

**TOWN OF WHEATLAND
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS
WHEATLAND FIREHOUSE
34011 GENEVA RD, NEW MUNSTER, WISCONSIN**

**Wednesday, September 23, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.
(Postponed from April 27, 2020 because of Covid-19)**

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glembocki.
 - A. *Pledge of Allegiance.*
 - B. Town Board members present – Chairman William Glembocki and Supervisors Andrew Lois and Kelly Wilson.
 - C. Notices were posted on the town website, town hall, transfer station and Wheatland Center School. *Kenosha News*, *West of the I* and *Westosha Report* were notified. Notice was also published in the *Kenosha News* legal section on September 4 and 11, 2020. Notice was also e-mailed per state statute to list of people who have requested town board meeting agendas.
 - D. Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, Treasurer Deborah Vos, Municipal Judge Fred Hewitt, Constable Robert Santelli, Town Attorney Jeffrey Davison, Fire Chief Louis Denko, Alan Kaddatz, Marilyn Kaddatz, Laurie Hartford, Andrea DeLaune, Leonard Vos, Julie Vos, Susan Gehring, Diane Grenus, Abby Grenus, Chris Brown, Caroline Brown, Katie Daniels, Jerry Greil, Brad Nelson, JoAnne Nelson, Jeff Niederer, Mandy Onstad, Brian Onstad, Grant Kaddatz, Jim Butler, Jonathan Winter, Mary Daniels, Jeffrey Koenen, Kyle Madsen, Brian Boeckenstedt, Wayne Kaddatz, Mike Herda, Ryan Syreini, Traci Denko, Randy Ebertowski, Anna Platz, Rita Weis, David Weis, George Grenus, Daniel Berendes, Norm Drissel, Lori Jung, Jeff Butler, Maggie Fosdick, Mary Niederer, Dara Willkomm, Beth Koch, Kevin Koch, Callie Rucker, Brett Butler, Rachelyn Butler, Debbie Glembocki, Ashley Glembocki, David Baumeister, David Vogel, *Kenosha News* reporter Jill Tatge-Rozell and *West of the I* reporter Darren Hillock.
2. Alan Kaddatz, 6300 396th Ave. moved approval of the Minutes of the April 22, 2019 Annual Meeting and the November 19, 2010 Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting. Brett Butler seconded. Motion carried.
3. Town Board officers were introduced by Chairman Glembocki.
4. Presentation of the 2019 Financial Report by Chairman Glembocki. Andrea DeLaune, 32817 Geneva Rd asked the road loan balance. As of December 31, 2019, the balance was \$463,288.49. Fred Hewitt moved to approve the financial report as printed. Jeff Butler, 6631 373rd Ave. seconded. Motion carried.
5. Fire Dept. report – Chief Denko said they responded to 250 calls. 187 were First Responder and 63 fire with 19 being both fire and First Responder. This is 20 less than 2018 but we had more rain which meant less grass fires and nuisance calls about burning were less because residents did a good job of calling him to receive a burning permit. First Responder calls have been rising dramatically. It is a huge obligation for the membership. Members spend approximately 12 hours a month on training and other fire department matters plus call hours which are typically 1 or more hours each. He thanked all the members and noted the fire department saves the town an awful lot of money.

Truck #6672 is a work in progress. Computer access, GPS has been installed. This is helpful in locating individuals lost in the hunting grounds or corn field. Vehicles are maintained regularly by Emergency Apparatus Maintenance. 2020 was a typical year for maintenance.

The fire department has rescheduled the Corned Beef and Cabbage, which was planned for March 16 before Covid closed things, to October 19 from 4 – 8 p.m. It will be takeout from Bella Vita with some limited delivery service.
6. Building Inspector Tim Popanda's report listed 121 permits for an improvement value of \$8,045,027 and fees of \$41,366. Alan Kaddatz moved approval, seconded by Chris Brown, 39701 60th

St. Motion carried.

7. Municipal Court report – Fred Hewitt presented a report with 248 court cases for the year. Brett Butler, 6220 373rd Ave. moved approval of the report. Andrea DeLaune seconded. Motion carried.

8. Recreation report – Brett Butler said the work has been mostly general maintenance. The tennis court practice board was repaired with new wood parts and painted. Several of the wood posts at the New Munster Park Pavilion were replaced and all were painted. The fencing around the basketball court was removed on three sides. A new basketball backboard was installed. A new swing set and a picnic table with attached seating were installed in Oakwood Shores Park.

9. Town Chairman report and comments – Chairman Glembocki said the town is doing limited paving this year. 380th Ave. in Oak Forest Subdivision was paved. The remaining street, 381st Ave., will be paved next year. We have a lot of brush and tree maintenance to do on town roads. We will be working on that and allocating funds for that purpose.

He thanked Diane Grenus and her crew for putting together the chicken ordinance.

10. Old business – none

11. New business – Diane Grenus, 39400 60th St. was recognized by Chairman Glembocki. She introduced a motion to increase the membership of the town board from three to five members. She cited Wis. Stat. 60.10(2)(b) and 60.212. Andrea DeLaune seconded the motion.

Discussion – what is the reason when three-member board has worked well for the town in the past. Diane Grenus responded two members could work together without violating the open meeting law. It could be a more diversified board and could get more things done.

Andrea DeLaune said she looked up past meetings and the ATV ordinance took a year. You can have a more productive board.

Paris, Brighton, Somers, Wheatland and Randall are the towns remaining in Kenosha County. Only Randall has a five-member board. The rest of the municipalities are villages, Pleasant Prairie, Somers, Bristol, Paddock Lake, Salem Lakes, and Twin Lakes and the city of Kenosha.

Fred Hewitt asked if matters would be resolved without the full board being aware of the issue. Diane Grenus said that would not be the case.

Rita Weis, 8225 328th Ave. asked about the cost of two additional board members. Diane Grenus said the total salary amount of \$19,000 could be adjusted to accommodate the two additional members without increasing the total salary amount.

Jerry Greil, 33807 Geneva Rd. said with a five-member board there would be more people at meetings. There are only two at a time now at many meetings.

Supervisor Andrew Lois said he has been at other municipal meetings where there are five-member boards and does not see any advantage. You have five people giving ideas and still end with a 3-2 instead of a 2-1. But the decision is up to you.

Further discussion on pros and cons of a five-member board. JoAnn Nelson, 6430 375th Ave. said she favors a five-member board. It is an excellent idea to represent the diversity of the town.

Rachelyn Butler, 6220 373rd Ave. asked if the two members meet by themselves are there any notes or minutes kept? Now everything is done in the open in front of people. Board members pretty much work 24/7 on call all times and now you want to lessen the pay?

Chief Denko said he favored a five-member board. There are more responsibilities to spread out among more people. It promotes transparency.

Chairman said things may seem to take a while in Wheatland, but we don't want to rush into things. We can't look at things together or discuss but we get ideas and come back to the board and discuss them in front of you. We want to think about things before we make any decision.

Town Attorney Davison said state law does not allow an elected person's salary to be reduced during the term. The salary in place in December stays with the term of office.

Randy Ebertowski, 32817 Geneva Rd. spoke in favor of adding two people to the board. It will bring more diversity to the board.

Brian Boeckenstedt, 5200 State Road 83 said he is in favor of a five-member board. The board now is tabling items all the time.

Chairman called for a vote to be taken. It will be a ballot vote. Ballots were passed out and collected. There are 58 electors attending the meeting. After a count and recount a couple of times, the vote was announced at 29 "yes" for a five-member board and 29 "no" against a five-member board. The clerk announced a tie vote; the motion loses.

13. Annual Budget Hearing – Chairman said the town board will set the date.

14. Jeff Niederer, 34414 Geneva Rd. moved a motion to set the 2021 town annual meeting of electors for April 26, 2021, 7 p.m. Marilyn Kaddatz, 6300 396th Ave. seconded. Motion carried.

15. Adjournment – Chairman Glembocki moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Brett Butler seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk