to sell possessor permits under the same conditions as 2020. Andrew Lois seconded. By voice vote, Wilson and Lois voted in favor and Glembocki voted against. Motion carried on a 2-1 vote.

### **Reports - Correspondence - Announcements**

#### **A. Reports**

1. Road – Chairman reported he spoke to the Kenosha County Highway Director. He has recently spoken to a DOT official in Madison, and they are aware of our concerns. Chairman will share with the board any updates he receives. Kenosha County is supporting this.

Chairman said snow melt water has been pooling on an area of Geneva Rd. due to high shoulders. We need to cut back shoulders in the spring so water drains to the ditch.

2. Chairman – he spoke to the Kenosha County Emergency Management Director and

they are keeping a close watch on the rate of the snow melt and the Fox River. They are following the county Emergency Plan and will try to predict to give more warning if the river goes up fast and STH 50 needs to be closed. In 2017, it was scary how fast it rose.

Chief Denko added that if they close STH 50 again, fire and rescue needs to be able to get around the concrete barriers. They were cut off in 2017. Chief said the people east of the Fox River would need to have fire/rescue service provided from another agency. Chairman said the emergency plan may need to be updated to define who is the first call when STH 50 is closed.

3. Supervisors –

Andrew Lois said he received a snow complaint in Nord Du Lac Sub. in Lilly Lake. During widening the road, large amounts of snow were pushed in driveways. He was able to catch the driver and resolve the complaint.

Kelly Wilson said people squawk but she has also had good comments. She went around Lilly Lake and it is pretty clean. Went to 80<sup>th</sup> St. on the south side and it looked good. There is a lot of snow and no place to push it anymore.

Schoch Dog Park Bequest – Kelly Wilson said she spoke to Recreation Board member Brett Butler. Recreation Board had looked at Koch Park as a possible dog park in the past but fencing costs of \$25/foot proved too expensive; so, it was dropped. Supervisor Wilson will contact Village of Bristol who recently received fencing bids, to get a general idea on fencing cost.

Kelly Wilson reported receiving a call from McHenry Pier who had given her a price on a pier. McHenry told her prices were possibly going up March 1 and if we could order now, we would save money. It will take about a month to build. This is up for discussion at the March 8 Recreation Board meeting.

4. Treasurer report for January – January net worth which includes property tax collection is \$2,867,154.50. Andrew Lois moved to accept the report as printed. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

5. Clerk

| Clerk's Report to Town Board - February 22, 2021 Meeting |   |
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| High Street Cemetery                                     | The Uebele family has long been involved with this cemetery. Family members have kept tabs on the maintenance after it was turned over to the town. There is now interest on the part of the family to set up an endowment fund for future maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery. I will report more when I receive details. |
| Fox River and spring flooding                            | Board members, town constable and fire chief were e-mailed an update from the Kenosha County Director of Emergency Management regarding the EM's monitoring of the possibilities.   |
| Spring Primary   | 205 residents voted. 70 of those votes were by absentee ballot.   |

B. Correspondence - none

C. Announcements –

- April 6, 2021 – Spring & Referendum Election, polls open at the town hall 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- In-person Absentee Voting begins Tuesday, March 23, 8 a.m. and ends Friday, April 2, 5 p.m.

**Financial matters:**

A. Purchase approval – none

B. Other financial matters - none

**Adjournment** – Andrew Lois moved to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk

Attachment  
#1

public comments  
2/22/2021

**Sheila Siegler**

town board meeting

**From:** Deb Glembocki  
**Sent:** Monday, February 8, 2021 4:35 PM  
**To:** Sheila Siegler  
**Subject:** Public comment

February 8, 2021

The discussion regarding the donated equipment was tabled on 1/11/2021 until the next meeting (1/25/2021) The Fire Chief agreed to provide a list of the equipment so it could be included in the donation letter to Twin Lakes Rescue. The ambulances themselves would not be part of the donation letter.

The list was not provided at the 1/25/2021 meeting. It was then suggested to be tabled again and was voted against. This upset some, those that are usually upset because things do not go their way. If the Fire Chief had just provided the list the letter could have been sent as agreed upon and we could move on to the next battle. Because there always seems to be a battle.

The constant battle of wills is exhausting. The bullying by the Fire Chief and his followers is exhausting. The disrespect is exhausting.

Chairman Glembocki wants and has always done for the Town of Wheatland what he believes is the best for the Town of Wheatland. Do some disagree? Of course. But there are many who agree. It is not an easy job, but it is what he was elected to do.

Thank you

Deb Glembocki

Sheila Siegler

Attachment  
#2

public comments  
2/22/2021

town board meeting

**From:** Deb Lois [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2021 12:21 PM  
**To:** Sheila Siegler  
**Subject:** Public comment

Mon, Feb 8 at 4:01 PM

I would just like to comment on some of the board meetings that have taken place lately.

Has it become a you versus us between the town board and the fire department? It seems that the Town board can't do anything to please our fire chief lately.

Mr. Glembocki and Mr. Lois were voted in to represent **all of our town**. I wish that Mr. Denko would be willing to sit down with the board members without prejudice and have a good discussion with them. I know for a fact that the board is Not against everything that Mr. Denko wants but lets be practical, our township can not afford everything that is getting asked for. Many people have commented on the fact that the fire department is requesting too much too fast. My husband know that there needs to be some updating but people need to be reasonable about their expectations also.

The board members hear this time and again that the people do not want more taxes because it's getting too costly for them to live here. Also know that this is being said by both young and older taxpayers. Being concern because of limitations of money, there needs to be a happy medium without breaking our community,

We also have roads that need repairing and other things in our community that need to be looked at besides just the Fire department.

There should not be badgering just because one does not get their way.

Respectfully submitted

DebLois

Feb 22,2021

I would also like to rebuttal Mrs Deklo and Diane Grenuis comments from last week.

1. The Wheatland Town board has no reason to be embarrassed by Andy Lois action at the second to last board meeting. Louie should be the one to be embarrassed. There is a difference between disagreeing with someone and being able to comprehend things. If someone does not agree with Louie, he right away implies they are idiots. People need to learn to talk things out. For all the time I've lived in Wheatland the Fire Department and the Town Board has alway had a relatively good relationship.. This needs to be worked on, on both sides.

2. Diane this is not an ego trip for the supervisors. It is my understanding that Bill AND LOUIE were at the meeting when the equipment was donated. If the issue of getting pieces of equipment back were so important, why didn't Louie speak up at that time? Being Fire Chief I would have expected him to bring it up at that meeting and to have come to an agreement. It is not too late to put in a request to see if they would honor it but again, Louie needs to give them a list as I am sure not all items would be returnable.

Again this is respectfully submitted.

Deb Lois

Attachment  
#3

public comments  
2/22/2021

town board meeting

**Sheila Siegler**

**From:** Ryan Syreini  
**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2021 2:31 PM  
**To:** Sheila Siegler  
**Subject:** Pubic Comment for 2/22/201 Town of Wheatland Meeting

Shelia,

I would like to submit this for public comment for tonight's Town Board Meeting.

Town of Wheatland Board,

Citizens of this town continue to express concerns to you, so I encourage you to make decisions in the best interest of this town and NOT based on personal interest or out of spite of opinion that differs from your own.

First, I would like to repeat what has already been shared as a concern in previous meetings. The supplies and equipment Wheatland obtained from Silver Lake Rescue should have been kept in our sole possession until a written statement of assets and terms of agreement was established with Twin Lakes Rescue. Furthermore, any meeting held with Twin Lakes Rescue needs to include the participation of the Wheatland Fire Chief because conversation and potential decisions made will directly impact the service of Wheatland First Responders. Not having had done this, has resulted in the Town of Wheatland not only paying an increased fee for Twin Lakes' 20-21 service, but also gave them tens of thousands of dollars in supplies and equipment. Our town is still waiting for Twin Lakes Rescue to have full daytime coverage for both of our communities. What have we exactly paid for? Please answer this question, If our service contract expires or gets canceled for some reason will the Town of Wheatland get 100% of this equipment back?

Supervisor Lois, you shared you talked with members of Twin Lakes Rescue at the gas station in town and were told that servicing rescue calls was going well. Before you share feedback on a decision made or situation of concern, I encourage you to seek feedback and data from the appropriate source. In this particular case, wouldn't it have been common sense to follow-up with the Wheatland Fire Chief to confirm exactly how service to the Wheatland community is progressing? Please use the expertise and guidance of the people who are involved and serving the Town of Wheatland. If you really view our relationship with Twin Lakes Rescue as a partnership, you didn't include one of the partners, who represents our town. Chairman Glembocki, I also recommend you to follow the same suggestion as mentioned above. Remember when the Twin Lakes Fire Chief tried to sell us out to Salem Lakes the day before he attended our town board meeting? Are you even aware that he tried making an agreement with Salem Lakes to get rid of Wheatland? Again, this is another example of our Wheatland elected officials not doing their due diligence to collect and evaluate all parts of a situation and, most importantly, seeking the feedback of our own people who know best.

Someone once told me,

"It's easy to be popular, but it's hard to do the right thing."

Thank you for your time,  
Ryan Syreini