

## **Minutes of the Town of Newbold Town Board Regular & Finance Town Board Meeting held on Thursday, February 8, 2024**

The Town of Newbold Town Board met on **Thursday, February 8, 2024**, at 6:00 p.m. for the Town Board Regular and Finance meeting, at the Newbold Community Center, 4608 Apperson Drive, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, Oneida County, Wisconsin.

The following were in attendance: Chairman, Dan Hess; Supervisors, Mike McKenzie, Petra Pietrzak, Scott Ridderbusch, and Brad White; Clerk, Kim Gauthier and Treasurer, Jodie Hess.

**Regular Town Board Meeting called, pledge, verify notice, approve agenda:** Chairman Hess called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. Clerk Gauthier verified the meeting was properly noticed on three Town bulletin boards required and included on the town website.

*Motion by Ms. Pietrzak and Mr. White to approve the agenda order, as presented. All ayes, motion carried.*

### **Public comment and communication whereby the Town Board may receive input on any matters raised by the public.**

Richard Nelson, Lake Mildred Road, made comment on behalf of the citizen ad hoc committee formed on the enhanced wake topic, against the proposed sunset clause in the Chapter 11 ordinance.

Karyl Rosenberg, Spencer Lane, commented in support of the enhanced wake ordinance with the exclusion of the sunset clause language.

Joe Steinhage, Northshore Drive on Two Sisters Lake, commented on concern for the sunset clause language in the proposed ordinance and recommended the board take action to proceed with the proposed ordinance with exclusion of the sunset clause.

Nancy VerKulien, North Rainbow Drive on Pickerel Lake, encouraged the board to remove the felt unnecessary and threatening sunset clause language in the proposed Chapter 11 ordinance and move forward with enactment of the remaining language.

Ted Rulseh, Town of Cassian, Member Oneida County Lakes and Rivers Association, commented on behalf of the association in favor of protecting the area lakes.

Mary Jung, Shady Lane on Two Sisters Lake, commented as an ad hoc citizen member in opposition of a sunset clause and recommended the board strike that language in the proposed enhanced wake ordinance.

Terry Magowan, Spencer Lane on Tom Doyle Lake commented against the sunset clause language in the proposed enhanced wake ordinance.

Eric Rempala, Town of Cassian and member of the Oneida County Clean Waters group spoke on his concern that the state continues to want to take from local and county level control and the importance of establishing the enhanced wake ordinance as soon as possible.

### **Approval of prior Town Board Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2024.**

*Motion by Mr. White and Ms. Pietrzak to approve the January 25, 2024, town board meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye. Mr. Ridderbusch abstained.*

### **Monthly Town Assessor Report by Jef Muelver, Town Assessor.**

Mr. Muelver provided a written report including information regarding the legislative bill (no number) pertaining to assessment change notifications. The town aggregate ratio is at 74.5% for 2023.

### **Discussion and action on DNR ordinance recommendations on proposed draft ordinance Chapter 11, Boating Regulations on Artificially Enhanced Wakes.**

**Discussion and action on Scheduling Town Public Hearing on Proposed Town Ordinance Chapter 11, Boating Regulations on Artificially Enhanced Wakes.**

Board discussion on proposed sunset clause language and its original intent to trigger a review of the ordinance. Mr. McKenzie noted the language intent is only review its effect after two years. Ms. Pietrzak requested the sunset clause language be deleted. Mr. Hess proposed to replace the sunset language with the following: *“The Town Board placed a sunset clause stipulating that this ordinance will be reviewed by a data analysis on complaints, violations, citations, and public safety concerns two years after the date of enactment. Unless further legislative action is taken this ordinance will remain in effect as written.”*

*Motion by Ms. Pietrzak and Mr. McKenzie to accept the revised sunset clause language as read. Chairman Hess called for a roll call vote. White, aye; Pietrzak, aye; McKenzie, aye; Ridderbusch, no; Hess, aye. The motion carried.*

Further board discussion on other ordinances with restrictions on enhanced wakes. Discussion on DNR letter as read. Mr. Hess will request input from the DNR on the proposed change to the ordinance as voted on. Discussion on changes made in red on the proposed ordinance upon review by the DNR.

*Motion by Ms. Pietrzak and Mr. McKenzie to approve the changes highlighted in red as presented (on the enhanced wake ordinance). Chairman Hess asked for a roll call vote. White, aye; Pietrzak, aye; McKenzie, aye; Ridderbusch, aye; Hess, aye. Motion carried.* Discussion on clarification as to what towns Pickerel Lake surrounds. Discussion on public hearing notice requirements, as it relates to state boating regulations. Further research with the town’s legal council will follow and be brought back to the next meeting.

**Discussion and action on Oneida County Zoning Requests, Plan Commission and Citizen Zoning Requests, if any along with Plan Commission Chairman’s Report.** No reviews currently.

**Discussion and action on amendment to town ordinance Chapter 14, Building Code related to statutory requirements.**

Mr. Hess discussed state changes to regulations on electrical inspections and camping regulations. Resolution #2024-01, Amended Chapter 14.04, Building Code related to the uniform dwelling code was presented. *Motion by Mr. Ridderbusch and Mr. McKenzie to approve resolution #2024-01, as presented. Roll call vote requested. White aye; Pietrzak aye; McKenzie aye; Ridderbusch aye; Hess aye. Motion carried.*

**Discussion and action on road naming of Private Road off Bass Bay Drive.**

The town received a request from Oneida County Land Information for input on naming a private road off Bass Bay Drive and Birch Point Lane as “Pontoon Point”, as presented. *Motion by Mr. McKenzie and Ms. Pietrzak to approve the road name presented of Pontoon Point. Voice vote of all aye. Motion carried.*

**Discussion and action on town building project, updates with Keller, Inc. and any other building project matters; including:**

- A. Scheduling ribbon cutting ceremony.** No action by the board.
- B. Community center artwork.** Ms. Pietrzak indicated the committee received over 1,000 photos to consider after meeting with Len Hyke. A decision was made to have prints made on photo paper and framed at the town’s expense. Mr. Hyke is donating his images for the

town's use in the community center. Ms. Pietrzak requested a budget for the project. Board decision to have Ms. Pietrzak bring a proposal to the board at the next meeting.

- C. Area rugs for the community center.** Mrs. Gauthier presented a proposal from Aramark/Vestis, with service every other week at a rate of \$36.45 each week. The board requested a monthly rate for discussion at the next meeting.

**Discussion and action on request by lake association to waive rental fee for a morning meeting.** Request by Lake Mildred association to waive rental fee for the two Saturday mornings indicated. *Motion by Mr. McKenzie and Mr. White to waive the rental fee for the requested dates as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

**Discussion and action on Newbold Outdoor Recreation Area/Rookery Run advertisement.** Mrs. Gauthier presented a request to advertise in the Northern Highlands Visitor Guide as in the past. A black and white version along with a color draft ad were presented. *Motion by Mr. Hess and Mr. McKenzie to approve the color version of the advertisement as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

**Discussion and action on bartender operator license application.** Mrs. Gauthier presented an application from Wanda M. Hase to serve at MACKZ Hideaway. *Motion by Mr. Ridderbusch and Mr. McKenzie to approve the bartender application as presented, subject to possible additional fees for a new license. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

**Discussion and action on town website development.** Ms. Pietrzak requested a design by a vendor with municipal experience and obtain three vendor proposals for the board to consider. Discussion on WIX as a resource. Ms. Pietrzak will collect other quotes. *Motion by Mr. Hess and Mr. McKenzie to provide the board with three vendors with the approach discussed. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

**Discussion and action on town email service and managed service/backup.** Ms. Pietrzak proposed to research web hosting and combined back-up service providers.

**Approval of any line-item Budget Transfers.** *Motion by Mr. McKenzie and Mr. White to approve the transfers as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.* Transfers from general fund of \$48,113.58 to designated VFD equipment; to designated first responders of \$3,207.57 and to designated bridge fund of \$1,283.02 and to designated capital equipment of \$38,490.87 and to designated town shop of \$28,226.63 (all from February tax settlement). Transfer from designated NORA funds to NORA 2024 budget of \$1,000 and from general fund to designated community center (interest) of \$42.50.

**Approval of bills and disbursements.** *Motion by Mr. Ridderbusch and Mr. White to approve the bills and disbursements as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

**Receive financial reports and discuss any other financial matters.** Received from Treasurer.

**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 February 29, 2024.

The Clerk provided county correspondence for review by the board. It was noted that a donation was received from Joan Mertz with a request that the town purchase a Wisconsin flag for the meeting room.

**Public Comment Period.**

Mary Jung commented on hearing requirements for the public hearing on the ordinance for enhanced wakes.

Jef Muelver commented on WIX website set up and support with good cloud storage.

**Adjournment.** *The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m., with no objections.*

Respectfully Submitted by  
Kim Gauthier, Newbold Town Clerk