

JUNE 27, 2022 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:00 p.m. Monday, June 27, 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, Mike Adam, Wayne Kaddatz, Diane Grenus, Brett Butler, and James Gillespie.

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 will be taken up at the next meeting.

Report –

A. Fire Dept. – Chief said the mushroom fire went as well as can be expected. There was no burn permit issued by him. It was too windy that day. One wall of the growing barn was scorched. Fire departments in the surrounding area sent equipment. They set off a 4th alarm because of the wind and heat. They had to pull in 1300 ft. of fire hose from CTH P to supply water. The road around the buildings doesn't allow fire trucks to access the area. He is meeting with Eric Rose, the owner, to discuss the access as well as the safety of the employees in the building. Ag buildings do not get fire-inspected.

They did call in an excavating company for a machine to extract the straw from the building. Eric Rose will be sent a bill from that company for the equipment.

The good news is that there were no injuries.

Chief said they also answered a call with Salem on STH 50 Saturday at 305th Ave. A truck left the road at the curve and hit a tree. Flight for Life took her to Froedert. He would like white lines painted on the road at a spot midway between the firehouse and the transfer station to direct the helicopter where to land. The flight landed in front of the firehouse doors and there was a problem with access to the firehouse. Clerk will check with Racine Co. Hwy Dept. who are painting traffic lines for the town.

Chief said Jim Sorenson is contacting the school to purchase the bus and remove it. He intends to renovate the bus for personal use.

B. Public safety – Constable Santelli said he was at a rollover accident on CTH P & STH 50 when the mushroom fire occurred. A citation is possible after he receives a report from the fire inspector. Constable Santelli said he has completed his 24-hour training for officer certification.

He has not found any ATV in Oakwood Shores flood area on the illegal trails. Chairman said he will speak to Sheriff Beth regarding ATV sheriff's presence in this area. Constable said he has spoken to the DNR for any help they can give.

Public comment – Diane Grenus, 39400 60th St. said why not all the way to Slades Corners with the 25-mile limit. People backing out of *Local Folks* and people walking across the road have an issue with vehicles speeding. Santelli said he will spend more time there.

Diane Grenus also said in regard to appointing the clerk and treasurer, you should schedule a "community" of the whole. Bring in people to discuss this to a roomful of people to get the word out.

Wayne Kaddatz, 39405 60th St. said he bought the house Homer Steffen owned and the speed limit was 65 and 55 before going thru Slades Corners.

Fire Chief Lou Denko asked if the speed reader signs were interactive and could tell how many people were speeding and the times so the constable would know when he needs to be in certain areas. Answer was it depends on what type you purchase.

Second reading - Ordinance 2022-02 – amending Geneva Rd (60th St) 35 mph speed limit as follows: 35 mph from STH 50 to 341st Ave; 25 mph from 341st Ave. to 347th Ave. and 35 mph from 347th Ave. to 400th Ave.

Kelly Wilson moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-02 as read. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Continuing discussion on the merits of appointed clerk and treasurer positions versus elected and whether to call for another referendum vote on the issue for the November general election

Chairman Glembocki said this will continue to be on the agenda until it is decided whether to again schedule a referendum vote. Our present clerk has been here a long time and grew into the job but she will not be running next April. Current treasurer does plan on running but both favor the position to be appointed. He also said state statutes are not definitive as to details on what the position requires.

Anyone who is 18 and not a felon and gets elected would have the job. This could be a major problem. The Village of Somers had to hire a “head-hunter” to find someone to fill the appointed clerk/treasurer position. At the first meeting this was on the agenda, there were people against having another referendum but after discussion, they all favored the appointing process saying it was better for the town. Salaries of the elected carry thru no matter who wins the office. Contracted could be negotiated based on qualifications. Based on other municipalities, we may be paying more money. Chairman asked for any questions. He said we will decide by the middle of August for the referendum.

Diane Grenus asked what would happen if the referendum doesn't pass. Chairman said that is a good question but if no one runs, a write-in could win. Grenus asked how it would work if it does become appointed. Clerk said qualifications would be set up, an ordinance created, application created, and a procedure but all this would happen after a decision by the voters.

Wayne Kaddatz asked how many checks are written in a month. About 1,000 per year. (Note: 953 were issued in 2021.)

Insurance coverage for the Lilly Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District – add to town's insurance as an additional insured

Clerk said LLP&R District has had insurance thru Horton Group, the town's carrier, for many years. This year Horton suggested LLP&R District could be added to the town's insurance as an “additional insured” for a cost of \$17 versus \$750. But the liability limits would be combined so you would need to weigh that coverage. The lake district has limited activities, mostly the weed control now that the outlet is constructed.

As an added note, our auditors Andrea & Orendorff required that we include the financial report of the LLP&R District to the town audit because it is the same governing board (town board) and our town attorney looks at it the same way. This came up when the lake district borrowed money.

The town has \$1M liability and \$3M aggregate currently. Supervisor Lois questioned whether that was enough for the town, aside from including the lake district. Board agreed that was a good question.

Chairman Glembocki moved to include the lake district as an “additional insured” under the town's policy and directed that the clerk discuss with our agent the amount of coverage recommended and the cost of added liability coverage. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Announcements- Reports - Correspondence –

A. Reports

1. Road - Chairman said the county highway department began paving in Rollingbrooke Manor Subdivision. They are cutting low-hanging tree limbs and brush to make way for the paving equipment in the subdivision on the southeast corner of Geneva Rd and CTH KD.

Chief Denko said the state milled 392nd Ave. intersection and it seems to be far enough north to take care of the pavement issues.

2. Chairman - none

3. Supervisor Lois – reported the county put up a flashing stop sign at CTH O & CTH F.

4. Supervisor Wilson – transfer station buildings are in the works with purchase for July. The water samples were sent in by Mike Adam for the lake EWM control grant. EWM seems to be almost gone for this year. She again thanked Mike Adam for all his work.

5. Treasurer report – Treasurer Deborah Vos reported a net worth for May 31, 2022 of \$1,323,975.35. William Glembocki moved approval of the report as printed. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

6. Clerk –

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N.M.Park Adv. Signs	Renewal notices were mailed out June 20
Barn fire claim	Notice from injured deputy filing a personal claim
Final occupancy	Building inspector gave final occupancy for New Munster LLC building - will have raze notice removed from deed.

Paving	<p>Notices mailed to property owners in subdivision on southeast corner KD and Geneva Rd that paving will be done 2nd or 3rd week of July, some tree limb and brush removal necessary for paving equipment to work there and street will be closed for short time. Gave residents opportunity to request email notice once we have a firm date.</p>
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Clerk also said 110 absentee ballots for the August 9 Partisan Primary Election were mailed. There will be a July 25 Plan Commission meeting.

Outlot parcels in High Street and Meadowbrooke Farms Subdivisions are up for tax-deeded sale. County offered to the town for back taxes but clerk advised them to hold off until we can research this. It was supposed to be set up that the property owners all shared in the tax for the outlots and therefore no tax assessed on the parcel. It seems that has not happened and the assessor is researching the question.

Water patrol officers are requesting reimbursement for ammo needed for certification. They can use the sheriff's dept. range but need ammo. Chairman Glembocki moved to approve 50% of the ammo cost for the three officers. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk reported we will advertise for cemetery fencing at High Street German Methodist Cemetery for a contract <\$25,000 but >\$5,000. This was donated money. Proposal needs to be submitted by the July 25 town board meeting for approval. The cemetery maintenance has been part of the town for many years.

Clerk reported attending the WTA Tri-County meeting at the Cotton Exchange on June 23.

B. Correspondence - none

C. Announcements - July 9 – Saturdays in the Park with Sam – 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. – Veterans Memorial Park, Hwy KD entrance

Financial matters:

A. Purchase approval – none

B. Other financial matters – none

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk