

**Town of Newbold Regular Town Board Meeting of Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at the Newbold Community Center located at 4608 Apperson Drive, Rhinelander, WI 54501.**

**The Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., by Town Chairman Dan Hess. Mr. Hess led the pledge of allegiance. Clerk Kim Gauthier verified the agenda was properly noticed to the public.**

**Approve agenda for meeting with the order of items at the Chairs discretion.** *Motion by Petra Pietrzak and Brad White to approve the agenda as presented with the chairman's discretion. Motion carried on a voice vote of all ayes.*

**Public Comment and Communication Period per Wisconsin Statutes whereby the Town Board may receive input on any matter raised by the public.** Jim Winkler, Troy Haven Road, commented in favor of the enhanced wake resolution, but noted he does not see the studies nor data on affects of enhanced wakes. Richard Nelson, Lake Mildred Road, commented on behalf of the citizen Newbold enhanced wake group who supports the proposed ordinance on enhanced wakes. Much research, education and initiatives were accomplished with the town board to provide Newbold with a good ordinance to protect lakes and citizens. Mr. Nelson thanked the board for all the hard work done.

**Open and Review Road Contractor Bids.** The following bids were received for the two projects noted.

**Fetke Lake Road & Wildwood Circle reconstruction bids received:**

Musson Brothers \$158,801.05  
Northeast Asphalt \$173,420.15  
Pitlik & Wick \$173,057.00  
American Asphalt \$157,540.05

**Single Chip Seal and Flex Patch of various town roads listed:**

Fahrner Asphalt \$292,849.31  
Pitlik & Wick \$351,949.00

**Approve prior Town Board meeting minutes.** *Motion by Mike McKenzie and Scott Ridderbusch to approve the meeting minutes of April 25, 2024, as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

**Monthly Town Assessor Report by Jef Muelver, Town Assessor.** Mr. Muelver discussed setting open book and board of review dates with the board. The annual Open Book is set for May 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mr. Muelver will be present. The board of review was set for June 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Muelver and the town board will be present.

**Discussion and action on Resolution #2024-02, Proposed Town Ordinance Chapter 11.09, Boating Regulations Restricting Certain Artificial Enhanced Wakes.** Chairman Hess read the proposed ordinance and resolution. After board discussion a *Motion by Petra Pietrzak and Mike McKenzie to amend town ordinance chapter 11.09 in accordance with resolution #2024-02 as presented; that is, to adopt the ordinance therein. Roll call vote taken with Brad White, aye; Petra Pietrzak, aye; Mike McKenzie, aye; Scott Ridderbusch, aye; Dan Hess, aye. Motion carried.* The Clerk noted publication on the ordinance will follow in the newspaper on May 17, 2024, the effective date is May 18, 2024.

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

**Discussion and action on Awarding 2024 Road Contractor Bids.** *Motion by Dan Hess and Mike McKenzie to award the Fetke Lake Road and Wildwood Circle project to American Asphalt in the amount of \$157,540.05. Motion carried on a voice vote of all ayes.*

Mr. Fetzer noted the bid specifications received on the single chip seal and flex patch project are in different increments and need clarification. The board will act at the May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting on this project, upon receiving clarification from Mr. Fetzer, Public Works Director, on the bid specifications.

**Discussion and action on Bartender-Operator License(s).** Tabled until the May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Annual Appointment of Newbold Fire Chief.** *Motion by Scott Ridderbusch and Brad White to appoint Mark Fetzer as the town fire chief. Motion carried on a voice vote of all ayes.*

**Discussion and action on Email Server Provider.** Tabled pending call back.

**Discussion and action on Community Center Rentals and Cleaning.** Clerk Gauthier received a request from Dave Schmitz on behalf of the Friends of Townline Lake to meet at the community center possibly monthly or quarterly at no charge. Board discussion. Further information is needed, but not willing to waive the rental fee monthly. The clerk will request further information. Discussion on need for deep cleaning after rentals. The clerk and treasurer have been spot- cleaning and taking out trash, but there's need for a cleaning person for deep cleaning once or twice per month. The clerk will ensure paper products and cleaning supplies are stocked. In the past, the town hall was cleaned every other week by a hired cleaner at a rate of \$23/hour for a couple hours each time. Further discussion to follow at the next meeting.

**Discussion and action on Landscaping at Community Center.** Chairman Hess has obtained the assistance of Hansons Garden to put a plan design and selection together for the community center at a cost of \$1800. Further funds are needed for fabric, mulch, 8 yards of river rock, picnic table, etc. The town employees and board members to do the labor. *Motion by Mike McKenzie and Petra Pietrzak to increase the landscaping budget to \$3,500 as discussed. Motion carried on a voice vote of all ayes.*

**Discussion and action on Road Discontinuance for a portion of Vets Memorial Drive located within the following described properties; Lot 55 of the U.S. Government Subdivision of Government Lot 11, and Government Lot 10, Section 33, T37N, R8E.** In 1999, property owners came to the town board requesting a petition to discontinue and create a "T" intersection, but no formal action was taken. There is a need to formally discontinue a portion of Vets Memorial Drive as described. Chairman Hess is working with the town's attorney on the legalities of this and will schedule a meeting to do such on June 27, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. No objection by the board to move forward. Mr. Ridderbusch expressed concern about recording the easement. It was noted it will be the property owner's responsibility when creating the certified survey map with the surveyor.

**Approval of any line-item Budget Transfers.** *Motion by Mike McKenzie and Scott Ridderbusch to approve the transfers from general fund to designated VFD equipment of \$9,000; transfer from general fund to public landings budget of \$4,000 (grant); transfer from general fund to VFD operating budget of \$4,386.09; transfer from designated funds town hall renovation to capital improvement budget of \$109.57 and transfer from general fund to supplies and repair budget of \$622.47. Motion carried on a voice vote of all ayes.*

**Approval of Bills and Disbursements. Sign checks.** *Motion by Scott Ridderbusch and Petra Pietrzak to approve the bills and disbursements as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote of all ayes.*

**Receive finance reports and discuss any other financial matters.** The Treasurer and Clerk provided a report of financial status and account information, as presented. The town has expended thirty-three percent of the 2024 budget to date. The general fund balance is at \$808,859.14 as of the end of April.

**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.** Chairman Hess referred to the Governor's proclamation recognizing Municipal Clerks Appreciation Week May 5-11, 2024. Clerk Gauthier informed the board of recent insurance policy endorsement changes, as provided in the document from Rural Mutual. Ms. Pietrzak commented on the recent Road Stream Culvert meeting she attended in Vilas County.

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**Adjournment at 8:14 p.m., with no objections.**

**Respectfully submitted by Kim Gauthier, Newbold Town Clerk**