

MARCH 8, 2021 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:00 p.m. Monday, March 8, 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 Lou Denko, Alan Kaddatz, Diane Grenus, Brian Boeckenstedt, Traci Denko, Craig Tripp, Brian Kerkman, Ryan Syreini, and *West of the I* reporter Darren Hillock.

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 22, 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 fundraising letters are being sent out since all fundraiser activities have been suspended for the year. Possibly could have the October pancake breakfast depending on what happens with Covid.

He said he is hopeful the #6661 issues have been resolved. The mechanic from UST donated his Saturday services.

Lots of salt and mud build up under the trucks. Fire department is looking at an underbody washer hook up to wash the bottoms. Also looking at a water deionizer for the firehouse. There is a lot of lime in the water that leaves spots on the trucks. The water softener does a good job but doesn't remove all the lime. They are looking at prices and will have for the next meeting. They would use the restricted funds for this purchase, approximately \$2,500 and \$1,300.

It has been very busy. They have had 61 calls for the year on March 7. In 2020 they hit that mark on March 27.

They are \$8,800 under the 2020 budget and would like to put that in the restricted fund. They did not qualify for a grant for air paks because they purchased air paks with the last grant and those are still in service and not defective. This disqualifies them from applying for a replacement grant. It will cost \$75,000 and up, to replace the air paks.

Supervisor Lois asked how much more time before they can qualify for a grant based on the last funding date. Chief said three years. Lois said maybe the grant qualifications will permit funding then.

Chief said they have been working with Twin Lakes Rescue and TLS does have some daytime staffing in place. He doesn't know why he has to be the bad guy. The board should sit down with him and discuss this. He said he has 36 years fire and EMS service to the town and you are not asking him. The call volume has accelerated by 20% already this year. We need to deliver a backup plan for the community. He said the county is working on a mass casualty plan for the entire county. The heart monitor is a \$25,000 piece of equipment and should be owned by Wheatland and Randall and not given to Twin Lakes Rescue.

Chairman replied, "I don't ever have a problem meeting with you." He will schedule a meeting in the spring after election, depending on the outcome.

Supervisor Wilson agreed. Plan on meeting in April after the election.

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.

Responding to the Chairman, the Clerk said three comments were received and copies were forwarded to the board members. Clerk read the comments which are included as attachments to these Minutes: #1 – Alan Kaddatz, #2 – Diane Grenus, and #3 – Brian Boeckenstedt.

Chairman Glembocki thanked everyone for their comments.

Craig S. Tripp & Lori M. Shutenhelm, 5808 352nd Ave. (Owner), Craig S. Tripp (Agent)

Tax Parcel #95-4-219-343-0900

A. Request to rezone from A-2 General Agricultural District & C-1 Lowland Resource Conservancy District to A-2, R-2 Suburban Single-Family Residential & C-1

B. Certified Survey Map to create three additional parcels

Chairman said this request was heard by the Plan Commission on February 22, 2021. They have forwarded a recommendation of approval subject to the additional conditions listed by Kenosha County.

Craig Tripp said they agreed and will follow those conditions. They have already revised the CSM to add additional area to the proposed Lot 2. It now has the required minimum depth of 170 ft.

Chairman said the town has been working with Craig Tripp as this is a challenging property to divide because of all the wetland conservancy areas. Tripp said he had wanted more lots, but it did not work. Chairman asked Chief Denko if he had any issues with the long driveway for Lot 4. Denko said he had met with Tripp and as the plan is laid out it will support fire truck access.

Supervisor Wilson moved a favorable recommendation to the Kenosha County Planning, Development and Extension Education Committee for the request of Craig S. Tripp & Lori M. Shuttenehm, 5808 352nd Ave. (Owner), Craig S. Tripp (Agent), Tax Parcel #95-4-219-343-0900 for the rezoning per application and subject to the conditions required by Kenosha County. Chairman Glembocki seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Glembocki moved approval of the Certified Survey Map creating three additional parcels as shown on the application map and subject to the conditions required by Kenosha County. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion on adding fireworks possessor permit fees to restricted fire department equipment fund; a budget amendment; and/or adding funds to restricted; and, drawing from fund to purchase needed equipment

Chairman said we received \$20,915 in possessor permit fees and he would like to add that amount to the restricted fire department equipment fund. The town should then come up with the extra at budget time to add an amount to get it up to \$50,000.

Supervisor Wilson said that going back to discussions at the budget meetings. The board decided not to add to the restricted fund and borrow if you need to for a fire truck. It does not make sense to restrict money when we have other needs such as paving. Use the money to operate as it is now.

Supervisor Lois said the fire department should come up with one decent ambulance out of the two Silver Lake ambulances (1998 & 2002) and work with Randall and come up with a total figure on what it would cost to operate a backup rescue vehicle. Use the money toward that.

Chairman Glembocki said it looks like he is the only one who wants to put this in a restricted fund.

Supervisor Wilson said everyone has a right to an opinion.

Chief Denko added it is important to have money in the restricted and cited average saving rate, inflation of fire equipment and the need to cost out all these factors.

Reports - Correspondence - Announcements

A. Reports

1. Road – Supervisor Lois said a STH 50 one-way sign is laying in the snowbank at 376th Ave. Clerk will send it in to Kenosha County.

2. Chairman - none

3. Supervisors – Kelly Wilson asked when we were opening the town hall for rentals. Chairman said we will revisit this at end of April or May but need to wait and see what happens with Covid. We don't want to promote people getting together if it's not safe.

4. Clerk

Clerk's Report to Town Board - March 8, 2021 Meeting	
Town Hall Sign	We need to find a way to extend the sign out from the building to be able to clean bird nests from behind it. Or we need to get a new sign. Last year was the worst ever with bird droppings by our front door. It was hard to keep ahead of the birds.
376 th Ave. Cemetery	Heard more from Uebele family representative.
STH 50 paving	begin STH 50 paving from Grand Geneva Way to CTH O sometime in mid-June with tox culvert work. Summer of 2022 milling and paving will begin. Concrete work on the far Eastern end may happen in either 2021 or 2022. Utility pole will be moved, and some trees removed, to make room for the right turn lane for 381st.
Town Hall Internet	beefed up the Internet router at the town hall so hope the Zoom meetings will work better.

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 beginning Tuesday, March 23, 8 a.m. and ending Friday, April 2, 5 p.m.

Financial matters:

A. Purchase approval –

B. Other financial matters – Clerk's report of disbursements for the month ending February 28, 2021 totaled \$201,889.33, checks #30051-#30135. Andrew Lois moved approval of the report as printed. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment

William Glembocki moved to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk

3/8/2021
Town Board Meeting

Sheila Siegler

From: Alan Kaddatz <ats_alan@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 5:47 AM
To: Sheila Siegler
Subject: Public Comment for 3/8/2021 Town Board Meeting

Attachment #1

FROM: Alan Kaddatz 6300 396th Ave Burlington WI 53105

Dear Members of the Board, I have just two points that I would like read in the Public Comment section of tonight's meeting.

The first point is regarding the restricted fire department equipment fund. Most of you know that I believe very strongly that this fund needs to be added to whenever possible. I was not in agreement when the \$50,000.00 per year budgeted amount was discontinued. The Town of Wheatland has never had to borrow to purchase Fire Department trucks and equipment. Please adopt adding the fireworks possessor permit fees to the restricted fund.

Second, I would like to commend Town Clerk Shelia Siegler, for doing a great job on keeping these virtual meetings possible and together.

Thanks for your time, Alan Kaddatz

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3/8/2021

Town Board Meeting

Sheila Siegler

From: Diane Grenus <diane.grenus@burlingtonwi.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 3:02 PM
To: Sheila Siegler
Subject: Town Board meeting Mar 8, 2021

Attachment #2

Diane Grenus
39400 60th St
Burlington, WI 53105

Regarding Item #9:

Discussion on adding fireworks possessor permit fees to restricted fire department equipment fund; a budget amendment; and/or adding funds to restricted; and, drawing from fund to purchase needed equipment .

The road loan Interest rate is 2.5% and as of Dec 31 2020 the balance is \$383,862.07 with a payoff date of Jun 2025. Instead of putting the \$20k+ to the restricted fire department equipment fund that money could go toward spending down the road loan. \$20k for 5 years would be an additional \$100,000 and the loan could be paid off a year earlier. Then if a fire truck is needed another loan can be taken out for it. If after 4 years (because the road loan would be paid) a new truck is not yet needed, the \$20k plus the \$90k that would have been the final road loan payment could be put in the restricted fire department fund.

Diane Grenus

3/8/2021
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Sheila Siegler

From: Brian Boeckenstedt <~~Brian@bullenit.com~~>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 3:44 PM
To: Sheila Siegler
Subject: Public Comment 3-8-21

Attachment # 3

Sheila,

I would like to have this read at public comment tonight.

In regards to the public comments from the past few meetings I would like to rebut a few comments. First, the comments about our Fire Chief being a "bully" could not be farther from the truth. As far as getting the town chairman and the fire chief to sit down and have a good discussion without prejudice is some kind of a joke. I have had many conversations with our fire chief, without any prejudice. He is an incredibly intelligent person who has an amazing intellect of fire, and especially of rescue, and does really listen to the questions of his fellow residents. Unfortunately, this is not what's happening between our current town chairman and our fire chief. I really don't believe that some of local board members are even taking any comments from local constituents seriously. This is supposed to be our only voice that the residents have. This has happened multiple times in recent meetings. From the chicken ordinance to the ATV trail that raised the speed limit going past the town hall to 35 mph (which is extremely unsafe for local residents to cross the road at that location). I really feel that these comments aren't even taken into consideration by some of our local "leaders" which is very unfortunate.

I've always said it much easier to be popular than do the right thing. It's unfortunate that our current town chairman is much more concerned about being popular than listening to all of his constituents concerns. Unfortunately, if we are only taking into account the comments and concerns of certain people from the area that live on a certain street or have the correct last name or frequent the correct local tavern, then the rest of the 2000 constituents are not represented. I guess this is why we have elections.

Respectfully,
Brian R Boeckenstedt
5200 State Road 83
Burlington, WI 53105