

**Minutes of the Town of Newbold Town Board Regular Town Board Meeting held on
Thursday, January 25, 2024**

The Town of Newbold, Town Board, met on Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., for the Town Board Regular Monthly Meeting, held at the Newbold Community Center, 4608 Apperson Drive, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, Oneida County, Wisconsin. The following were in attendance: Chairman Dan Hess; Supervisors Petra Pietrzak and Brad White; Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer. Absent and excused, Supervisors Scott Ridderbusch and Mike McKenzie.

Chairman Dan Hess **called the meeting to order** at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Hess led the audience in the pledge of allegiance. The Clerk **verified the agenda was properly noticed to the public.** *Motion by Ms. Pietrzak and Mr. White to approve the agenda with order at the Chairman's discretion. Voice vote of all aye. Motion carried.*

Public Comment and Communication Period per Wisconsin Statutes whereby the Town Board may receive input on any matter raised by the public. None.

Approve prior Town Board meeting minutes. *Motion by Ms. Pietrzak and Mr. White to approve the meeting minutes of January 11, 2024, with changes discussed. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Monthly County Board of Supervisors Report by Newbold representative(s). Jim Winkler present, reporting on department activities and updates. It was noted that Forestry stumpage sales are up, county outdoor recreation plan is complete for 2024-2028, a resolution regarding enhanced wakes was postponed until the February County board meeting.

Monthly District Library report by Newbold Representatives. Ruth Jaeger present with report provided. The building fundraising efforts will kick off in April. Town of Pine Lake had board discussion on withdrawal from the library district at their last meeting. The library budget will be difficult to meet this year due to furnace purchases. Petra Pietrzak also made mention of the annual library legislation meeting February 6th in Madison.

Monthly Newbold Fire Department report by Chief Fetzer. A report of fire calls and first responder calls provided by Chief Fetzer. Total fire calls for 2023= 82 and first responder calls= 141. A department sponsored ice fishing tournament is scheduled for February 24th on Muskellunge Lake.

Monthly Newbold Public Works report by Director, Mark Fetzer. Mr. Fetzer provided a report on public works activities. Staff continue to work on equipment due to lack of snowplowing, along with work on tree removal and brush mowing.

Discussion and action on request of proposed disc golf tournament at Newbold Rookery Run. Ryan Peterson presented a request to host the tournament at Rookery Run on October 5-6, 2024, as described and reported. Mr. Peterson noted Newbold has the best course in the state and will work with the town to ensure a successful event. *Motion by Ms. Pietrzak and Mr. White to approve the disc golf tournament as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Discuss and action on Oneida County Zoning Requests, Plan Commission and Citizen Zoning Request, if any along with Plan Commission Chairman's Report.

Chairman Hess indicated the plan commission discussed review fees, lack of ordinance on a permitting process for tourist rooming homes and consideration of an annual review and fee.

Discussion and possible action and update on community center open house on Saturday, January 27th. The Clerk noted a press release was issued, an interview with channel 12 news about the event, refreshments planned along with a cake and cookies. All are welcome to tour the new building and meet town officials.

Discussion and action on Town Building Project, Updates and any other building project matters. Chairman Hess provided an update on the exterior light fixture changes. Rugs are being provided by Aramark for the open house event and consideration by the board to rent at a minimum rate of \$25/week includes cleaning service. Further discussion at the next board meeting.

Discussion and action on consideration of a reduced rental fee for conference room use. Board discussion on reducing the fee for “conference room only” rentals with a maximum number of 12 people. *Motion by Ms. Pietrzak and Mr. Hess to pursue offering the conference room for rental and investigate appropriate fees based on comparable rentals in the area.* Discussion of other town comparisons. *Voice vote of all aye.* *Amendment to the motion by Mr. Hess and Ms. Pietrzak to amend the motion to include the conference room rental of \$30/day for town residents.* *Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.* *Motion by Mr. Hess and Mr. White to include the non-resident rate of \$60/day for conference room rentals.* *Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Discussion and action on revised town assessor employment agreement. *Motion by Mr. White and Ms. Pietrzak to accept the employment agreement for the Town Assessor, as presented.* *Motion carried on a voice vote of all ayes.*

Approval and payment of any bills and/or funds adjustments.
Motion by Ms. Pietrzak and Mr. White to approve the bills and disbursements, as presented. *Motion carried on a voice vote of all ayes.*

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 regular board meeting and finance meeting scheduled for February 8, 2024.
Future agenda items discussed; community center artwork, web design, web host, complaints regarding inspections with the city and addition of state guidelines regarding building inspections, use of ARPA funds.

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Mr. Winkler commented on the addition of a cleaning fee with the facility rental.

Mrs. Dorothy Skye commented that the \$30 fee is very generous for the conference room.

Mr. Muelver commented on website WIX and a contact for purchasing rugs with the town logo.

Adjournment at 7:23 p.m., with no objections.

Respectfully submitted by: Kim Gauthier, Town Clerk