

## SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:00 p.m. Monday, September 14, 2020 at the Town Hall in New Munster and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Board members present: Supervisor Andrew Lois and Kelly Wilson. Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, Constable Bob Santelli, Fire Chief Lou Denko, Caroline Brown, Alan Kaddatz, Ryan Syreini, Traci Denko, George Grenus, Brett Butler, Jonathan Winter, Beth Koch, Kevin Koch, Jerry Greil, Mark Homuth, Chris Brown, Brad Nelson, JoAnn Nelson, John Lewis, Jill Lewis, Maggie Fosdick, and Diane Grenus.

Notices were posted in three public areas (Town Hall, Transfer Station and Wheatland Center School) and the Town 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.

Minutes of the August 4, 10, 24 and September 3, 2020 board of review, special town meeting of electors, and town board meetings were approved on a Wilson/Lois motion.

### **Report –**

A. Fire Dept. - Chief Denko said they will be set up at the firehouse for the September 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Town Meeting which was postponed from April because of Covid-19.

The fire department members have scheduled the annual corned beef and cabbage postponed from March because of Covid-19 as a drive-up, take-out and will be held on October 19. Cooking will be done at Luisa's and Bella Vita with Bella Vita the pickup spot. St. Alphonsus community center is still closed because of Covid. There will be some limited delivery for those unable to pick up the dinner. They are looking for volunteer delivery people. Previously purchased tickets will be honored. The final details for the raffle prizes are still being worked on. There will be no October pancake breakfast fundraiser this year.

Chief Denko thanked the public, in general, for abiding by the burning regulations. It has cut down on fire department responses for burning violations.

He requested the board hold off on signing any rescue squad contract with Twin Lakes Rescue.

Chairman said the rescue squad contract is listed as item #11 but the chief must leave for a meeting so we will take it up now.

### **Consideration and possible action of revised Twin Lakes Rescue Squad contract**

Chairman said he has been in a discussion with the Town of Randall and Twin Lakes Rescue. We will not take any action tonight. Chairman and Randall representatives and Twin Lakes Rescue representative will meet prior to the next meeting to work on some details of the contract.

Chief said it a complex issue and while our monetary obligation is clear, he is not clear of what Twin Lakes is actually providing for Wheatland, what is their obligation, need to clarify their ability to deliver service, need to increase communication and then come back.

Supervisor Wilson said we need to receive adequate notice if they were to stop service to Wheatland. That is not clear in the contract.

Chairman said the cost of the contract has increased by \$20,000 but they will be paying members to staff the station 12 hours daily with on-call paid members the other 12 hours. We must expect the cost will rise. In the meantime, he will check on any other provider available to Wheatland and the cost of that service.

B. Public Safety Report – Constable Santelli said he was told today the radar order was not received by Kustom Signals. He has been unable to write citations without a moving radar unit. The order has now been placed.

**Public comments** - Traci Denko, 38601 31<sup>st</sup> St. questioned how many times Wheatland has had to supply a First Responder to make up the Twin Lakes Rescue Squad crew on a rescue call. The Wheatland Fire Dept. is making up the calls, for free. Plus, they are not being treated with respect by Twin Lakes when on call.

Chris Brown, 39701 60<sup>th</sup> St. said regarding item #10, he wants the chicken permit fee revised. Dog licenses should be used as a comparison. Dog fee is only \$5 and \$10.

Brown also said, regarding item #9 on the agenda, he is "not huge" on golf carts being allowed to use public roads. It is dangerous and the state does not regulate golf carts.

Jerry Greil, 33807 Geneva Rd. said the fire department should have chest protector vests. The need has arisen because of recent protests. We need to invest in that.

Chief Denko said he has money set aside from the fire department budget that may be needed to purchase the vests Greil is referencing. They already have two sets of hard-body armor with no side

protection but this would be a soft-body armor. Vests are hot, air-paks do not have ballistic protection and there would have to be training. He agreed EMS First Responders do need them. Responding to Supervisor Wilson, he said they were \$700-\$800 plus \$150-\$250 for the carrier with a 10 year service life.

Constable Santelli said his vest cost \$1,000 plus \$150 for the carrier with a shelf life of 5 years. They are hot and very uncomfortable. Responding to Supervisor Lois, Santelli said they should not be used by multiple people. They get sweaty and his vest is measured to fit to his body.

Chief said the overcoat styles are one-size fits all but they are sweaty.

Diane Grenus, 3940 60<sup>th</sup> St. asked about the old and new rescue squad fees and are they going up each year. Supervisor Wilson read off the fees – current fee for 2021 is \$30,000. Proposed fee is \$50,000. Grenus said questions to the rescue squad should include how do they respond to a scene, the level of certification of their medical staff and their SOP.

Chairman asked for any other public comments. There being none, he declared public comments closed.

### **Discuss amending Chapter 27 ATV travel on town streets to include streets in Oakwood Shores Subdivision**

Chairman said a signed petition from 42 residents of Oakwood Shores requesting they be allowed to operate ATV's on the streets in their subdivision has been received. Constable Santelli said he wants the ability to ticket gas-powered scooters, mini-bikes, Endura bikes, etc. written into the ordinance if it is changed.

Board agreed to have an ordinance amendment created by the town attorney to allow ATV/UTV travel on streets in Oakwood Shores Subdivision.

### **Discussion on whether to allow golf carts on certain town roads**

Chairman said we will check with other municipalities who do allow golf carts and review again before any action is taken. Supervisor Wilson will call some other municipalities.

### **Consideration and possible action of animal permit fee revision**

Chairman said the cost of the chicken permit fees came up at the last meeting, but he wanted Supervisor Wilson's opinion since she had suggested the \$80 original permit and \$30 renewal. Supervisor Wilson said she had researched what other municipalities charged (Brighton \$100/\$25, Salem Lakes \$80/\$30, Brighton \$100/\$25, Paddock Lake \$200) and she didn't feel the \$80/\$30 was an unreasonable fee for the time that may be spent permitting and enforcing. It is hard to be fair to everybody. People raise chickens for other reasons than to save money.

Supervisor Lois said he heard from people that it was too high.

After more discussion, Chairman Glembocki asked for a motion. Supervisor Wilson moved to amend the fee from \$80/\$30 to \$60/30. Supervisor Lois seconded. Motion carried. Town fee schedule will be adjusted to reflect change.

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

#### **A. Reports**

1. Road -tree limb broke off on 75<sup>th</sup> St. Kenosha Co Hwy Dept. was called to pick it up and to cut back another limb that was still connected but in danger of falling.

Chairman noted trees and brush on town roads need to be cut back. There are several areas where you need to move over in order not to scrape your vehicle. Clerk noted the highway dept. had to cut trees/brush on 336<sup>th</sup> and 337<sup>th</sup> Ave before paving this month so the equipment could operate for paving.

The tree crowding the road on 76<sup>th</sup> St. and 332<sup>nd</sup> Ave. needs to be removed the board agreed. The tree is in the public right-of-way, but the property owner should be notified before removal the board directed, as a matter of courtesy.

2. Chairman - none

3. Supervisors - Supervisor Wilson reported Dustin Hein, Freedom Fireworks thanked the board for their support in his first year of selling fireworks in Wheatland. He intends to apply earlier next year. Clerk was asked to report on fireworks sales for 2020 for the next meeting.

4. Clerk - Clerk asked if the board wished to review Halloween hours this year. The town policy for many years is to schedule Halloween Trick or Treating hours for the Sunday before Halloween from 2 – 5 p.m. This year that date is October 25. Board agreed the date and time will be October 25, 2 – 5 p.m.

<b>Clerk's Report to Town Board - September 14, 2020 Meeting</b>	
drop box	Drop box has been installed in front of the town hall on Geneva Rd. Absentee ballots can be returned here as well as other items if the town office is closed.
WED-CARES Grant	Received notice of \$2,441,80 Cares grant to offset costs of Covid-19 related election expenses.
Fire Dept. calls	24 total calls; 11 Fire & 13 1st Responder. 7 of the fire calls were also 1st Responder
POW/MIA honor chair	Kenosha Co & Chapter 2 of the WI Branch of Rolling Thunder is adding another memorial chair. This time at the County Center on 9/18. Public invited; RSVP by 9/16.

Clerk noted the drop box that has been placed on the northwest corner of the town hall was installed by Brett Butler and Marcel Daniels. Rachlyn Hadid-Butler created and contributed the drop box sign and the absentee ballot sign.

**B. Announcements**

- September 23, 6:30 p.m. – Annual Town Meeting rescheduled in April due to Covid concerns. Annual meeting will be held at the Wheatland Firehouse, 34011 Geneva Rd.
- **October 14 deadline to register to vote using mail or online for November 3 election. Use [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) if your Wisconsin driver license lists your correct address.** Request an absentee ballot on same site.

**Financial matters:**

A. Purchase approval – Ericksen Electric, Inc. has provided a proposal to change out the florescent tubing for LED lights. Since the current fixtures are caulked into the ceiling, Ericksen's proposal is to leave the fixture in place but rewire the system to LED the same as he did for the vestibule fixture several years ago. The price to change the wiring of 14 florescent fixtures to LED and supplying and installing 50 LED lights is \$1,250. Proposal was approved for \$1,250 on a Glembocki/Lois motion.

B. Other financial matters – Associated Appraisal Consultants Inc. contract renewal  
 Associated Appraisal Consultants has provided a four-year renewal contract, thru 2024, for the same price, \$32,500, and same work schedule as previous years with a revaluation every two years and maintenance assessment in the alternate years. Supervisor Wilson agreed they do a great job.

Supervisor Lois moved renewal of the contract for Associated Appraisal Consultants Inc. as listed in the contract. Supervisor Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

C. Clerk's report of August Disbursements and budget report listing \$73,472.23 in disbursements, checks #29590 - #29686 for the month of August was approved on a Glembocki/Wilson motion.

**Adjournment -**

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. on a Glembocki/Lois motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Clerk