

**AUGUST 8, 2022 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Glembocki at 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 8, 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, John Lewis, Jill Lewis, and Wayne 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. Clerk noted that some of the email addresses are being rejected when sent out in a group. Tech support is researching but no answer at this point. As a result, a small group is not receiving this email notification.

**Report –**

- Fire Dept. - none
- Public safety – none

**Public comment – none**

**Continuing discussion on the merits of appointed clerk and treasurer positions versus elected. Question will be on the ballot as a binding referendum on November 8, 2022 General Election.**

Chairman asked if clerk had a letter ready to distribute to voters regarding the positions. Not yet but aware it needs to be done. No other questions from audience.

**Announcements- Reports - Correspondence –**

**A. Reports**

1. Road – Chairman said thru the efforts of County Executive Samantha Kerkman, the left turn green arrow on the STH 50 / CTH O stop lights will remain.
2. Chairman – thank you letters received for recent paving work from residents.
3. Supervisor Lois – had a call from Hillside Heights property owner of a lot that needs to be cut. He had previously cut the lots but as this is not the owner who contacted him, we'll send a "notice to cut" to the lot owner with a note to call Supervisor Lois if he wants him to cut the lot.
4. Supervisor Wilson – reported the materials have been ordered from Menards and will be delivered to Wilmot High School where the two, transfer station small buildings will be constructed by students as part of the student shop classes.

Kelly Wilson said she noticed trees in New Munster Park that should be looked at. Dying and others changing color already. Chairman will call Arbor Image for an evaluation.

Kelly Wilson noted the buildings at the park have not been repaired yet. Chairman will check into it. Material is already on hand.

Supervisor Wilson said the recreation board talked about adding to the playground equipment at Lilly Lake Beach. She has a catalog and will contact someone from recreation board.

Clerk said fog lines will still be painted on Geneva Rd. by Racine County when they are using white paint. Also, guard rail areas on Geneva Rd. need to be cleared of small trees and brush/weeds. Chairman, send in the work order.

**5. Clerk**

<b>August 8, 2022 Meeting - Clerk's Report to Town Board</b>	
July fire dept calls	11 fire calls (includes 4 MABAS); 25 1st responder calls = 36 total
thank you for paving	Two property owners in the subdivision on SE corner Geneva & KD sent "thank-you" for getting the street paved thru their subdivision.
STH 50 & CTH O	Intersection stop lights will now use "green" left turn arrows to aid in making turns from the left-turn lane. The left-turn arrow will continue to flash yellow to allow turns (when the lanes are clear) once the green light allows forward traffic.
outlots - tax deed	County ready to transfer to town. Need agreement.
Geneva Rd & CTH O	County did paint white "stop bars" on Geneva Rd. both east and west side to let drivers know how far into the intersection they can proceed before stopping.

Clerk said the county would like an answer on the transfer of ownership of the outlot parcels. Chairman

said we will include on the next town board agenda.

B. Correspondence - none

C. Announcements –

- August 9 - Partisan Primary Election at the town hall. Polls open from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- August 13 – Lilly Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District Annual Meeting at the town hall – 9:30 a.m.

**Financial matters:**

A. Purchase approval – Board moved to approve the purchase of a new computer monitor for the clerk for a price not to exceed \$700 on a motion from William Glembocki, second by Kelly Wilson. Motion carried.

B. Other financial matters – clerk explained the equalized report was received from the state. It lists net new construction at \$3,207,000 (0.74%). Equalized changed from 2021 \$434,379,000 to 2022 \$480,840,800, a \$46,461,800 increase (11%). Ratio of equalized to assessed has changed from 97.3% in 2021 to anticipated 87.8% in 2022 which puts the assessed below the 90% level even though we had a revaluation last year. Sales of existing homes have been unbelievable. All municipalities in the county increased, some more than others.

C. 2021 audit report – review and possible approval – Supervisor Wilson questioned whether the interest rates for the road loan and Lilly Lake loan will increase because all the rates are going up. Chairman said both are locked in at 2.5%. Lilly Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District is now included with the town audit. It is a stand-alone taxing jurisdiction but the auditor, attorney, and now the insurance company also consider the district a part of the town's finances because the town board and the lake district have the same three-member board. This came to the forefront when the lake district borrowed money for the outlet construction in 2020.

Clerk said the audit again lists as a deficiency the fact the town does not have an accountant on staff, and the town does not have enough staff to segregate various financial procedures in order to limit access of any one individual to all phases of a transaction.

Also, listed as an adverse opinion – the town has not recorded certain general capital assets including infrastructure (roads, buildings, etc.) and thus there is no depreciation recorded for those assets which affects the net financial position.

Kelly Wilson moved and William Glembocki seconded a motion to approve the audit as presented. Motion carried.

D. Clerk's report of disbursements – July 1-31, 2022 listed expenses of \$91,293.67, checks #31390 - #30479. William Glembocki moved to accept the report, Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

**Adjournment** – Kelly Wilson moved to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. William Glembocki seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk