

Minutes of the Town of Newbold Town Board Regular Meeting held April 25, 2024

The Town of Newbold town board met on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 6:00 PM for the Town Board regular 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, Brad White, Clerk Kim Gauthier, and Treasurer Jodie Hess.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hess at 6:00 PM. The audience was led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Gauthier verified the meeting was properly noticed on all three bulletin boards required and posted on the town website.

Motion by Mr. Ridderbusch and Ms. Pietrzak to approve the agenda order as presented. Motion carried all aye.

Approval of prior town board meeting minutes.

Motion by Mr. Ridderbusch and Mr. McKenzie to approve the town board meeting minutes of April 11, 2024. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye. Motion by Ms. Pietrzak and Mr. White to approve the public hearing minutes of April 6, 2024, with changes noted. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

Monthly Oneida County Board of Supervisors report by Newbold representatives.

Dan Hess reported Land Information annual report is available online. The county is working on fiber installation with six towers proposed. The 2024 annual Health Department report is available online. The new forestry director is Jill Nemeck. The County Board approved a new part time administrative coordinator position.

Lenore Lopez reported on a County Health Drug Take Back initiative. CPR training is available to the public. Lenore indicated she was appointed to the following subcommittees: Conservation, Health, Transit, and Library.

Monthly District Library report by Newbold Representatives.

Petra Pietrzak reported on the Ced Vig book fundraiser which pays for about 20% of all book purchases. The annual library report was provided to the town. Circulation is up 11% over last year. Year to date library expenses is at 24% of the budget. The summer program theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library". The fundraising initiative for the library expansion will begin in May. A written report was provided.

Monthly Newbold Fire Department report by Chief Fetzer.

A written report was provided indicating 7 fire calls for the month of April and 11 First Responder calls in the month of March. The St. Germain Fire Department provided a report of activity for 2023 totaling 2 fires, 3 vehicle accidents, and 22 ambulance calls. Year to date 2024, indicates 1 fire alarm and 9 ambulance calls.

Monthly Newbold Public Works Report by Director Mark Fetzer.

A written report was provided of road crew activities including grading, patching, sweeping, and equipment repair. The approved tractor was ordered from Lakeland Equipment in Minocqua and cost several thousand less than the quoted price from the other provider. The culvert failure on Forest Lane was replaced by Oneida County with a 48-inch poly culvert. Patching of the road in that area will need to be done. The town will receive 50% reimbursement from an approved grant for the culvert installation.

Discussion and action on Oneida County Zoning request, Plan Commission and Citizen zoning request, if any, along with Plan Commission Chairmans report.

Chairman Hess reported there are no reviews to consider at this time. The Commission continues to work on a tourist rooming ordinance proposal.

Discussion and action on Community Center landscape.

Board discussion on purchasing river stone, topsoil, and shrubs, with the town doing the bulk of the work. *Motion by Mr. Ridderbusch and Ms. Pietrzak to authorize the Town Chair to purchase landscape materials not to exceed \$2,500 and if needing to exceed that amount, to bring this back to the board for further discussion. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Discussion and action on Community Center automated handicap entrance mechanism.

The town received a quote from Northern Living LLC, to install handicap door openers at the front entrance at an estimated amount of \$5,800. *Motion by Mr. McKenzie and Mr. White to authorize the purchase and installation of the handicapped door opener and sensor not to exceed \$5,800. Funds will be utilized from the ARPA grant. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Discussion and action on Bartender/Operator licenses.

The clerk presented the board with applications from Julie and Andrew Enerson. All documentation in order, fees paid and no concern on the background checks. *Motion by Mr. Hess and Mr. White to approve the bartender licenses for Andrew Anderson and Julie Anderson as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Discussion and action on Wisconsin Towns Association membership.

The annual renewal for the town of Newbold is \$1,330 based on population. *Motion by Mr. McKenzie and Ms. Pietrzak to renew the WTA membership as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Approval and payment of any bills and or funds adjustments. No action.

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 Meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2024. Agenda items will include appointment of Fire Chief, Mark Fetzer, road contractor bid opening/awarding and action on proposed enhanced wake ordinance.

Mr. Ridderbusch commented on his and Ms. Pietrzak attendance at the Oneida county unit of the WTA meeting and updates presented which included the governor's veto of state PFAS funding; grants are available for road improvements; loans are available at the state level for area businesses affected by the lack of snow and tourism; the WTA conference is October 6-8, 2024 in Stevens Point and the next unit meeting will be in July at the town of Little Rice.

Mr. McKenzie commented on LRIP and TRIP funding of over \$500K received by the Town of Woodboro and the many factors around Washburn Lake Road that aided in the award.

Mrs. Gauthier read positive comments received at the Newbold Outdoor Recreation Area.

Public Comment and Communication Period per Wisconsin Statutes whereby the Town Board may receive input on any matter raised by the public. No action will be taken. No comments.

CLOSED SESSION and Roll Call Vote: The Town of Newbold Town Board may convene into Closed Session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1) (e), Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Specifically discuss building inspection contract with City of Rhinelander.

Motion by Mr. McKenzie and Mr. White to go into closed session at 7:00 p.m. Roll call vote of Brad aye, Petra aye, Mike aye, Scott aye and Dan aye. Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION:

The Town of Newbold Town Board will reconvene into open session to make decisions on closed session discussions above.

Motion by Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Ridderbusch to return to open session. Roll call vote of Brad aye, Petra aye, Mike aye, Scott aye and Dan aye. Motion carried. No action taken.

Adjournment at 7:42 p.m., with no objection.

Respectfully submitted by: Kim Gauthier, Newbold Town Clerk