

AUGUST 23, 2021 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 23, 2021, at the Town Hall, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Board members present: Supervisors Andrew Lois and Kelly Wilson. Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, Plan Commission & Recreation Board Member Brett Butler, Fire Chief Louis Denko, Wayne H. Kaddatz, Mary Kaddatz, Connie Johnson, Diane Grenus, George Grenus, Robert Kordus, and Alan Kaddatz.

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

The Minutes of the August 9, 2021, town board meeting was motioned for approval as presented by Kelly Wilson and second by Andrew Lois. Motion carried.

Report –

A. Fire Dept. – Chief Denko reported that medical director training took place at the town hall last week. STH 50 traffic has settled down and working ok. There is more training happening tonight at the firehouse.

Chairman Glembocki reported that he and Chief Denko had received an e-mail from Ken Johnson, Twin Lakes Rescue Squad EMS Division Chief. Board members were given copies. The e-mail is meant to clarify what is required from any participating Wheatland EMR/EMT's who wish to be added to the roster and respond to calls with TLRS. The e-mail details the requirements and the reasons the TLRS has put these requirements in place.

Chairman said that in a separate phone conversation, he was told that of 538 calls for service to TLRS, eight required calling mutual aid because they could not send a squad. Chairman said the point is, that the calls were all covered because of TLRS working with the MABAS system. That is departments working together because everyone has an issue now and then and needs assistance.

At \$50,000 a year and up to \$70,000 by 2024, TLRS is a huge asset to the town. If we contract out, the service for 24-hour coverage would be many times that amount. He is going to contact a service to attempt to get that answer.

TLRS is hiring additional squad staff, but they need the assistance of Randall and Wheatland to help fill out the shifts. The shift requirement of 10, 3-hour shifts per month, each month is their company requirement. He asked about five shifts instead, but TLRS says that is their rule for all their members. He was told Randall has been able to comply.

Kelly Wilson asked is this a new rule. Chief Denko said they have been pushing the requirement the last couple of years. He has been on the roster so long that he has been allowed to continue without the commitment. Responding to a question, he added that he does not request paid-on-call wages from TLRS. That is not why he does this. But other Wheatland personnel would be paid by TLRS.

Chief said that Wheatland people are not willing to commit for that amount of time. He further said to Chairman Glembocki, "you go to TLRS, and they tell you something you believe, and they are missing the details. It doesn't matter what I say. The number of times TLRS is uncovered is substantial and that is what concerns me. I am willing to help and have them come to me for solutions. TLRS has been invited to put on a presentation at a fire department meeting but so far that has not happened. If Wheatland commits to TLRS, they are unable to serve Wheatland residents as First Responders."

Chairman said they still be responding to Wheatland residents, but it would be as members of TLRS, not as a First Responder. If Wheatland Fire Dept. feels that way and we can't help fill-in the schedule, TLRS will need to hire more people other than Wheatland and Wheatland will continue to respond as First Responders to Wheatland residents. "If you can't do it, you can't do it." He was told TLRS has four more people in the training process at this time and they will continue to look for more people to hire.

Chairman said he hates to bring this up again but, is the generator going to be in working order soon? He knows of a company who services generators and we can get them in to take care of this. Chief Denko said he is sanding the generator now and will be painting next week. Chairman, "can we leave it that it will be installed and running in a month?" Chief said "yes."

B. Public Safety – none

Public comments – Connie Johnson, 3803 348th Ave. asked the board to look at the intersection of 31st St. and CTH KD for safety improvements. She lives on the hill south of this intersection and travels this way to connect to STH 83. It is a strange triangle intersection and drivers are not stopping at

the stop sign on 31st for eastbound travel. There are rumble strips in the pavement, but they still go thru the stop sign. She and her son have had recent, close-calls there. She thought trimming the brush on the southwest corner of 31st St. at the stop sign would perhaps allow drivers to see CTH KD better for traffic. Or any other solution. Chairman said he would look at it and contact Kenosha County for their ideas on improving the safety.

Diane Grenus, 39400 60th St. asked why Wheatland Fire Dept. has to provide 10 3-hr shifts when we are paying TLRS \$50,000 a year and they are not able to put a rescue squad in place. She recently discovered she has a bee sting allergy and now carries 2 Epi-pens. If it takes 20 min. for a squad to arrive at her house to get her to a hospital, it will be too late. She asked how many people in the community are aware of this.

Chairman said the three communities need to work together to make this work. Alone, we cannot afford the cost of a private company if, as the Chief has said in the past, Oostburg pays \$13,000 a month for one 12-hour shift each day. You can't put a price on a life, but we need to be realistic.

Wayne Kaddatz, 39405 60th St., corrected the *West of the I* report by Darren Hillock of the July 26th meeting. Hillock reported he bought 200 A. as part of the solution to high water in Slades Corners. He actually bought 290 A. He also said he was remiss in not providing data on getting rid of the water.

The town constructed the sidewalk in Slades Corners, but he reimbursed the town for the cost. The \$300,000 in ARPA money could be used for a solution to the high water. The town doesn't ever want to spend any money on Slades Corners to get rid of the water. The town has done two projects in New Munster on the north side of Geneva Rd. and on the south side for drainage, but not in Slades Corners.

Chairman said we would have to check with the town attorney as to whether the ARPA money could be spent for this drainage issue, even if it is a use allowed by ARPA rules. We don't have details on what those are at this point, just a broad list. Lilly Lake district is paying for the Lilly Lake overflow construction thru property taxes. There was no town money used. Chairman said he wished Wayne Kaddatz didn't feel that way. He explained the recent underground pipe replacement was required because it was done improperly years back with material that didn't hold up and pipe dimensions that were undersized. The pipes failed and the area collapsed.

Wayne Kaddatz explained that he had three options to get rid of the water, one that ran along the south side of STH 50 thru private property that would end on his property by Pat's and eventually wind it way to New Munster Creek, two other options could take the water to the south side of 60th St. to the ditch he maintains. It would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars but not millions as the state plan projected.

Supervisor Lois offered to meet with Wayne Kaddatz and view the options to move the water.

Snowplowing contract extension

Chairman said he would take this out of order as Robert Kordus, Asphalt Contractors Inc. (ACI) is present and has another commitment. Chairman said this is a service and does not require the public bid process to be used. This is for a three-year contract 2021/2022 winter thru 2023/2024 winter. The contract has the same rates per hour as previous years but does "reserve the right to change prices if fuel gets crazy."

Board had comments and questions regarding snowplowing concerns and problems. Office staff stated some of the issues, one was that time and money could be saved if the cleanup was finished once the snow has stopped and before it freezes solid, even if it means putting on another crew of drivers.

Kordus said he does work with the board and office staff to address problems as they occur. Snowplowing is unpredictable and they do their best to meet the town's expectations at the most reasonable cost. He said every municipality has their special needs and road quirks, especially on roads where different jurisdictions meet, and his drivers are constantly being trained. Office staff acknowledged Kordus does work to address the complaints when called.

Supervisor Lois said he had occasion to speak to a driver because of a complaint about clearing a street. He was able to catch the driver in the subdivision and the driver addressed the issue and adjusted his route. Lois was satisfied with the response.

Supervisor Wilson moved to approve the proposed three-year contract, as stated with reservation to adjust costs due to fuel fluctuations. Supervisor Lois seconded. Motion carried on a 3-0 vote.

First Reading:

- Ordinance 2021-001 – Chapter 36.27 (K) – amend the comprehensive land use plan map to reflect recent town and county approval of an amendment for part of Tax Parcel #95-4-219-314-0360 (Haskins LLC) from "Suburban-Density Residential" to "Suburban-Density Residential" and "Commercial" for the existing barn area.

- Ordinance 2021-002 – Chapter 36.27 (B) – correction
Reports - Correspondence - Announcements

A. Reports

1. Road - none
2. Chairman - none
3. Supervisor Lois - none
4. Supervisor Wilson – asked if the water patrol was out on the weekend because she received complaints of jet skis being all over the lake and not following the travel direction. Clerk responded they were supposed to be there but perhaps not when the jet skis were acting up. The water patrol is scheduled for Saturday, Sunday and holiday hours.

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5. Treasurer July report – Treasurer Deborah Vos reported a July 31 net worth of \$1,173,873.39. Glembocki moved to accept the detailed treasurer report as presented. Lois seconded. Motion carried.

6. Clerk -

August 23, 2021 Meeting - Clerk's Report to Town Board	
estimated population	Received notice from WI Dept. of Admin on 8/10/2021 of the <u>estimated</u> population for Wheatland as of January 1, 2021 at 3387. 3362 was estimated in 2020.
8/10/2021 storm damage	392nd Ave. 5500 block - tree blocking road (Arbor Images called); 7563 335th Ave. - tree blocking road (KCHD called); 49th St. Fox R. Pines - tree blocking road (KCHD); tree limb pushed into the trailer parking space on 76th St. Lily Lake (KCHD called)
2020 US Census count as of 4/1/2020	Figures were released showing 3391 counted for the 2020 Census. State 2020 count = 5,893,718; 2010 count = 5,686,986. .05% growth. County 2020 count = 169,199; 2010 = 166,426. 2% growth.
2020 US Census Town of Wheatland count as of 4/1/2020	1990 = 3,256; 2000 = 3,291; 2010 = 3,374; 2020 = 3,391. Increase of 135 residents in 30 years. .05% growth from 2010 - 2020.
L.L. Public Beach swim area	Swim area is closed because of high E. coli counts. Water samples tested on August 16, 17, 18 & 19 show 2419. The Canada Geese are back at the usual time of year and pollute the area. Closed signs were posted immediately and remain in place.
beach closed sign	Three signs were on the beach informing everyone beach is closed. One was stolen.
STH 50	CTH O to Paddock Lake - new pavement marking, signage and final touches early November. Diamond grinding in the outside lane and new signals at Geneva Rd. will be done by early October. Geneva Rd. from STH 50 to Geneva PL will be closed for 2 or 3 days around the middle of September. We will get a "heads-up" notification. They are completely removing the asphalt and repaving with new traffic detection loops under the asphalt. The roadway shoulder is wavey, and they are looking for a solution. It will not be removed but hope to grind it to smooth it somewhat.

B. Correspondence – e-mail from Horace Staples, Emergency Management Director was received today asking if any board member has an interest in attending the September 16th County Regional Planning Grant for the Lower Fox River Watershed Meeting. Let clerk know by end of meeting.

C. Announcements –

- August 31 – Board of Review

Financial matters:

A. Purchase approval – Clerk said she purchased a new desk calculator and ordered a new monitor for the treasurer. Both items were not working properly.

B. Other financial matters –

- Drainage issues and cement replacement at firehouse – Chairman said he has a quote from Bies Underground Technologies to directional bore from the south side of the firehouse to Geneva Rd. and to supply a 4 ft. concrete structure with a steel frame and grate to connect the PVC bore pipe for \$8,570. He also has a quote from Zirbel Concrete for replacing the firehouse apron, sidewalk, bollards and a drainage swale. But adding the two together puts the project over the \$25,000 bid requirement. The firehouse gutter downspouts would still need to be connected to this drainage structure but that would be a minor cost. Chairman said the water issue really needs to be addressed. He suggested waiting with the apron, bollards and sidewalk until next year and do the boring and cement drainage swale this year. That cost would be less than \$20,000.

Supervisor Lois moved a motion to approve the Bies quote for directional boring including cement structure and Zirbel Concrete quote to install only the cement drainage swale at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. Supervisor Wilson seconded. Chairman said he would get an exact cost for the cement work before we begin. Motion carried.

- New Munster basketball court blacktop – Chairman said the Recreation Board Chairman wants to bring this up at a recreation board meeting which will be scheduled before the next town board meeting. So, we will defer action until the next meeting.

Supervisor Wilson asked how often the basketball court is used. Do the lights work at the court?

Chairman said there are some large cracks in the court surface and would hate to have someone injure themselves while playing. It is used sporadically. Clerk said she does see it being used when she leaves the office in the early evening.

Wilson said there is more that should be done at the park with keeping up the buildings. Scorer's booth - the shingles have not been replaced, the door doesn't close tight, the steps have rotten wood. Scoreboard – does it work, has it been repaired? Food stand – fascia hasn't been repaired. "What needs more attention?" Recreation Board member Brett Butler said the materials for the repair are in the storage building. The scoreboard does not work. This will be brought up at the recreation board meeting.

- Snowplowing contract extension – already taken up earlier in the meeting

Adjournment – Glembocki moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk