JANUARY 24, 2022 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:00 p.m. Monday, January 24, 2022, 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, Treasurer Deborah Vos, Constable Robert Santelli, Fire Chief Lou Denko, Brett Butler, Wayne Kaddatz, Tom Brehm, Twin Lakes Rescue Squad Chief Ken Johnson, Diane Grenus, Brian Boeckenstedt, *Kenosha News* reporter Jill Tatge Rozell, and *West of the I* reporter Darren Hillock.

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.

Chairman said he noticed in the Minutes reference to the fire at 37002 Geneva Rd. and also saw the backhoe charges for the fire at Geneva Rd. and asked Constable Santelli if tickets had been issued or how the town can be reimbursed. Santelli said there are other issues involved. Chief Denko explained the situation: person burning was explicitly told he did not have a permit, shed that was burned was full of tires, not owned by the person who set the fire, and property being sold (person who set the fire) has a $2,000 escrow account for cleanup according to the buyer. Santelli said he intends to issue a citation and require reimbursement. If the property owner who owned the building wants to press charges against the person who set the fire, that is another matter. Chief and Constable said they were taking care of the matter.

Minutes of the January 10, 2022 town board meeting was motioned for approval by Andrew Lois and seconded by Kelly Wilson. Motion carried.

Report –

A. Fire Dept. – Chief Denko reported 306 fire calls and first responder calls for 2021. This is big increase and mostly rescue calls. March 14 corned beef & cabbage fundraiser at Bella Vita with both in-person dining and carryout. Hours are 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

B. Public Safety – Constable Santelli said there was nothing to report. Supervisor Kelly Wilson said she's had requests from people that he do some night patrol. This was brought up at a meeting before and specifically Lilly Lake and Hwy 50 were mentioned for patrol at night. Santelli said he would be happy to meet with anyone and asked that people contact him directly.

Public comment – Tom Brehm, 36644 57th St. asked if the town could open more trails north of Hwy 50 for ATV travel. Chairman said state and county roads are not permitted for ATV travel. He will speak to Kenosha County to see if county roads could be approved for ATV travel, in particular the short span of Hwy "O" between Hwy 50 and Geneva Rd.

Constable Santelli noted that we have no "trails" like they have up North. There they allow people to use the public road for the purpose of getting to a trail. We have public roads with some limited ATV travel, but no trails and it requires 35 mph speed limit and proper signage stating where ATV begins and ends.

Chairman closed public comments.

Update from fire chief on the installation of the generator for the firehouse

Fire Chief Denko reported he picked up the pump over the weekend. The generator should be installed in the next couple of days.

Delimat Enterprises Inc., DeAnna Delimat, 34231 High Drive, East Troy 3120

Trade Name: Black Bull Fireworks

A. Fireworks Sellers Permit - (Wheatland issued) for January – December 31, 2022 from the metal building at 32135 Geneva Rd., Parcel #95-4-119-013-0320 with two 10 ft x 8 ft banners on each side of the free-standing sign and one 5 ft x 25 ft attached to the gable of the building, no outside storage and per town ordinance

B. Sell fireworks possessor permit per town ordinance

Kelly Wilson moved to approve a Fireworks Sellers Permit for Black Bull Fireworks, Delimat Enterprises, Inc. for the 2022 calendar year. William Glembocki seconded. Motion carried.

Andrew Lois moved to approve Delimat Enterprises Inc. to sell fireworks possessor permits per town ordinance for a $5 fee. Kelly Wilson seconded. Voting in favor: Lois and Wilson. Opposed: Glembocki. Motion carried on a 2-1 vote.

Second Reading – Ordinance No. 2022-001 – relating to appointed officials in the position of town clerk and town treasurer subject to approval by Town Electors in a referendum election

called by the Town Board for April 5, 2022.

Andrew Lois moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-001. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2022-001 – Spring Election Referendum Question and Explanation

Kelly Wilson moved to approve Resolution 2022-001 calling for a referendum on the clerk and treasurer appointment question with the question and explanation for the ballot to be as stated in the resolution. William Glembocki seconded. Motion carried.

Update - extension of Whiskey Hill Tavern LLC license opening date

Brian Boeckenstedt was present and questioned the rush to open the Whiskey Hill Tavern. He said they've had supply chain issues. They are also in the process of changing the business plan from a tavern to a small events venue.

Chairman Glembocki said the town has an ordinance requiring businesses holding an alcohol beverage license to be open for business for a certain amount of the year. This may need fine-tuning for an events venue.

Supervisor Wilson and Supervisor Lois, both stated it was the town's intent to approve licenses for active business, not to penalize anyone. We don't want an alcohol license laying idle. The ordinance was put in place for that reason.

Chairman moved a motion to allow a three-month extension until May 1 to provide time for the business to be operational. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Reports - Correspondence - Announcements

A. Reports

1. Road - Chairman said we've heard some snow removal complaints but have heard more good reports than bad.
2. Chairman - none
3. Supervisor Lois - Supervisor Lois said he investigated a 399th Ave. issue. Snowplow slipped off the edge of the pavement. They had to call a wrecker to lift the whole truck back on to the road.
4. Supervisor Wilson - asked when tree cutting would begin in Lily Lake area. Clerk said Complete Tree Service is anticipating a start date of January 31.

Supervisor Wilson said the ice racing did start but she heard no complaints.

5. Treasurer report – Treasurer Deborah Vos reported November net worth at $1,054,425.80 and December net worth of $4,304.951.21. William Glembocki moved approval; Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.
6. Clerk –

		January 24, 2022 Meeting - Clerk's Report to Town Board
Nov. Fire Dept. calls		Fire calls = 6; 1st Responder calls = 12
Dec. Fire Dept. calls		Fire calls = 9; 1st Responder calls = 17
Alliant pole replacement		Alliant Energy will be beginning a project on or about 3/1/2022 to replace poles and other maintenance work. Sodium HP lights will NOT be switched out to LED as part of this project.
Drop box for spring primary		We will not be using the drop box in front of the town hall to collect ballots for the Spring Primary Election on Feb. 15, 2022. A Waukesha County judge has issued a ruling that the use of drop boxes to collect ballots is not authorized by WI statute.
supply of K-95 masks		The county distributed a supply of K-95 masks from shipment they received. We can give out 5 at a time until we run out.
E-mail addresses		E-mail addresses are changing to @tn.wheatland.wi.gov to meet requirements of the state election commission. Treasurer is dvos@tn.wheatland.wi.gov and Clerk is S.Siegler@tn.wheatland.wi.gov. The old .com and new wi.gov addresses will both be functional for some time.
Bristol-Paris		We received notice of WI Dept. of Administration's approval of the Bristol-Paris Cooperative Plan Agreement.

Tri-County Unit		Jan. 27 meeting of the new Tri-County Unit at Hawk's View, Lake Geneva - Board members attending must RSVP.
Partial grant LLP&R District		Notification from DNR today of a partial grant for the Lilly Lake Surface Grant (Eurasian Milfoil Control Program). Jan. 31 deadline to inform them of acceptance.
Herbicide treatment		Onterra aquatic ecologist suggesting we put out Requests for Proposal for herbicide application of Lilly Lake for this spring.
Tree & brush cutting in Lily Lake		Complete Tree Service is planning on beginning work on Monday, January 31, weather permitting.
Broadband Initiative		Kenosha County is holding an information session for civic leaders on February 4, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. either in-person or thru a WebEx meeting for addressing barriers to broadband internet service.
DOT funding opportunity		Two, new programs for funding from special federal funding grant. Have town engineer research applying for money.

Clerk reported that more money may possibly be coming from the federal government to the WI DOT and they are setting aside some for smaller municipalities. We will be required to use an engineer even for resurfacing projects. Kelly Wilson moved a motion to approve funding for Town Engineer Len Roecker to investigate these grants to see if we qualify and how to make application. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

B. Correspondence - none

C. Announcements –

February 15, 2022 Spring PRIMARY Election, Polls open at the town hall 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
In-person Absentee Voting begins Tuesday, February 1, 8 a.m. and ends Friday February 11, 5 p.m.

Financial matters:

A. Purchase approval – none

B. Other financial matters –

C. Clerk's Report of Disbursements & Budget Report for December – William Glembocki moved approval of the December Clerk's Report with a total of $156,502.43, checks #30845 - #30947. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment – William Glembocki moved to adjourn at 6:43 pm. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk