

## Minutes of the Town of Newbold Town Board Finance and Regular Town Board Meeting held on Thursday, January 10, 2019

The Town of Newbold Town Board met on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in open session for the Town Board Finance meeting and at 6:30 p.m., in open session for the Town Board Regular Monthly Meeting, at the Town of Newbold Town Hall, 4608 Apperson Drive and Highway 47, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, Oneida County, Wisconsin. The following was discussed:

Chairman Kroll called the **finance meeting** to order at 6:00 p.m. The following were in attendance: Dave Kroll, Chairman; Bob Metropulos, Jim Staskiewicz, Mike McKenzie, Supervisors; Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer. Ed Hammer was excused and absent.

Approval and payment of bills, receipt of financial reports and approval of fund adjustments presented.

*A motion was made by Mr. Metropulos and Mr. Staskiewicz to approve the transfer of \$17,000 from the designated NORA, designated parkland tax fund and designated parkland dedication fund into the 2019 NORA budget, as presented. That motion carried on a voice vote of all ayes.*

*A motion was made by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. McKenzie to approve the bills and disbursements as presented. That motion carried on a voice vote of all ayes.* The financial reports were received along with a report of 2018 year-end transfers, which will be filed with the Clerk.

The finance meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Metropulos at 6:25 p.m., with no objections.

The **regular town board meeting** was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by Chairman Kroll, who also led the audience in the pledge of allegiance. Clerk, Kim Gauthier verified the agenda was properly noticed to the public on all three town bulletin boards. Jodie Hess, Treasurer and Ed Hammer, Supervisor were excused and absent for the regular board meeting.

*A motion was made to approve the town board regular meeting minutes of December 13, 2018, by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. McKenzie. That motion carried on a voice vote of all ayes.*

**County Board of Supervisors report** by Newbold Representatives. Mr. Winkler was present and commented on county fair committee's discussion on the fair location, there was a split in the health and aging committee, and he noted the transit route goes through Newbold to and from Minocqua. The next county board meeting is next week.

**Town Assessor report** by Mr. Jef Muelver. Mr. Muelver presented a written report of activity. The report is on file in the Clerk's office. Mr. Muelver noted the D.O.R. approved a mass email notice to those with personal property beginning in 2020. The 2019 assessment process has begun.

Discussion and action on Oneida County Zoning requests, **Plan Commission** and citizen zoning requests and chairman's report.

Discussion and action on **Preliminary 3-lot minor subdivision of Estabrook** family and Genisot & Associates, Inc. surveyor for property at 6914 Lake Mildred Road, Gov. Lot 3, Pt SE ¼, of the NW ¼, Section 29, T37N, R8E, Pin NE 301-1 and NE 304-1, Town of Newbold.

Mr. Hammer was absent an excused, however Mr. Metropulos indicated there was no representative at the January plan commission meeting to speak on the request so no action was

taken. The next Plan Commission meeting is February 7, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. The Estabrook's were present and advised to appear at the next meeting.

Presentation on **fair elections project** and the fair maps coalition which is addressing gerrymandering in Wisconsin. Mrs. Jackie Cody provided handouts and presented information on the coalition established by the Legislative Reference Bureau, a nonpartisan group. Mrs. Cody requested the Newbold town board consider putting the following referendum question on the April 2019 ballot. "Redistricting *Advisory* Referendum Question for April 2, 2019: Should the Wisconsin legislature create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans? Yes or No." The town board agreed to bring the question before the voters after much discussion, with the additional wording, "Should the Town of Newbold request that the Wisconsin..." The board also recommended the county representatives bring this before the county board for county-wide consideration. *A motion was made by Mr. Metropulos and Mr. Staskiewicz to proceed with the referendum question, as amended. That motion carried on a voice vote of all ayes.* Clerk, Kim Gauthier indicated an explanation of what yes and no means will be needed for the referendum question.

The board agreed to take **public comment** from Mrs. Cody regarding a "move to amend" resolution. Material was presented along with a request for consideration of a resolution supporting a constitutional amendment stating only human beings are endowed with constitutional rights, not corporations, unions, nonprofits, etc. and that limiting political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting speech. The board will take up this matter for possible action at a later date.

Discussion and action on a citizen request for the town to provide **municipal trash collection**. This item was withdrawn from discussion by the citizen.

Discussion and action on resolution for a DNR road aid project on **Swamp Creek Road**. Craig Dalton, DNR was present to request the town consider improvements to the road as specified in the handouts which include a grant in the amount of up to \$35,000 for an eight inch gravel base, graded and compacted. *A motion was made by Mr. Metropulos and Mr. McKenzie to proceed with a resolution at the next meeting for a grant for improvements to Swamp Creek Road, as presented. That 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.

The next town board meeting is January 31, 2019.

**Public comment** and communication period per Wisconsin statutes whereby the town board may receive input on any matter raised by the public. Public comment was received in appreciation of the board moving forward with the fair maps referendum.

**Adjournment.** *The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m., on a motion made by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Metropulos with no objection.*

Respectfully submitted by Kim Gauthier, Town Clerk