

Minutes of the Town of Newbold Town Board Finance and Regular Town Board Meeting held on Thursday, January 12, 2023

The Town of Newbold Town Board met on **Thursday, January 12, 2023** at 6:00 p.m. for the Town Board Finance meeting and Regular Monthly Meeting, at the Newbold Fire Station, 4588 Highway 47, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, Oneida County, Wisconsin. The following were in attendance: Chairman, Dave Kroll; Supervisors, Jim Staskiewicz, Mike Suefloh, Mike McKenzie and Dan Hess; Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer.

The finance meeting was called to order by Chairman Kroll at 6:00 p.m.

Budget Transfers and Approval of Disbursements:

Motion by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Hess to approve the transfers from Designated Fire Ins. Dues Grant to Fire Dept. Equipment budget in the amount of \$14,227.32 and Designated Equipment to fire Dept. Equipment budget in the amount of \$310,772.68; all for the purchase of a used fire truck. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

Motion by Mr. Hess and Mr. McKenzie to approve the bills and disbursements, as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

Board received information on membership with the Wisconsin Town's Association – Town Advocacy Council and will discuss at the next meeting.

Financial reports received including banking summary, cash status and designated funds reports, along with a report of budget vs y-t-d actual.

Adjourn finance meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Regular Town Board Meeting: Chairman Kroll called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and led the pledge of allegiance. Clerk Gauthier verified the meeting was properly noticed on three Town bulletin boards and included on the town website.

Public comment and communication whereby the Town Board may receive input on any matters raised by the public. None.

Approval of prior Town Board Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Suefloh to approve the December 8, 2022 town board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye. Mr. McKenzie abstained.

Monthly Town Assessor Report by Jef Muelver, Town Assessor. Mr. Muelver provided the board with a written report which includes an update on possible legislation to eliminate personal property tax; Mr. Muelver has begun new construction inspections; assessment data is expected in February and the county mapping site was updated.

County Board of Supervisors Report: Mr. Winkler and Mr. Roach are absent and excused.

Monthly District Library report by Newbold representative.

Petra was present and reported on the December 13th board meeting which included a revised budget which includes staff wage increases at 7.75% over last year; social media policy will be reviewed by the board next month and library construction will begin in 2024.

Monthly report of Terrestrial Invasive Species activity by Newbold Representative and WHIP. Stephanie Boismenu was absent and excused.

Discussion and possible action on updates to the town building project and any other town building project matters. An email was received from Mr. Watry addressing bid concerns and distributed to board members for discussion. No action taken.

Discussion and possible action and updates on Fundraising Activity for the new town community center. Mr. Hess indicated the fundraiser commitments to date total \$14,958.09 and naming rights are available for kitchen and foyer and committee room. Discussion on acknowledging honor donors on the town website. Mr. Hess will send the Clerk a list for the town website.

Discussion and action on Oneida County Zoning Requests, Plan Commission and Citizen Zoning Requests, if any along with Plan Commission Chairman's Report. Mr. Sueflohn, Commission Chairman indicated he and other members of the commission received questions if the commission needs to grant building authority over the construction of the new town hall. Mr. Sueflohn has discussed this with the Wisconsin Town's Association and commission and there is no statutory requirement for the town plan commission to take action on the building construction. The town board agreed that the town's position on the project is that permits and granting authority is at the county level.

Discussion and action on Administrative Review Permit (ARP) application by Drew and Allison Jamison, owner to rent the dwelling as a tourist rooming house for no less than seven consecutive days on the following described property; Lot 1, CSM 726, being part of Govt. Lot 7, Section 16, T38N, R8E, PIN# NE 623-6, 6501 Goldfinch Lane, Town of Newbold. Mr. Sueflohn noted the commission reviewed this application last week and it meets lot size and use per town ordinance.

Motion by Mr. Sueflohn and Mr. McKenzie to recommend approval of the permit for Drew and Allison Jamison, as presented to rent the dwelling as a tourist rooming house subject to the ten county conditions and payment of the town fees. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

Discussion and action on US Dept. of Transportation 2023 RAISE Grant program.

Mr. Hess asked that public works look into this grant. Mr. Fetzer indicated he didn't think the grant was applicable to the town. Mr. McKenzie will look into the grant further and advise Mr. Fetzer.

Discussion and update on 2023 Elections.

Clerk, Mrs. Gauthier indicates the following elections: February 21, 2023 primary and April 4, 2023 spring elections will be held county wide. The town has need for a primary in the town supervisor race for the first time in the clerk's twelve years working for the town. There are six candidates for two positions. Therefore, the four highest voted candidates in the primary will move on to the April election when the two highest votes will take the positions open. Candidate names were due to the county clerk prior to this meeting, so Mrs. Gauthier had names drawn by the county clerk's office for ballot placement as read.

Administrative review and action, if necessary, concerning general government, public safety, recycling, sanitation, culture, education, job assignments, project updates, transportation, budget items, fund transfers, and future agenda items.

Next town board meeting scheduled for January 26, 2023.

Public Comment Period. No comments.

Adjournment. *The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m., with no objections.*

Respectfully Submitted by
Kim Gauthier, Newbold Town Clerk