

**Minutes of the Town of Newbold Town Board Regular Town Board Meeting held on
Thursday, February 29, 2024**

The Town of Newbold, Town Board, met on Thursday, February 29, 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 Scott Ridderbusch, Petra Pietrzak and Brad White; Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer. Absent and excused, Supervisor 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 Mr. Ridderbusch and Ms. Pietrzak 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.

Mary Sowinski introduced herself as a candidate for Circuit Court Judge. More information available at www.sowinskiforjudge.com.

Presentation by Mike Fugle, Circuit Court Judge candidate. Mike Fugle introduced himself as a candidate for Circuit Court Judge. More information available at www.electfuglejudge.com

Approve prior Town Board meeting minutes of January 11, 2024. Tabled until next meeting.

Monthly County Board of Supervisors Report by Newbold representative(s). Jim Winkler present and provided an update on Forestry Department sales, Human Services meeting regarding a resolution, veterans housing project and Land & Water Department proposed resolution on enhanced wakes.

Discussion and action on Scheduling Town Public Hearing on Saturday, April 6, 2024, for Proposed Town Ordinance Chapter 11.09, Boating Regulations on Artificially Enhanced Wakes. Chairman Hess noted the sunset clause changes previously discussed were approved by the DNR, the publication for the public hearing will appear in the March 5th newspaper edition and the board agreed on the April 6th hearing date. *Motion by Mr. White and Ms. Pietrzak to schedule the public hearing for April 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., on proposed ordinance Chapter 11.09, Boating Regulations. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Monthly District Library report by Newbold Representatives. Ruth Jaeger was present and reported a clarification on the previously reported minutes. Mrs. Jaeger indicated the 20–30-year-old furnace replacement at the library was funded by foundation funds. The library budget will be hard to meet because of non-negotiable costs. Mrs. Jaeger reported on library activities, and the status of the building committee and reminded the board that Newbold Library Representative appointments are coming up in April. Both she and Ms. Pietrzak are willing to continue serving in this capacity.

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 January = 2 and first responder calls= 17. The third annual fishing tournament was moved to station one due to poor ice conditions on the lake. The event at station one was a great success and the largest turnout thus far.

Monthly Newbold Public Works report by Director, Mark Fetzer. Mr. Fetzer provided a report on public works activities. Weight limits went on town roads February 26th. The earliest on record.

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 had no reviews at this time.

Discussion and action on budget for community center artwork and donation from Len Hyke. Petra Pietrzak reported that those on the artwork committee have selected most favorite photos to consider with 91 shown throughout the meeting on the monitor. Mr. Len Hyke is willing to donate his work to the town for display in the community center. Ms. Pietrzak presented an estimate for thirty prints assembled with matte, wood frames, large prints and hung by Childs Framing between \$4200 - \$5400. Discussion by board on including historical photos and vehicles recommended by the clerk. *Motion by Mr. Ridderbusch and Mr. White to move forward with the artwork frame project at a cost not to exceed \$5,400. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Discussion and action on community center floor mats. Board discussion on Aramark service. The clerk reported a monthly service is not available. *Motion by Mr. White and Mr. Ridderbusch to authorize a three-month trial with rug rental (with Aramark/Vestis), as described. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Discussion and action on town website development options. Ms. Pietrzak reported that three vendors have been researched with the final to meet with her tomorrow. Cost ranges between \$2-3,000. More information to follow at the next board meeting.

Discussion and action on managed system backup and email host service providers. Further research continues. The clerk provided information from Kerber Rose. Ms. Pietrzak continues to research cloud storage options. No action at this time. Further discussion to follow.

Discussion and action on amended tower lease with Bug Tussel & Northwoods Communications. Chairman Hess provided the board with an amendment to the existing contract with Bug Tussel to include adding Northwoods Communications Technologies as the "assignee" for collecting payments. *Motion by Mr. Ridderbusch and Mr. White to amend the tower lease agreement with Bug Tussel and Northwoods Communications to the contract as assignee, as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Approval and payment of any bills and/or funds adjustments.
Motion by Mr. White and Mr. Ridderbusch to approve transfers of: from general fund to health insurance -town officers budget in the amount of \$8,612.52 and from designated town hall renovation funds to capital improvement budget in the amount of \$4,757.36. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye. 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 March 14, 2024.

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Adjournment at 7:21 p.m., with no objections.

Respectfully submitted by: Kim Gauthier, Town Clerk