

SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:00 p.m. Monday, September 28, 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, Treasurer Deborah Vos, Constable Bob Santelli, Fire Chief Lou Denko, Alan Kaddatz, Jim Burckel, Robert Tobias, Caroline Brown, Wayne Kaddatz, Diane Grenus, Marc Kaiser, Brian Boeckenstedt, and Traci Denko.

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. In addition, property owner abutting tax parcel #95-4-119-111-1234, 32922 77th St. were notified by First Class Mail.

Minutes of the September 14, 2020 town board meeting were approved on a Lois/Wilson motion.

Report –

A. Fire Dept. – Chief Louis Denko said the fire department was still doing the children's school safety program. For now, it is a handout package and a link to a video. When the Covid-19 restrictions allow, they will have in-person presentation at the firehouse.

Chief also said the corned beef/cabbage dinner will be take-out and limited delivery on October 19 from Bella Vita from 4 – 8 p.m. Cooking of the meat will be done at Luisa's and the vegetables at Bella Vita. Assembling the dinners will be completed at Bella Vita. Call the firehouse, 537-4566 beginning at 3 p.m. to order a dinner for pick-up or limited delivery. Previously purchased dinner tickets will be honored. They are still working on how to do online raffling of the donated items.

B. Public Safety Report – Constable Santelli said he will be requesting approval to purchase a range finder. Chairman said it is listed for action later in the meeting. Constable said the new radar unit arrived today.

Public comments –

Marc Kaiser, 32926 80th St. asked about the Lilly Lake outlet structure project. Chairman said that was on the agenda at the 5 p.m. LLP&R District Board of Commissioners meeting and he would discuss with Kaiser after this town board meeting.

Brian Boeckenstedt, 5200 State Road 83 asked if the rescue squad contract discussions had included the fact that Wheatland first responders and Randall first responders are filling many of the Twin Lakes calls. Chairman said that he and Chief Denko had met with Twin Lakes and this will be discussed under Twin Lakes contract.

There being no other speakers, Chairman Glembocki closed public comments.

ANNA C. ETAL GUSSARSON, 5300 W Belle Plaine Ave, Chicago, IL 60641 (Owner), Jim Burckel, 5300 W Belle Plain Ave, Chicago, IL 60641 (Agent), requesting a variance (Section IV. C. 12.21-5(g): which states that all structures shall be located at least 30' from the right-of-way of all other roads, located at least 10' from a side property line and located at least 25' feet from a rear property line and Section III. Q. 12.18.5-5 & 6 which states that decks and patios shall be located at least 30 feet from the right-of-way of all other roads) to construct a single-family residence to be located 28.6' feet from the right-of-way of 77th Street, at least 2' from the side (east) property line and 4' from the rear property lines and an associated deck/patio to be located 16.7' from the right-of-way of 77th Street on Tax Key Parcel #95-4-119-111-1235.

Jim Burckel stated they were doing the best they can to fit a new house on the lot. Existing house was built in 1922 with no codes and is on or near the rear property line. They are trying to be respectful of their neighbors when designing the house. It should be an improvement to the neighborhood. Existing house is 750 sq. ft; proposed design is 858 sq. ft. on the first floor.

No one was present to speak against the request.

Chairman said the proposed building was clearly an improvement and he does not see any issues. Supervisor Wilson moved a favorable recommendation to the Kenosha County Board of Adjustments. Chairman Glembocki seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration and possible action on revised Twin Lakes Rescue Squad contract

Chairman said he and Chief Denko and two Town of Randall representatives met with the Twin Lakes Rescue Squad Chief last Friday. He said Twin Lakes will staff the station from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. with paid full-time staff. 6 p.m. – 6 a.m. will be "paid on call" (POC) staff. Payments to Twin Lakes will be quarterly. Twin Lakes will let Wheatland and Randall know when they will possibly be short-staffed.

Chief Denko thought the meeting went better than previous. He has concern for the price

increase all at once. It depends where the full-time staff will come from. If they are currently POC, it will deplete that pool. Wheatland and Randall have done our share in making this work by filling in when Twin Lakes is short of manpower on calls. He believed notification of anticipated short-staffing will be beneficial.

Billing the state for calls on state roads, large increase in annual cost and the ability to raise that each year and how our share of the total cost of service relates to the number of calls are concerns to him.

Chairman related some neighboring expenses. He said Twin Lakes believed they would be able to keep the prices in line unless they needed to staff 24-7. Then they would not be able to hold the price. He said they were told Randall and Wheatland make up approximately 45% of the calls.

Traci Denko asked the length of the contract. Chairman said four years. Traci Denko said the board should test the waters for a year instead so that we can find out if Twin Lakes will supply the service. She said Wheatland is making up the crew many times for free but still paying for the service. Chairman said we can walk away from the contract next year if they do not fulfill their part but locating another service will certainly cost more than the \$50,000 contract payment to Twin Lakes Rescue.

Chief Denko said we need to hold onto the rescue squad that was turned over to us from Silver Lake in the event it was needed. We also need to keep equipment that was included like the stretcher and heart monitors. It cost \$450,000 to staff an ambulance. He will be talking to Randall concerning this and report back to the board.

Diane Grenus, 39400 60th St. - did Twin Lakes give you supporting information for the increase? Chairman said that basically it was the increased cost of the full-time staffing.

Supervisor Wilson said in the donation request letter Twin Lakes sent to everyone, it stated calls were 979 calls for 2019, a 10% increase over 2018 and that they were preparing for the purchase of a new squad and equipment. That does not tell us how many calls or percent were from Wheatland. Chairman and Chief both said Wheatland calls were down somewhat for 2019. But insurance is always delayed so it is hard to find out the cost of operation during a given year until later.

Supervisor Lois said \$50,000 will not do much for Wheatland by itself. We need to make this work between the three municipalities for the good of all.

Chief Denko and Traci Denko said they are concerned that staffing is short on calls and they want to make sure we get the service without Wheatland having to make it up, though they are willing to do that. They acknowledged that other departments also have these problems at times. That is why you cannot count on mutual aid.

Chairman asked if the board had any other questions and if not, asked for a motion. Supervisor Lois moved approval of the four-year contract with Twin Lakes Rescue Squad with the increase in cost to \$50,000 in 2021, \$60,000 in 2022, \$60,000 in 2023 and \$70,000 in 2024. Supervisor Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Reports - Correspondence - Announcements

A. Reports

1. Road – Chairman said the drainage work and curbing on the west side of New Munster was completed. He also said we have a lot of tree and brush trimming to do on many of the town roads.

2. Chairman – none

3. Supervisors – Supervisor Lois asked Constable Santelli to investigate what could be done to clean up the property on the north end of 328th Ave. (CTH W). He has had complaints regarding this property.

4. Clerk – Clerk said the ATV ordinance would be ready for the next meeting but asked the board if they also intended to include that part of Oakwood Shores west of the channel, 319th Ave. and 69th Pl. Board agreed that should be included.

Clerk asked for clarification on who would be inspecting the property of those applying for a permit to keep animals or fowl. Chairman said he would inspect before the clerk issued a permit. Board agreed that Supervisor 1 and then Supervisor 2 would be called if Chairman is not available.

5. Treasurer report for August – Treasurer Deborah Vos reported \$1,147,708.97 as the August 31 net worth. Report was accepted as presented on a Glembocki/Wilson motion.

B. Announcements

- Sunday, October 25, 2020 – Halloween Trick or Treat, 2 – 5 p.m.
- October 14 deadline to REGISTER to vote using mail or online for November 3 election. Use

myvote.wi.gov if your Wisconsin driver license lists your correct address. Request an ABSENTEE ballot on same site.

Brian Boeckenstedt, 5200 State Road 83 asked if there is a video surveillance for the absentee ballot drop box? Clerk said there will be one there soon.

Financial matters:

A. Purchase approval – Constable request, Vortex Range Finder – Constable said it would be kept in the town hall where it would be available to anyone needing to use it. He has funds left in his budget. Supervisor Wilson moved a motion to approve the purchase of a Vortex Range Finder with a price range not to exceed \$800. Supervisor Lois seconded. Motion carried.

B. Other financial matters – none

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. on a Glembocki/Wilson motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk