

SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:00 p.m. Monday, September 13, 2021, at the Town Hall, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Board members present: Supervisor Andrew Lois. Supervisor Kelly Wilson was excused. Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, Constable Robert Santelli, Fire Chief Louis Denko, Wayne H. Kaddatz, Diane Grenus, 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 23, 2021, town board meeting, August 30, 2021 Board of Review training meeting and August 31, 2021 Board of Review meeting were motioned for approval as printed by William Glembocki and second by Andrew Lois. Motion carried.

Report –

A. Fire Dept. – Chief Denko reported the trucks have had annual maintenance completed by Siren Services. This is a new company but the same tech that worked for EAM who previously serviced the trucks. Costs are lower and we have the same tech working on the vehicles. There were no major repairs this year.

The pancake breakfast is October 3rd from 7 a.m. – 11 a.m. It is a “free will offering” rather than a charge for the breakfast. It seems to work out to our benefit rather than a specific charge.

Because of Covid, Wheatland Center School is not allowing the fire department into the school for fire safety presentations nor are they allowing students out to visit the firehouse. The fire department will bag the safety supplies they purchased and take them over to the school classrooms to be distributed. If Covid lets up and we have the opportunity to conduct fire safety classes at a later date, Chief Denko said that would be done whenever they receive word from the school.

Chief said the firehouse was hit by lightning on September 7 during the afternoon storm. It fried the cable for the Internet for the firehouse (which had just been replaced) and the modem. Radios were also damaged, and he has not been able to check the radio antenna and the encoder yet. The town's insurance company has been notified and once we have a damage estimate, they will work with us. Chief said he is setting up a meeting with General Communications from Milwaukee this week.

Chief said they had an annual MABAS card meeting with area fire departments this past Thursday. There were no concerns; all departments are helping each other when a call comes in.

Chief said the August report was distributed to the board. They are up 50 more calls than last year and 15% over the 2020 calls.

Chairman said he did try to contact Paratech and Paramedic as he had said he would at the last meeting. But no one has returned the calls yet.

Chief said it would cost \$400,000 a year to have an ambulance sit in the firehouse. He said Twin Lakes Rescue Squad has had incidents of not being able to get out the door. They can't say they only had to call mutual aid eight times. We can't use their ambulance; so, we had no coverage.

B. Public Safety – Constable Santelli said he is continuing to work on cleanup notices. He issued two citations this week and three properties were either in compliance or continuing to work on that. The one on the north side of Geneva Rd, west of 376th Ave. is looking better. The garbage around the house has been taken care of. He said the property on 328th Ave. is slowly getting better. The owner continues to keep him informed of the small steps he is taking to move some things out. As long as he keeps working on it, he will give him time.

He is conducting traffic surveillance. The gray van on Geneva Rd. in New Munster which has been sitting there with flat tires was tagged today. If not moved in 24 hours, he will have it towed.

Also, he was notified Millhouse did not pay the repair bill from Vindictive Vinyl for the squad car repair. He spoke to Millhouse today and it is being addressed. He will follow up to make sure.

Public comments – Diane Grenus, 39400 60th St. suggested the town proclaim a “clean-up day” to encourage people and then have extra containers and extra hours at the transfer station to accommodate this. Maybe encourage volunteers to assist people who need help with the cleanup.

Chairman said we could look at something like that in the spring. Doesn't know if it would help as we have dumpsters available at the transfer station for large items all of the time, unlike other towns.

Diane Grenus asked what is going on with the Twin Lakes Rescue Squad. She thought we were going to move ahead with meetings to get the fourth ambulance operating.

Chairman said there have been meetings, but we're no further along. We can talk but the chiefs are the ones that know if they have the manpower to operate the squads. They need to agree. He doesn't know if the fourth ambulance (from Silver Lake and housed at Randall fire station) is even worth getting up and operating. When vehicles get that old, it's not cost effective.

Chief Denko said that was all untrue. The vehicle is a 2014 and able to serve our purpose. Chairman said he'd heard the vehicle year was a 2003 and an older model. He has never seen the title so doesn't know but thought that was what was said.

Supervisor Lois said it's all about manpower. Wheatland doesn't have enough and sounds like Twin Lakes is hurting too. Where will they come from? He is all for the rescue squad. It is more important than a fire truck. You can rebuild a house but if you're dead, . . .

Diane Grenus said we need to sit down and talk about it and quit arguing.

Application for a 2-year Kennel License renewal:

Emerald Kennels, Inc. 5501 376th Ave., Burlington, WI 53105 under the same conditions as the original license

Andrew Lois moved approval of a two-year renewal kennel license under the same conditions as the original license for Emerald Kennels, Inc., 5501 376th Ave., tax parcel #95-4-219-333-0210. William Glembocki seconded. Motion carried.

Second Reading and action:

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.

William Glembocki moved to approve Ordinance 2021-001. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2021-002 – Chapter 36.27 (B) – correction

William Glembocki moved approval of Ordinance 2021-002. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

First Reading:

Ordinance 2021-003 – Chapter 46.35 – create Contributing to Truancy.

Constable Santelli explained he had asked for this section to be added to our truancy ordinance. It will allow him to issue citations to parents or anyone older than 16 if they contribute to the truancy of a minor. It is similar to truancy ordinances enforced by other municipalities.

