

**TOWN OF WHEATLAND
TOWN BOARD MEETING
WHEATLAND TOWN HALL
34515 GENEVA RD., NEW MUNSTER, WISCONSIN**

Monday, January 22nd, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brett Butler at 6:00 p.m., Monday January 22nd, 2024 at the Town Hall and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Board Members present, Chairman Brett Butler and 2nd Supervisor Kelly Wilson and Supervisor Kyle Madsen. Also present: Clerk Deuster, Treasurer, Deb Lois, Constable Bob Santelli, Lou Denko, and Traci Denko and Jeff Butler.

Meeting notices were posted at the Post Office, Town Hall, Wheatland School, Westosha Report and Kenosha News, emailed to those subscribed.

Meeting was open at 6 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Butler.

Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on January 8th, 2024 with changes noted was made by Supervisor Madson, seconded by Supervisor Wilson, Motion carried

Officer Santelli gave the public safety report. He is still looking into replacing his weapons and updating his training. Regular patrols report the Town of Wheatland has been quiet. Progress is being made on the Junk Enforcement.

Chief Danko reported out the in our area there were 8 structure fires in 30 hours during the very cold weather, the last one being in Wheatland. He noted the cooperation (mutual aid) between departments was critical in fighting these fires. Chief Danko reported he is meeting with the Randall Chair, fire department and would like a board member to be included in the discussion as to how we can work together to provide a reliable backup for EMS services using the Silver Lake Rescue Units that are available. He noted the Chiefs Association is not interested in being a part of this. When there is a date chosen, he will reach out to see who on the board is available to step up.

Public Comment: Traci Denko of 38601 31st Street, Burlington expressed concern of the mixed messages our crews were getting from the Twin Lakes Rescue Squad on calls.

Authorization to have Andrea & Orendorff serve as the Annual Auditors was Discussed. *Motion by Supervisor Wilson to approve this at a cost not to exceed \$1100.00, seconded by Kyle Madsen. Motion carried.*

Chief Denko reported 6614 is working and served as the main truck on the fire last week. It is still in need of work. He researched that optimum resale would be \$25,000 or less. Concerning the details of the Lake Mills equipment they would like to bid on is available with the equipment going with the truck. A bid will be submitted after the next board meeting.

Chairman Butler asked if we didn't get this bid, if Chief Denko could see when another opportunity might arise and he mentioned the April Demo show since the floor models are discounted by \$100,000. Chairman Butler asked what he expected the dressed-out cost of the truck will be and Chief Denko thought about \$25,000 including tires, paint and radios. He also mentioned some of this could come from the Stein Fund.

Chief Denko mentioned anyone interested can come to the debriefing for deceased past fireman John Uhen who passed away today.

Reports.

Roads/Chairman It was noted that Chairman Butler made numerous rounds on our roads during the storms to follow up and get ahead of concerns. There were about 10-12 mailbox incidents turned over to Union Grove Asphalt as well as a few signs that will be taken care of.

Supervisor Madsen noted our air braking sign order was pushed back and expected at the end of the month. He also reported on the EMS meeting with Twin Lakes and Randall gave him information on the Marketing consultant, the cost of which will be divided 4 ways, included press release, 2 mailers, dedicated website, and social media posting. They will monitor and reply to questions as well. He is waiting to hear from Ehlers about the actual cost of this EMS contract.

Supervisor Wilson questioned the snow plowing situation on 349th being overlooked and what is being done to make sure it doesn't happen again. Her constituent said it was the first time she remembered it happening. Chairman Butler confirmed it is on the plow list and should not be an ongoing problem. Supervisor Wilson reported that Tim Popanda is getting some more information on speed trailers and he will share when it is completed. Supervisor Wilson reported that the Kenosha County Safety Meeting was to identify sites of high collision and accident concerns. They started collecting data in Nov and have a goal to have the project ready for the next step by October 2024.

Announcements: There is an election on Tuesday February 20th, 2024, with the absentees being available on February 6th for in person or by mail voting.

Treasurers Report

Treasure Deb Vos reported the net worth of the Village on November 30th to be \$1,152,169.70 and on December 31 to be \$3,452,595.14. *Kelly Wilson made a motion to accept the November and December report, seconded by Supervisor Madsen. Motion carried.*

Chairman Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM, seconded by Supervisor Madsen. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Deuster, Clerk, Town of Wheatland