

MAY 16, 2022 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:00 p.m. Monday, May 16, 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, Wayne Kaddatz, Brett Butler, Brian Boeckenstedt, Alan Kaddatz, Ryan Syrieni, Traci Denko, Brian Thomas, Nick Peterson, Jenny Morehouse, *West of the I* reporter Darren Hillock, and two residents.

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.

Minutes of the May 9, 2022 town board meeting were motioned for approval by Kelly Wilson and seconded by William Glembocki. Carried.

Report –

- A. Fire Dept. – none
- B. Public safety – none

Public comment – Brian Boeckenstedt, 5200 State Road 83 spoke in favor of a 25-mph speed limit for Geneva Rd. from the firehouse past the town hall because of the lack of sight distance due to the hill and curve.

Ryan Syrieni, 5339 369th Ave. reported the streetlight at the corner of 55th St. and 369th Ave. in Meadow Brooke Farms on the west side of 368th Ave. is not working and hasn't for months. Clerk said it has been reported to WE Energies numerous times. Chairman said he will call tomorrow.

Ryan Syrieni asked what is happening with the Covid money the town received. Clerk reported it is in a deferred revenue account in the town's general fund waiting for more explicit direction for items allowable. If not a use, approved by the federal government, we could have to pay back the money.

Ryan Syrieni said the referendum for appointing rather than electing the clerk and treasurer is back for discussion on the agenda. This is a slap in the face to elections. It got voted down by a large measure and now you want to bring it up again.

Brett Butler, 6220 373rd Ave. said he and his wife are in favor of the 25-mph speed limit. His wife owns a business in New Munster and it is scary pulling in and out of the parking lot sometimes. People may not drive the 25 but it may slow them down.

Alan Kaddatz, 6300 396th Ave. said he is on the other side of the issue with Ryan. The skill set for clerk and treasurer is much different than it was 10 - 20 – 30 years ago. Someone can get voted in by popular vote but may not be able to do the job. That needs to be taken into consideration. And this needs to be brought up again. He is glad the board is not shoving it under the table.

Jenny Morehouse, 37290 52nd St., said the snowplow damaged her mailbox post. The town did look at it and said someone would fix it. It should be replaced by now. Chairman said it will be addressed.

Appointment of Successor Agent Jill Mary Rzeplinski for Lily Lake Resort

Clerk stated Lily Lake Enterprises has appointed Jill Mary Rzeplinski as the agent for the alcoholic beverage license. Her brother, Jay Rzeplinski was the agent. The corporation also has some internal changes but the corporation still holds the license. We need to accept the appointment of the successor agent.

Andrew Lois moved to accept the appointment of Jill Mary Rzeplinski as the agent for Lily Lake Enterprises operating "Lily Lake Resort." Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Replace two attendant buildings at the transfer station

Supervisor Wilson reported both Westosha High School and Wilmot High School were contacted regarding the possibility of their shop class building two attendant buildings to replace the existing buildings that are too dilapidated to repair. Westosha is already booked out a couple of years but Wilmot High School has nothing scheduled and would be happy to build two buildings. We would have to supply and deliver the material and also transport the completed building from the school.

Supervisor Wilson showed a Menard-designed 8x10 building design which would be insulated. The heating and air-conditioning are not included in the cost nor is a cement pad and transportation. Each will cost \$4,452 minus a \$489 rebate which could be used for the heat and air-conditioning.

Chairman Glembocki moved to approve the Menard-designed building replacements with the Wilmot High School shop class constructing the buildings at a total cost not to exceed \$10,000. Andrew Lois seconded. Material for both will be ordered now and either be taken to the school or stored somewhere until needed for construction. Motion carried. Concrete and transportation costs will be

approved at a later date.

Ryan Syrieni said he has a CNC machine and offered to donate two signs, whatever they want, for the two buildings. The board gladly accepted and thanked Ryan Syrieni for the offer.

Discuss whether to call for another referendum vote on appointing clerk and treasurer positions

Chairman said if you leave it an elected position, you could get an 18-year-old just out of high school with no experience and maybe not even passed math who gets elected. Only requirement by statute is 18 years of age and not a felon. Our current, long-time town clerk may be moving on to another chapter in her life. We need to be prepared.

Supervisor Wilson offered research and a list comparing elected and appointed positions.

Appointed:

1. Do not have to be town residents
2. Have their qualifications, job descriptions, and wages/benefits set by the town board
3. Cannot be removed by the board during their term of office except for "just cause." Can decide not to reappoint without giving a cause.
4. Can be appointed for a term not to exceed three years at one time.

Elected:

1. Do have to be town residents
2. Answer to the electorate and cannot be required by the board to hold specific qualifications or obtain training (unless required by state law such as election training for clerks)
3. Can be recalled from office as any elected official but cannot be removed from office by a board vote
4. Are elected for two-year terms at the spring election in odd-numbered years.

She summed up the difference between the two.

Ryan Syrieni asked if one person could do both jobs. The answer was no. He said we should have had this information before the election.

Supervisor Lois said he thought it was important to try this again. He thought it was the way to go but it may cost us more money for the appointed offices.

Traci Denko, 38601 31st St. asked what makes this office different in Wheatland than somewhere else. Where is the list of qualifications? Why would someone want to work here? You should have this information out for people to consider.

Supervisor Wilson gave some qualifications listed by other municipalities. The salary that will be required to attract someone may be an issue. She said on another note, the current clerk salary would be paid to the next elected person no matter if that person did the job or not. There is no flexibility for increasing or decreasing in an elected salary.

Clerk said the statutes are limited on job details. We have no job description but we both do what needs to be done and are responsible for a variety of jobs. Someone elected could refuse to do anything other than what statutes say. If appointed clerk and treasurer positions were approved, a job description and list of qualifications would be created.

Brett Butler said he was aware of an individual who ran unopposed for town clerk and was elected in a town similar to ours. This person looked at the statutes and did the minimum. There was a myriad of issues during the two years but the town chairman told him there was nothing they could do except wait out the elected term.

Ryan Syrieni said all of this should have been explained. This is totally different than what he was thinking.

Chairman said we will make no decision tonight but keep this on the agenda for discussion for a few meetings if anyone wants to come and ask questions or discuss further. November election would be a possibility if we decide to go forward. He said he hoped the audience would spread the word and encourage everyone to ask questions.

25-mile speed limit for that part of Geneva Rd. from 341st to 347th Ave.

Discussion on slowing drivers such as flashing lights, speed reader signs, and whether the speed zone should be from STH 50 to CTH KD. It is possible Covid money could be used for the speed reader signs, clerk will check. In the meantime, the county will be requested to place their portable speed reader in this area once the change is made to 25 mile per hour.

Kelly Wilson moved and William Glembocki seconded a motion to approve the change from 35 mile per hour to 25 mile per hour on Geneva Rd from 341st Ave. to 347th Ave. Motion carried. Clerk

noted we will need an ordinance created and approved with two readings, before this can go into effect.

Rescind raze order for New Munster LLP, 34410 Geneva Rd, upon completion of remodeling and issuance of Occupancy Permit by town building inspector and record with Register of Deeds.

Andrew Lois moved a motion to rescind the raze order for New Munster LLP, 34410 Geneva Rd. once the remodeling is complete and the town building inspector has issued an Occupancy Permit for all of the building and to file this document with the Kenosha County Register of Deeds. William Glembocki seconded. Motion is carried.

Nick Peterson, one of the co-owners of New Munster LLP asked if the lifting was for a partial completion of the building; they will not be complete until sometime this summer. Chairman said this will not be filed until the building inspector issues the full occupancy for the entire building. He complemented them on what has been finished to date. It is a huge improvement and we look forward to this being a functioning and occupied building once again.

Announcements- Reports - Correspondence –

A. Reports

1. Road - none
2. Chairman - none
3. Supervisor Lois - none
4. Supervisor Wilson
5. Treasurer report for April – Deborah Vos reported a March 31 net worth of \$1,376,926.74. William Glembocki moved acceptance of the detailed report. Kelly Wilson seconded.

Motion carried.

6. Clerk

| May 16, 2022 Meeting - Clerk's Report to Town Board | |
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| state financial report | Financial report was filed - due May 16. |
| SOA filed | Dept. Revenue Statement of Assessments filed. |
| Lilly Lake sampling | Mike Adam sampled on 5/15/2022. Water temperature varied from 72.6 at public boat launch to 63.8 in 9 ft. water and 55.4 in 18 ft. water. Lake level 756.5 ft. |
| TV & computer | A flyer was handed out at the transfer station regarding the rescinding of the \$20 fee for "white goods" appliances, etc. and the new \$35 permit fee for TV screens & computer monitors. |
| notice from insurance company | A notice of intent to file to recover expenses for injury to deputy sheriff at the May 1 barn fire has been received from the company acting on behalf of Kenosha County. Matter was referred to the town's insurance carrier. |

Also, the fireman injured at the May 1 barn fire, Assistant Chief Brian Kerkman, is back to work. Follow-up with the doctor said it was a deep bruise that will be sore but will heal with time.

B. Correspondence - none

C. Announcements - none

Financial matters:

A. Purchase approval – none

B. Other financial matters – Road paving 2022 – We received notice we will not receive any state TRIP supplemental highway funds. Board discussed budget spending thus far and projected. Paving was figured into the budget. William Glembocki moved a motion to approve paving of two residential areas (351st Ave., 67th St., 349th Ave., 69th St. and Rollingbrooke Manor Sub. 373rd Ave., 65th St. and 375th Ave.) by the Kenosha County Highway Department with 3" blacktop in two lifts, ditching, and shouldering on a time and material basis based on projections. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m. on a motion by Glembocki and second by Wilson.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk