

**OCTOBER 10, 2022 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Andrew Lois at 6:00 p.m. Monday, October 10, 2022, at the Town Hall, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Board members present: Supervisors Andrew Lois and Kelly Wilson. Chairman William Glembocki was excused. Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, Brett Butler, 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.

Andrew Lois moved a motion to approve Minutes of the September 26, 2022 town board meeting. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

**Report –**

Fire Dept. – none. Chief unable to be here and had asked that I report for him that the pancake breakfast was very well attended. They have not yet tallied the final profit. Went over budget expenses with him. Chief said he has now heard that we will receive \$9100 from the grant for EMS supplies instead of the larger amount he had reported.

Public safety – none

**Public comment –none**

**Discuss dates for budget hearing – set date for hearing and special town meeting to approve levy**

Kelly Wilson moved a motion to set November 14, 2022, 7 p.m. as the date for the budget hearing and to set a special town meeting of electors to approve the levy following the budget hearing. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

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

No one was present with any questions.

**Announcements - Reports - Correspondence –**

**A. Reports**

1. Road – Clerk reported Chairman Glembocki had looked at the issue reported by Michael Clark regarding the curbing on the median at the entrance to Prairie View Subdivision. Snowplow had taken a chunk out during the winter. Chairman said nothing should be done at this time. To repair would require cutting and digging out the curbing and footing and it is not a safety issue.

2. Chairman - none

3. Supervisor Lois – noticed an issue on 376<sup>th</sup> Ave. with broken pavement but he will check further and call in.

4. Supervisor Wilson – reported construction is beginning for the two, replacement, attendant buildings for the transfer station. Menards will deliver material October 19. Wilmot High School Shop Students are constructing the buildings which will be finished at the end of the school year in May. We will need to install a cement pad and arrange for transporting the finished buildings at that time.

She also contacted the park recreation director to find out when the announcer building roof will be completed and the door replaced. He said he is hoping to finish before the snow flies.

Also, it was reported to her that there is a sharp metal edge on the tic-tac-toe playground equipment at Lily Lake Beach but she has to look at it. She asked Brett Butler if he had looked at the playground equipment catalog. Brett said he didn't see anything that was special. Prices are so high.

**5. Clerk –**

<b>October 10, 2022 Meeting - Clerk's Report to Town Board</b>	
Population estimate	Final WI Dept. of Administration population estimate as of 1/1/2022 is 3,394. Estimate for 1/1/2021 was 3,387.
E. Watermilfoil	Report from Onterra regarding the results of the 2022 Eurasian Watermilfoil control program in Lilly Lake. <b>A survey was conducted on 10/5/2022 and found no EWM plants</b> using visual, camera, and rake tows in likely spots of past EWM growth areas. Need to be on watch in future as it is likely plants are still there and a regrowth is possible.

F.D. Sept. calls

September calls total 23. 3 fire and 21 1st Responder calls.

B. Correspondence - none

C. Announcements –

- November 8, 2022 General Election, polls open 7 am – 8 pm at the town hall
- Online - Register to vote at [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov) ends October 19
- In-person register to vote – anytime at the town office
- Online – Request a mailed absentee ballot at [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov) – ends November 3
- In-person absentee voting – begins October 25, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. - Monday thru Friday at the town office – ends Friday, November 4, 5 pm. – Photo I.D. required.
- October 30, 2022, 2-5 p.m.- TRICK or TREAT in the Town of Wheatland

**Financial matters:**

A. Purchase approval – General Communications furnished Chief Denko with a quote for a radio for the fire department to replace one damaged by lightning in 2021 and also a replacement for the squad car radio which is 10 years old and unable to be upgraded. Fire department radio \$3,809 and squad radio \$2,493. Insurance recovery proceeds will pay for the fire department radio and the squad radio will be funded thru the law enforcement budget.

Kelly Wilson moved to approve the quote from General Communications for \$3,809 for the fire department radio and \$2,493 for the squad radio. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

B. Other financial matters – Clerk explained hang-ups with the ARPA registration. We were required in the spring to register for a SAM number (U.S. federal government’s System for Award Management). Previously we had applied and received the ARPA grant’s two allotments using the DUNS (Dunn & Bradstreet) number from years back. If you had a DUNS # you could use that to register for a SAM. But when I tried to do so, I noticed that the DUNS # listed the Wheatland Town Hall. We had mail that showed they used the Town of Wheatland but apparently, it was not the official designation. In trying to correct that, I am stuck in limbo. I’ve filed two incident reports with the feds, tried for help with WI Dept. of Revenue and they said all good at their end, and tried to get help from our auditor. All to no avail. That began in April of this year. Now the feds are sending out emails that they’re short of funding and had to cut staff, etc. and they can no longer respond to phone calls and email responses will be delayed. The website states we have two pending incidents and wait for email answer, don’t file another incident report.

On the second matter, the use of the funds is not clear-cut. From what I have read, we are considered a “non-entitlement unit of government” (received the grant under the revenue loss category standard allowance of loss <10 million) and should be able to use this money to “provide government services.” The board had agreed with the fire chief, if possible, ARPA money should be used to purchase new fire department air paks which will be \$100,000 plus. The current paks will be outdated and out of service in 2023. If this is something we have to purchase regardless, the worst-case scenario would be the ARPA funds would be disallowed and we would have to pay with general funds. This was discussed with Chief Denko and he will get two quotes, though he prefers the current company.

Clerk said Complete Tree Service was asked to look at the maple on the corner of 76<sup>th</sup> & 335<sup>th</sup> as well as the one on the opposite corner of 76<sup>th</sup> & 335<sup>th</sup>. Property owner is asking the first be removed because he says the tree is rotten, has lost limbs, and it may fall on his house. The second is mostly dead and needs to be removed. We should have quote for the next meeting.

C. Clerk’s Report of Disbursements for September 2022 – Andrew Lois moved to approve the report listing expenses of \$111,201.42, and checks #31576 - #31649, September 1-30. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

D. Budget review and work on 2023 budget – Set October 18, 5 p.m. for a budget workshop for the board to work on the 2023 budget.

**Adjournment** – Kelly Wilson moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Andrew Lois seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk