

Minutes of the Town of Newbold Town Board Regular Town Board Meeting held on Thursday, January 26, 2023

The Town of Newbold, Town Board, met on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., for the Town Board Regular Monthly Meeting, held 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.

Chairman Kroll called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m., due to a road closure in McNaughton. Chairman Kroll led the audience in the pledge of allegiance and the Clerk verified the agenda was properly noticed to the public.

Public Comment and Communication Period per Wisconsin Statutes whereby the Town Board may receive input on any matter raised by the public. Brad White commented on the parking along Forest Lane tonight for an event at The Pines and the hazards due to parking on the "s" curves and the inability for both lanes of traffic to navigate the curve.

Approve prior Town Board meeting minutes of January 12, 2023 regular Town Board and Finance Meeting. *Motion by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. McKenzie to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Monthly District Library Report by Newbold Representative(s). Representative Petra Pietrzak was present and reported on circulation numbers comparable to last years; Tom Kelly was appointed board president with Bill Freudenberg, Vice President; the board continues to look at policy updates; audiovisual equipment updates; building committee work on selecting an architect firm and an increase in homeless patrons.

Monthly County Board of Supervisors Report by Newbold representative(s). Absent and excused.

Monthly report of Terrestrial Invasive Species activity by Newbold representative and WHIP. Absent and excused.

Monthly Report of Public Works by Director, Mark Fetzer. A report was provided to the board. Mr. Fetzer absent and excused due to an EMS accident in the town. The report provided indicates half of the sand mix pile is used up due to much ice and freezing rain. Some roads are rough with ruts due to the ice and further grading will take place to smooth out the ruts. The brush mower has been cutting overhead branches due to weather. The 2016 truck has required much work and maintenance this past month.

Discussion and action on purchase of snowplow cutting edges. The town is in need of nine, six inch and three, eight inch blades at a total cost of \$7,230. *Motion by Mr. Hess and Mr. McKenzie to approve purchase of the snow cutting blades as requested in the amount of \$7,230. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Discussion, update and possible action on Dept. of Transportation 2023 RAISE grant. Mr. Hess reported this is a grant that seems applicable to the town, however further information is needed and he will attend the February 8th grant webinar. Mr. McKenzie reported his findings on the grant also and indicated it's still not definite what the grant will cover. Mr. Hess obtained board approval to contact Senator Baldwin regarding the recovery act related to local government.

Monthly Report of Newbold Fire Department by Chief Fetzer. No report was provided due to Chief Fetzer's excused absence.

Discussion and action on alterations to newly purchased fire truck. Mr. Hess reported in Chief Fetzer's absence that the fire department members are requesting to spend up to \$20,000 for shrink wrap lettering and other apparatus items needed for the new fire truck. *Motion by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Hess to approve up to \$20,000 for additional letter and fire truck apparatus items needed. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Discussion and action on Town Building Project, Updates and any other building project matters. Mr. Hess commented on fiber optics coming along Highway 47 in the future and the need for the board to plan for

conduit prep for the new town community center. Discussion will continue at the next meeting regarding the building project. Clerk Gauthier commented on her attendance at a webinar for a potential Community Development Block Grant that is believed to be applicable to the town community building project. The next step is to obtain certification for the grant objective under moderate income level by February 15th. The board agreed to move forward with the initial process.

Discussion and possible action or update on Fundraising Activity for the Town Hall construction project. Mr. Hess indicated receipt of \$15,058 in donations thus far. Discussion on further public notice of the fundraiser including possible Star Journal story and possible Facebook post. Discussion will follow at future meetings. Mr. Hess will contact the newspaper.

Discuss and action on Oneida County Zoning Requests, Plan Commission and Citizen Zoning Request, if any along with Plan Commission Chairman's Report. Mr. Sueflohn indicated the commission will review an administrative review permit at the February meeting.

Discussion and action on town participation in WTA Town Advocacy Council membership. The board agreed to continue membership on a *Motion by Mr. Hess and Mr. Staskiewicz to approve the enrollment in the advocacy council membership at the fee for Newbold of \$712 to the WTA. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Discussion and possible action Town Owned Tower and Lease Agreement and/or Fees. Mr. Hess indicated negotiation discussion took place on behalf of the town with a verbal agreement to charge \$250 per month for tower lease fees to the town along with continued internet at station two and the town shop included. The contract draft will be reviewed by Northwoods Connects attorney. Further discussion to follow after contract is submitted to the town.

Approval and payment of any bills and/or funds adjustments. *Motion by Mr. Sueflohn and Mr. Staskiewicz to approve the bills and disbursements as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

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.

Regular board meeting and finance meeting set for February 9, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment and Communication Period per Wisconsin Statutes whereby the Town Board may receive input on any matter raised by the public. Comment by Petra Pietrzak encouraging the town to utilize Facebook as a fundraising advertisement source.

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

Respectfully submitted by: Kim Gauthier, Town Clerk