

TOWN OF WHEATLAND & VILLAGE OF SCOTTSVILLE JOINT MEETING

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Wheatland Municipal Building

7:30 P.M.

July 16, 2020

**Call to Order** Supervisor Dobson called the Town of Wheatland and Village of Scottsville joint meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

**Salute to the Flag**

**Roll Call**

Present: Councilman Hazelton  
Councilman Schoenthal  
Councilman Shero  
Councilwoman Wasson  
Supervisor Dobson  
Mayor Hansen  
Deputy Mayor Carl  
Trustee Offen  
Trustee Shero  
Trustee Wagar

Also Present: Raymond DiRaddo, Town Attorney  
Thomas Rzepka, Village Attorney  
Laurie Czapranski, Town Clerk  
Ginny Winter, Village Deputy Clerk

Presentation of proposal to establish the Wheatland-Scottsville Joint Fire District.

Boards consideration and discussion of proposal:

Ray DiRaddo: There being none (discussion), then I would refer you to page 6 of the proposal and I would ask you to note the Village of Scottsville Fire Department will continue to provide fire protection to the Village of Scottsville and Wheatland Fire Protection District. Really what that does is let everyone know that the Village did go out and tax for the running of this Fire Department and therefore that is going to be done until December 31. The second change is the date of establishment has now been moved to September 4, 2020 from September 1, 2020. Given that fact, then the next thing I think would be appropriate if we had a joint motion to modify the proposal as stated.

Town Board

**Motion** made by Councilman Chuck Hazelton and seconded by Councilman Ed Shero to amend the proposal on page 6 in the very last section under Fire Protection, it will be read December 31, 2020 instead of August 31, 2020.

**Vote:** *Carries (5-0)*

Councilman Hazelton	AYE	Councilwoman Wasson	AYE
Councilman Shero	AYE	Supervisor Dobson	AYE
Councilman Schoenthal	AYE		

Village Board

**Motion** made by Trustee Leslie Wagar and seconded by Trustee Christie Offen to amend the proposal on page 6 in the very last section under Fire Protection, it will be read December 31, 2020 instead of August 31, 2020.

**Vote:** *Carries (5-0)*

Mayor Hansen	AYE	Trustee Christie Offen	AYE
Deputy Mayor Carl	AYE	Trustee Leslie Wagar	AYE
Trustee Todd Shero	AYE		

**Set Public Hearing**

Whereas the Village of Scottsville and the Town of Wheatland has formed a committee to discuss, prepare and ascertain a possibility of the establishment of a joint fire district that encompasses the Village of Scottsville and the area now encompassing the Wheatland Fire Protection District. The Fire District is to be called the Wheatland Scottsville Joint Fire District.

The committee has met on numerous occasions to discuss and prepare the proposal for the establishment of the district and has shared the proposal with members of both Boards. The committee has prepared a proposal to establish a joint fire district which was dated July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, amended 7/16/2020 and has served the copy of the proposal upon members of the Village Board of Trustees and the Town of Wheatland Town Board members.

The Village Board of Trustees yesterday, excuse me, on July 14, 2020 has executed an agreement allowing the Town of Wheatland to become lead agency for purpose of the New York State Environmental Quality and Review Act, the Town Board of Wheatland did earlier this day also execute the agreement and agreed to assume lead agency status regarding the establishment of the joint fire district. The Town of Wheatland had me prepare a short environmental assessment form pursuant to SEQR for purpose of the establishment of this district.

And a special joint meeting of the Town of Wheatland Board and the Village of Scottsville Board of Trustees as scheduled for today's date to determine whether it is in the public interest to pursue the establishment of the Wheatland Scottsville Joint Fire District, review and discuss this proposal and to determine whether it is necessary to hold a public hearing to pursue the further establishment of the fire district in accordance with the proposal. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Scottsville and the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland have met at a joint meeting

and having determined that it is in the public interest to the citizens of the Village of Scottsville and the Town of Wheatland Fire Protection District to participate in a joint meeting to consider the proposal regarding the establishment of the so-called Wheatland Scottsville Joint Fire District.

And noting that the creation of the joint fire district will remove the cost of fire protection from consideration in the budget of the Village of Scottsville, remove fire protection cost from the Town of Wheatland budget through the Town of Wheatland Fire Protection District and provide for direct representation by the citizens within the proposed fire district as it pertains to fire protection through the establishment of this joint fire district.

The Boards having met this day and the Boards having determined that it is in the public interest to make the proposal to establish the Wheatland Scottsville Joint Fire District and the object and purposes for which it is proposed that a new fire district is created is to provide fire protection within the area of the proposed Wheatland Scottsville Joint Fire District which is described herein. The Boards having determined by a majority vote of each Board that it is in the public interest to hold a public hearing on the proposal to establish the Wheatland Scottsville Joint Fire District pursuant to New York State law which the fire district will include, again, the Village of Scottsville, the Town of Wheatland, but will exclude the area of the Mumford Fire District.

Now, therefore be it resolved the following resolution for the establishment of the joint fire district to be called the Wheatland Scottsville Joint Fire District be presented to the Boards for their consideration at a joint public hearing to be held at the office of the Village of Scottsville and the Town of Wheatland at the Wheatland Town Hall, 22 Main Street, Scottsville, NY, in the Village of Scottsville and also in the Town of Wheatland on August 4 at 6:00pm. The joint public hearing will be held remotely and in person and will allow at such hearing all persons interested in the establishment of the district to be heard either remotely or in person at that location abiding by social distancing rules, including the wearing of masks.

The Resolution to be considered is as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SCOTTSVILLE AND THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WHEATLAND, MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO ESTABLISH A JOINT FIRE DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS THE WHEATLAND-SCOTTSVILLE JOINT FIRE DISTRICT , WHICH FIRE DISTRICT WILL ENCOMPASS THE VILLAGE OF SCOTTSVILLE EXCLUDING THE AREA OF THE MUMFORD FIRE DISTRICT SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS SET FORTH IN THE PROPOSAL DATED JULY 8, 2020, AMENDED JULY 16, 2020 WHICH RESOLUTION IS SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM .

This resolution when adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, and shall not take effect until 30 days has elapsed after its adoption, or unless approved at a special election of the qualified voters of the Village of Scottsville and the Wheatland Fire Protection District after a proper petition calling for such special election is filed with the Village Clerk of the Village of Scottsville and Town Clerk of the Town of Wheatland within the time period permitted by law.

A brief description of the boundaries of the proposed Wheatland-Scottsville Joint Fire District are as follows:

The proposed fire district shall encompass the entire Village of Scottsville and the Town of Wheatland excepting those lands within the Mumford Fire District, all located within the County of Monroe, State of New York.

Town Board

**Motion** made by Councilman Schoenthal and seconded by Councilwoman Wasson that it is in the best interest of the public to hold a public hearing on the said proposal.

**Vote:** Carries (5-0)

Councilman Hazelton	AYE	Councilwoman Wasson	AYE
Councilman Shero	AYE	Supervisor Dobson	AYE
Councilman Schoenthal	AYE		

Village Board

**Motion** made by Trustee Todd Shero and seconded by Trustee Leslie Wagar to approve the resolution stated above and to set a public hearing on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, 6:00 pm at the Wheatland Municipal Building and remotely at the same time and place for a public hearing for consideration of the proposal regarding the establishment of the Wheatland Scottsville Joint Fire District which will take effect on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**Vote:** Carries (5-0)

Mayor Hansen	AYE	Trustee Christie Offen	AYE
Deputy Mayor Carl	AYE	Trustee Leslie Wagar	AYE
Trustee Todd Shero	AYE		

Town Board

**Motion** made by Councilwoman Wasson and seconded by Councilman Ed Shero as noted from the previous resolution or previous proposal reading to set the public hearing for Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Wheatland Municipal Building and remotely at the time and place of the public hearing for consideration of the proposal regarding the establishment of the Wheatland Scottsville Joint Fire District which will take effect on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**Vote:** Carries (5-0)

Councilman Hazelton	AYE	Councilwoman Wasson	AYE
Councilman Shero	AYE	Supervisor Dobson	AYE
Councilman Schoenthal	AYE		

**Adjournment**

Town Board

**Motion** made by Councilman Chuck Hazelton and seconded by Councilman Ed Shero to close the joint meeting at 7:55 pm.

**Vote:** Carries (5-0)

Councilman Hazelton	AYE	Councilwoman Wasson	AYE
Councilman Shero	AYE	Supervisor Dobson	AYE
Councilman Schoenthal	AYE		

Village Board

**Motion** made by Trustee Leslie Wagar and seconded by Trustee Christie Offen to close the joint meeting at 7:55 pm.

**Vote:** *Carries (5-0)*

Mayor Hansen	AYE	Trustee Christie Offen	AYE
Deputy Mayor Carl	AYE	Trustee Leslie Wagar	AYE
Trustee Todd Shero	AYE		

Respectfully submitted by,



Anne Hartman  
Village Clerk