Chairman said this was the first reading. Second reading will be at the September 27 meeting.

Request from New Munster LLP, Dan Finke, owner of 95-4-119-031-0330, 34410 Geneva Rd. to have the raze order removed from this property. He is in the process of completing the repair of the building

Dan Finke is in the process of repairing the building. The upstairs will have two apartments with space on the lower level for small business operations. These uses are allowed in the B-2 zoning district.

William Glembocki moved a motion stating the raze order will not be enforced and allowing Finke to continue to repair and remodel the building and he ordered the raze order to be removed once the building has been repaired and occupancy issued by the building inspector. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried. Clerk was directed to have the town attorney prepare the necessary documents to file with the Register of Deeds to remove the raze order from the property deed.

Reports - Correspondence - Announcements

A. Reports

1. Road – Chairman stated a CTH JB bridge problem has closed that section of CTH JB between STH 83 and CTH W until the engineers decide on what is needed to repair the bridge.

Clerk was told by Kenosha County that the sign on Geneva Rd. to warn of the STH 50 stop lights was required to be there and the town was responsible for the installation and maintenance. It has lost all reflectivity and needs to be replaced. It was originally installed by DOT when the stop lights were first installed. Clerk was directed to send in the work order to Kenosha County.

2. Chairman – it has been brought to his attention that a local business is celebrating 100 years of continuous operation this week thru three generations of the same family. William Glembocki approved a motion to order a plaque to recognize Uhen's Garage for 100 years in business at the same location in New Munster. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried. Clerk was authorized to purchase a plaque.

3. Supervisor Lois - none
4. Supervisor Wilson - none
5. Clerk

Report at Town Board Meeting	September 13, 2021 Meeting - Clerk's Report to Town Board
lightning hit firehouse	9/7/2021 afternoon, lightning hit. Radio damage but not sure of extent on 9/8/2021. Reported to insurance company in case damages over deductible. Spectrum tech coming Saturday, 8 - 9 am.
Equalized Property Report	WI Dept. of Revenue annual Equalization Report of property values lists Wheatland at \$434,379,000, an increase of 11.83% over 2020. Town's percent of county equalized value: 2020 = 2.16%; 2021 = 2.21%. The change in percent of county equalized value = +1.85 %.
Halloween	Halloween Trick or Treat will be October 31 this year, 2 – 5 p.m.
Lilly Lake level reading	Reading on Saturday, September 4, 2021 was 756.24. This compares to a level on September 1, 2020 of 758.42. The DNR Ordinary High-Water Mark is 757.8 ft.
WTA meeting	September 23, Thursday, 5:30, Cotton Exchange, Waterford - Tri-county meeting & ARPA presentation. Registration by September 19.
Fire calls	August calls = 21; 5 fire calls and 16 first responder.
Fire calls	July calls = 29 calls; 15 fire calls and 14 first responder.
Fire calls	June calls = 21 calls; 6 fire calls and 15 first responder.

Andrew Lois and Sheila Siegler will attend the September 23 WTA meeting. Clerk will contact Kelly Wilson and send in her registration if she is able to attend.

- B. Correspondence - none
- C. Announcements –
 - September 27, 7:30 p.m. Recreation Board meeting
 - Geneva Rd. will be closed between STH 50 and Geneva PL for paving September 14 & 15
 - October 3 - Fire Dept. Breakfast, at the firehouse, 34011 Geneva Rd, 7 – 11 a.m.
 - October 31 – Halloween Trick or Treat Hours 2 – 5 p.m.

Financial matters:

- A. Purchase approval – none
- B. Other financial matters –
 - Review and possible action in regard to two proposals for cutting back trees and shrubbery from the road right-of-way in the Lily Lake area

Chairman Glembocki received two proposals for the work, one from Complete Tree Service and one from Arbor Images. He had taken representatives from both companies around to the various areas that needed trimming.

Complete Tree Service had put forth a proposal for \$13,125 which was their estimate for the three days they expected to need to complete the project with a cost of \$3,500 per day for anything beyond the initial three days.

Arbor Images had proposed a flat price of \$26,000 for the project.

Chairman said they both looked at the same areas and usually we have proposals very close in price. He said even if it takes 5 days \$13,125 plus \$7,000, would be the lower cost.

William Glembocki moved to approve the proposal of Complete Tree Service for the tree and shrubbery trimming of the road right-of-way in Lily Lake for a base price of \$13,125 and any additional days at \$3,500 each day per map provided. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

- New Munster basketball court blacktop – Chairman said this will brought up at the September 27 Recreation Board meeting. There will be no board action until that board discusses this.

- 31st St. and 348th Ave (CTH KD) intersection – flashing light stop sign for eastbound traffic
Chairman said he believed this is needed even though there are rumble strips cut in the pavement. It will be an extra aid to alert people that they need to stop.

Andrew Lois moved to approve the purchase and installation of a blinker stop sign operated on

solar power and battery for 31st St. and CTH KD intersection for eastbound traffic for a cost of approximately \$2,500. William Glembocki seconded. Motion carried. We will purchase the same model used by Kenosha County.

- Clerk's Report of Disbursements & Budget - August 2021 – postponed to the next meeting.

Adjournment – William Glembocki moved to adjourn at 7 p.m. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk