

## APRIL 12, 2021 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:00 p.m. Monday, April 12, 2021, virtually using the Zoom app, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Board member present: Supervisor Andrew Lois. Supervisor Kelly Wilson was excused. Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, Treasurer Deborah Vos, Fire Chief Lou Denko, Mark Larkin, Mary Schneider, Diane Grenus, Alan Kaddatz, Rachelyn Hadad-Butler, Brian Boeckenstedt, Kyle Madsen, Josie Hammock, and Kiersten Perry.

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 March 22, 2021 town board meeting were motioned for approval by Andrew Lois and second William Glembocki. Motion carried.

### **Report –**

A. Fire Dept. – Fire Chief Denko reported the fire department sent out a letter stating there would be no fund-raisers this year except possibly the October pancake breakfast. The letter requested donations to supplement the lack of fundraising activity. He said he had nothing “out of the ordinary” to report.

Chairman said he would call next week to talk thru some things. He asked Chief Denko if the generator was getting close to being installed. Chief said he was working on it.

B. Public Safety – 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 if there were any public comments submitted. Clerk read attachment #1, the only public comment from Rachelyn Hadad-Butler, 6220 373<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Chairman thanked her for the comments.

**Haskins LLC, 400 Boulder Ridge Ct., Lake Geneva, WI 53147 (Owner), Mark Larkin, 400 Boulder Ridge Ct., Lake Geneva, WI 53147 (Agent)**, requests an amendment to the Adopted Land Use Plan map for Kenosha County: 2035 (map 65 of the comprehensive plan) from “Suburban-Density Residential” to “Suburban-Density Residential” & “Commercial” on Tax Parcel #95-4-219-314-0360. (Note: this amendment is for the property described as “Parcel A” (1.74 acre which contains the barn, silos and accessory building as shown on the “land use plan map amendment exhibit.”) View the application and maps on the town website.

Chairman noted the Plan Commission had acted on this at the March 22, 2021 meeting and approved a favorable recommendation to the town board for the request of Haskins LLC. Chairman verified with Mark Larkin that the vacant land along STH 50 was not part of this. It was only for the barn and current out-buildings site. He said there are drainage issues in this area. Mark Larkin affirmed this amendment only involves only the site of the existing buildings (barn and out-buildings).

Andrew Lois moved a recommendation of approval to the Kenosha County Planning, Development and Extension Education Committee for the amendment to the Adopted Land Use Plan map for Kenosha County: 2035 to change the property described as “Parcel A” (1.74 acre of Tax Parcel #95-4-219-314-0360) from “Suburban-Density Residential” to “Commercial” per submitted application from Haskins LLC. William Glembocki seconded. Motion carried.

### **Discussion on holding in-person town board meetings**

Chairman said Clerk had been requested by Supervisor Wilson to add this to the agenda. He feels we are making progress and can go back to in-person meetings but there is still Covid activity out there and believes face coverings should be encouraged for the meeting.

William Glembocki moved a motion to reinstitute in-person town board and other town meetings but to encourage face coverings for the present time. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried. Chairman said a sign should be placed on the town hall door encouraging the use of face coverings.

Supervisor Andrew Lois moved a motion to allow the town hall to be rented by residents and also to allow groups to reserve the town hall for meetings beginning May 1, but face coverings should be encouraged and the signing of a “hold harmless agreement” waiver is required. William Glembocki seconded. Motion carried. Chairman noted that if a spike in reported Covid cases occurs, the board would look at this again and do what is necessary.

## Reports - Correspondence - Announcements

### A. Reports

1. Road – ditch maintenance 396th, crack-fill 340th Ave. Chairman reported the 396th Ave. ditch that needs cleaning is on private property and the owner would take care of the cleaning. A work order will be sent in for 340th Ave. crack-filling.

2. Chairman - WI DOT paving STH 50 from I-94 to CTH O except the Paddock Lake section.

Chairman said STH 50 would be under construction for most of the summer from Lake Geneva I-94. One project is from Lake Geneva to CTH O, and the project just announced, is from CTH O to I-94.

It will be one-lane traffic, each direction, on STH 50 and using an alternate route, if possible, would be a good idea.

The Paddock Lake section of STH 50 will be reconstructed in 2022. The portion of STH 50 between the Fox River and 317th Ave. is scheduled, at this time, for 2024. It will involve elevating the road to keep it open during major flooding of the Fox River.

3. Supervisor Lois - none

4. Supervisor Wilson - none

5. Treasurer Deborah Vos reported a \$1,159,565.29 net worth for March 31, 2021. Chairman said the report is available for the asking and said it is a detailed report. He moved approval. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

6. Clerk

Clerk's Report to Town Board - April 12, 2021 Meeting	
Election results	April 6, 2021 - 926 electors voted, 730 at the polls and 196 by absentee ballots, a 39% voter turnout. 2353 were on the registration list at the beginning of the day and 19 electors registered to vote at the polls.
Covid-19 clinic	Saturday, April 17, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Covid-19 Virus vaccination clinic at Westosha Central High School. Details are on town website, Westofthel.com and <i>Kenosha News</i> . Access <a href="http://www.kenoshacounty.org/vaccine">http://www.kenoshacounty.org/vaccine</a> to make an appointment.

Clerk said Mary Schneider, 7727 Fox River Rd, was present in the Zoom meeting and had spoken to Supervisor Wilson concerning the ATV damage being done in the Oakwood Shores Sub. Fox River Floodplain. Supervisor Wilson is not present to bring this forward. Chairman referred to Mary Schneider. Schneider said the ATVs are running thru the floodplain and do not stay on the paved road. ATVs, trucks, Jeeps, and dirt bikes have made trails and ruts, gotten stuck and run in the bank of the Fox River at times. It is a muddy mess, and they should not be allowed to destroy this area.

Chairman said the town constable and the Kenosha County Sheriff's Dept. have been asked to pay attention to this area. We will do what we can. Call him if you see someone doing this so they can be caught in the act.

B. Correspondence - none

C. Announcements –

- April 12-16 – Tornado Awareness Week. The April 15 statewide tornado drill will not activate NOAA Weather Radio alerts and outdoor warning siren tests this year.
- April 26, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. – Annual Town Meeting at the Town Hall

### Financial matters:

A. Purchase approval –

Confirm 2020 decision to complete paving (381st Ave.) in Oak Forest; pave 54th, 353rd, and 57th in Meadow Creek Sub. and if funds permit, remainder of 341st from 64th to Geneva Rd

Chairman said the decision was made last year to pave 381st Ave. Clerk said Meadow Creek Sub. ("Stanley Kerkman subdivision") was last paved in 1975. We need to also check the culverts which are the same age. 341st Ave. by the firehouse should also be done. It is very deteriorated in front of the firehouse overhead doors.

William Glembocki moved a motion to pave 381st Ave., Meadow Creek 54th, 353rd & 57th, and if funds allow, 341st from 64th to Geneva Rd. All culverts will be checked and replaced if necessary.

Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Glembocki said he would like board consensus to get some estimates from Kenosha County Highway Dept. for paving Geneva Rd in sections, perhaps (1) STH 50 to CTH KD, (2) CTH KD to CTH O, (3) CTH O to 383rd Ave. and (4) 383rd Ave. to CTH P. It would be a four-year plan. Andrew Lois

agreed. Chairman will talk to the county.

B. Other financial matters – swim pier purchase proposals for Lilly Lake and beach maintenance including sand, retaining wall repair and steps.

Quotes from two companies for replacement of the swim pier were received. Recreation Board had recommended McHenry Pier for \$11,406. Austin Pier had included extras in their quote and was considerably higher. William Glembocki moved to approve McHenry Pier for the replacement swim pier. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried. Chairman said the pier has wheels as does the current pier and can be moved in and out easily. The bad news is that delivery is perhaps August.

Kerkman Bros Construction has submitted a quote of \$3,953 to remove 50 ft. of the deteriorated retaining wall separating the road from the beach as well as backfilling after construction. Kerkman Bros. also submitted a separate quote of \$1,896 to supply and spread 39 yd. of sand on the beach. Zirbel Concrete has submitted a quote of \$2,875 to rebuild the 50 ft. of wall and footing. The fence fabric should be able to be removed and reinstalled, but the posts will need to be replaced. Chairman will speak to Zirbel and a fence company to find out what needs to be done. Andrew Lois moved approval of the quotes for Kerkman Bros \$3,953, and Zirbel Concrete \$2,875 to remove and replace the 50 ft. of retaining wall and the Kerkman Bros separate quote of \$1,896 for the sand. All quotes are contingent on the town receiving necessary permits from DNR and Kenosha County for the work. William Glembocki seconded. Motion carried.

C. Clerk's report of disbursements March 1-31, 2021 – William Glembocki moved a motion to accept the clerk's report listing \$114,095.41, checks #30136 thru #30206, dated March 1-31, 2021. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

**Adjournment** – William Glembocki moved to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk

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**Sheila Siegler**

**From:** Rachelyn Hadad  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 11, 2021 3:06 PM  
**To:** Sheila Siegler  
**Subject:** Public Comment 4-12-21

Public Comments  
Attachment #1

Rachelyn Hadad-Butler  
[6220 373rd Ave](#)  
[Burlington, WI 53105](#)

I would like to start this off by congratulating the board on their re-elections, and to thank them for running clean and fair races. I have lived in Wheatland for 11 years now, and that is something I have always respected about all of you.

This year was unfortunately different. Just moments after election results were in, one candidate and her supporters lost sight of her campaign promise to "maintain an expectation of respect and loyalty for ALL people" by spreading rumors on the social media page, Keeping Wheatland Informed. The campaign claimed they wanted to "preserve the characteristics of our rural community" but this was about as far from that as I can imagine. To be honest, I started this letter with the intention of rehashing all the nastiness that has been put out on Keeping Wheatland Informed regarding Chairman Glembocki's re-election. But that would make me no better than those who started this and continue this, and that is not who I am nor who I want to be.

I have heard from other residents that this behavior has not been the case in past elections. Jeff Butler won against Wayne Kaddatz, and they remained respectful while Jeff and Wayne continued to work together for another 20+ years. Chairman Glembocki lost against Mr. Butler and then won against Mr. Butler and I have personally seen them be respectful and remain friends.

I believe that there must remain a level of respect for the board and ALL community members. The snickering, eye rolling, and laughing that goes on during town board meetings is completely unacceptable. The teachers at Wheatland Center School would not allow this in a grade school classroom, why would grown adults at an official town meeting behave this way?

Obviously both sides are passionate about our community, but we need to learn to listen to each other and understand that not everyone is always going to agree.

I know that for most of you that join the meetings, your children are grown up. But we need to remember the children of Wheatland are all watching. Especially on social media. We need to do better, if not for the sanity for us, but for the future leaders of this community.

Be better.

Sent from my iPhone