

Minutes of the Town of Newbold Town Board Regular Town Board Meeting held on Thursday, February 23, 2023

The Town of Newbold, Town Board, met on Thursday, February 23, 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 Mike Suefloh, Mike McKenzie and Dan Hess; Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer.

Chairman Kroll called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. 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. None.

Approve prior Town Board meeting minutes of February 9, 2023 regular Town Board and Finance Meeting. *Motion by Mr. Suefloh 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). Representatives Petra Pietrzak and Ruth Jaeger were present and reported the next board meeting is March 4th; the January patron count was up twenty-two percent over last year; the library annual report will be distributed in the next couple months; a new Saturday children's program began and had very high attendance. Petra is one of fifteen members in the statewide WVLS. Petra commented on a proposed bill to limit the type of books available to minors in libraries.

Monthly County Board of Supervisors Report by Newbold representative(s). Jim Winkler was present and spoke on a county resolution regarding Pelican River forest land easement. No county board action yet, however a committee was formed to research this topic further. Mr. Winkler commented on recent county board discussion on what percentage of land should be public land and what percentage would citizens like to see in our county.

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

Discussion and action on Town Building Project, Updates and any other building project matters. Mr. Flanigan was not available. No further matters to discuss at this time.

Discussion and possible action or update on Fundraising Activity for the Town Hall construction project. Mr. Hess indicated the donation amount received remains the same as last month.

Monthly Report of Public Works by Director, Mark Fetzer. A report was provided to the board noting the majority of time being spent on sanding due to ice and warmer temps causing melting and refreezing.

Discussion and action on 2023 town road projects. Mr. Fetzer discussed Flannery Lake Road as a priority this year along with some smaller projects depending on what funds remain. Discussion on "flex patch" as a rubber and stone mix option for treating cracks prior to single chip seal to preserve some roads where applicable. Other projects to consider include turn around improvements to Woodland Drive and Flowage Road. Board decision to pursue Flannery Lake Road as the priority project.

Monthly Report of Newbold Fire Department by Chief Fetzer. Report for January and February received by Chief Fetzer. There were eleven fire calls to begin 2023 and seventeen first responder calls. It was also noted the department ice fishing tournament will take place February 25th on Muskellunge Lake.

Discussion and action on the sale of the 1998 Fire Truck. Chief Fetzer received board approval, however the potential value warrants permission by the electors at the annual meeting in April.

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 not meet in March unless a request comes before for the commission this week. Those members term expiring in April 2023 include Mr. Chronister, Mr. Pennucci and Mr. Rezny. Chairman Kroll will contact all to seek renewal.

Approval and payment of any bills and/or funds adjustments. *Motion by Mr. Hess and Mr. McKenzie 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 March 9, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion on the need for Board of Review training. Mrs. Gauthier will research requirements and training opportunities.

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Comment by Ruth Jaeger thanking the road crew for plowing Stone Lake Road and the parking area provided for those using the forest for snowshoeing.

Adjournment at 7:15 p.m., with no objections.

Respectfully submitted by: Kim Gauthier, Town Clerk