

JANUARY 9, 2023 WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Andrew Lois at 6:00 p.m. Monday, January 9, 2023, at the Town Hall, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Board member present: Supervisor Kelly Wilson. Chairman William Glembocki was excused. Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, Fire Chief Louis Denko, Jerry Pientka, Wayne Kaddatz, Tom Brehm, Diane Grenus, Traci Denko, Brian Boeckenstedt, Tom Petersen, and Deb Lois.

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.

Abutting property owners to Tax Parcel #95-4-119-073-0705 were notified of the meeting by First Class Mail.

Minutes of the December 12, 2022 town board meeting was motioned for approval by Kelly Wilson and seconded by Andrew Lois. Motion carried.

Report –

A. Fire Dept. – Chief Denko reported 317 calls for 2022, an increase of 10 from 2021. 2020 calls were 254. Everyone is short of manpower so the MABAS calls have increased but we all help each other out. It has worked well. Medical calls have increased more than the fire calls.

Andrew Lois commented on how close the calls were using the clerk's summary numbers. Clerk said she had 299 from the monthly reports, not 317 and 302 from 2021, not 307. Traci said the incident number ends at 317. Chief said incident numbers could be generated for something like checking a burn pile and that could be an incident but the trucks were not sent out so not reported on the monthly call reports.

Chief Denko reported the turnout for the "photo with Santa" event at the firehouse was good. The fire department is working on a new sign to be installed in place of the existing sign at the firehouse. It will be electronic. Clerk will look into a zoning permit. Anticipating late spring installation. A building permit will also be required.

Election of officers took place at the December 5 fire department monthly meeting. There were no changes in the officers. The captains appoint their own lieutenants. There will be one lieutenant change.

Officers: Chief Louis Denko, Assistant Chief Brian Kerkman, Secretary Kathy Schatsick, Treasurer Mark Holmuth, and Captains: Company 1 – Brian Kretschmer, Company 2 – Mike Herda, Company 3 – Ed Applebee, and Company 4 – Ryan Syreini.

Chief noted a former member, Wayne Volbrecht died. The fire department will do an honors ceremony at Haase Funeral Home, Twin Lakes on Wednesday, January 18. He was a veteran so there will also be military honors ceremony.

Public Safety – none

Public Comments -

Tom Brehm, 36441 57th St. said he was at a meeting last January and asked about opening the roads north of "50" to ATV travel. Nothing has been done and he wanted to know why not. Some of the reason centered on 368th south of "50" which is a county road not being open to ATV travel. He said he is talking about the roads north of "50" and wanted to know how to have this happen. He would donate \$500 for the signage. Brehm was advised to map out the streets he is talking about and then get people living on those streets to sign a petition requesting these streets be considered by the board for ATV travel.

Request for a variance from Kenosha County ordinance requiring accessory buildings to be located in the side or rear yard only –

POWERS LAKE HOUSE LLC, 2101 Birch St., Park Ridge, IL 60068 (Owner), Jerry Pientka, 2101 Birch St., Park Ridge, IL 60068 (Agent) to construct a detached accessory building to be located in the street yard on Parcel #95-4-119-073-0705 (and #60-4-119-182-0110 Randall), 40017 85th St. Existing 20.4 x 20.4 garage to be removed and proposed 45' x 24' garage built in that location.

Jerry Pientka stated the parcel is 1.1 acre in size, 110 ft. width and 435 ft. depth. The home is built close to the lakeshore of Powers Lake which makes his street yard the rear yard of the house. The ordinance calls for accessory buildings to be located in the rear or side yard which would be the lake side of his property. There is an existing garage that he will remove and then build a slightly larger building in the same approximate location. The new building will meet the requirements of the zoning ordinance regarding side and street yard setbacks.

Clerk noted abutting property owners were notified of this application and no one is present to

Speak against. We have also had several variances approved with this same type of issue on this street.

Andrew Lois moved a favorable recommendation to the Kenosha County Board of Adjustments to allow a 45' x 24' detached accessory building to be built in the approximate same location as the existing building in the street yard of 85th St. as requested, on parcel #95-4-119-073-0705, 40017 85th St. per application submitted. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Review and consider an application to the Wisconsin Geographic Names Council to name the lake along the west side of CTH KD located in the Veterans Memorial Park to Freedom Lake – name proposed by the Kenosha County Parks Dept.

Clerk noted the name proposed by the Parks Dept. is "Freedom Lake" which seems appropriate as this is a county-owned park dedicated to honoring veterans.

Kelly Wilson moved to send a favorable recommendation to the Wisconsin Geographic Names Council to approve the proposed name of "Freedom Lake" for the man-made lake located on the west side of CTH KD in the Veterans Memorial Park. Andrew Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Candidates who have filed paperwork for the April 4, 2023 Spring Election town offices.

Clerk announced the following have filed for the respective offices:

Town Chairman: Brett Butler and Brian Boeckenstedt

Town Supervisor No. 1: Kyle Madsen

Town Supervisor No. 2: Kelly Wilson

Town Clerk: Donna Deuster

Town Treasurer: Deborah Vos

Town Constable: Robert A. Santelli, Jr.

Municipal Judge is a four-year term. Current judge is Terry Simmons who was elected in 2021.

Draw names for ballot placement - town chairman.

Clerk noted this does not have to be done at a town board meeting but it is nice to do this at a public meeting as long as the meeting falls before the second Tuesday in January which is the deadline to draw for placement on the spring election ballot.

Clerk showed two slips of paper with the respective names and placed them in a box and asked someone from the audience to draw from the box. Diane Grenus, 39400 60th St., drew the name of Brett J. Butler for the first position on the ballot. Brian R. Boeckenstedt will be listed in the second position.

Reports - Correspondence - Announcements

A. Reports

1. Road - Clerk noted there were complaints from Wheatland Center that the trucks had not been out for snow removal early enough. It was a small amount of snow but resulted in slippery conditions. Also, complaints have been heard about the excess salt. Both were brought to the attention of Asphalt Contractors. They will look into it.

2. Chairman - none

3. Supervisor Lois - none

4. Supervisor Wilson – deadline for compliance by Jerry Dressler to repair his property.

Clerk reported the building inspector has been conversing with a representative of Jerry Dressler who has requested an extension of the deadline. Nothing has been decided yet.

5. Clerk –

January 9, 2023 Meeting - Clerk's Report to Town Board	
December Fire Calls	December - 12 Fire Calls (5 of which were MABAS); 10 First Responder Calls = total of 22 calls
Document shredding	Approve and set up a date when the shredding company is available.
Tri-County Unit Mtg	January 19, Thursday, 5:30 p.m. - Cotton Exchange, Waterford. \$20 payable at door.

Clerk said there have been some requests that we again have the document shredding service for Wheatland residents. The last time was in November 2021. She asked the board if they had a preferred date if we schedule a community event in the spring on a Saturday, 9 am to noon. After tax filing when people are going thru records seemed like a good time. Suggestion was for April 15, 22, or 29. Clerk will check and bring back to the board.

B. Correspondence - none

C. Announcements – none

Financial matters:

A. Purchase approval – none

B. Other financial matters – Clerk handed out renewal insurance premium rates for 2023 which we will approve at the next meeting. Rates are higher but we did increase the umbrella coverage mid-2022 and costs have increased for everything.

Clerk reported she and the treasurer have had a discussion with BMO representatives regarding a better rate for the town's deposits. We have nothing to report yet.

Adjournment –

Andrew Lois moved to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Kelly Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk