

Minutes of the Town of Newbold Town Board Regular Town Board Meeting held on Thursday, February 28, 2019

The Town of Newbold, Town Board, met on Thursday, February 28, 2019 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:

Supervisor, Bob Metropulos called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and verified the agenda was properly noticed to the public. Those in attendance included Bob Metropulos, Mike McKenzie, Ed Hammer, Jim Staskiewicz, Supervisors; Dave Kroll, Chairman was absent and excused. Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer also present. The Clerk verified that the meeting agenda was posted on all three bulletin boards in the town. The agenda is also posted on the town website.

*A motion was made to approve the town board regular and finance **meeting minutes** of February 14, 2019 as presented by Mr. Hammer and Mr. McKenzie. That motion carried on a voice vote of all ayes.*

Monthly Newbold **Fire Department report** by Chief Fetzer. Chief Fetzer provided a report of fire and first responder activity last month. There were two fire calls last month and twelve first responder calls. The old VFD UTV sold on an auction site for \$9,550.

Monthly **Road report** by Mark Fetzer, Public Works Director. Mr. Fetzer provided a report of public works activity this past month. It was noted that due to the ninety-plus inches of snow thus far, the road crew has been working some 12-hour days. Mr. Fetzer noted that some issues that have come up this winter include several mailboxes needing replacement due to the crew not being able to see the boxes, as some residents are not cleaning out snow around their mailboxes. The ordinance allows for replacement up to \$25, however most times the crew replaces the box. This may be a challenge with the amount of long hours needed for snow removal. The second issue is the number of residents leaving snow in the public roadway which is not only a challenge for plow crew to deal with, but may also break the town equipment. Mr. Fetzer proposed that the board discuss this further and possible send out letters to violators.

Public comment was received noting the great job plow crews have done this winter in Newbold. The resident comment that she believes the crew has done an "elegant" job of plowing town roads under the massive amount of snow received.

Discussion and action on **hiring a reserve road crew employee**. It was noted that this agenda item was addressed yesterday under a special meeting of the town board due to the immediate need for another driver.

County Board of Supervisors report by Newbold Representatives. Mr. Winkler was excused and absent. Mr. Metropulos commented that the last county meeting was spent reviewing performance evaluations.

Newbold **Outdoor Recreation Committee report** by Chairman, Pete Cody. Mr. Cody was absent and excused. Mrs. Gauthier commented that the committee recently met to discuss plans for the snowshoe hike event at NORA, however, had to cancel the event due to inadequate conditions.

Discussion and action on Oneida County **Zoning requests, Plan Commission** and citizen zoning requests and chairman's report. The committee had nothing to review or report on at this time.

Discussion and action on possibly **waiving the town hall rental** fee for a Wild Instincts Fundraising event. *A motion was made by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Hammer to waive the rental fee for the Wild Instincts fundraising event as described. That motion carried on a voice vote of all eyes.* Mrs. Gauthier will correspond with Wild Instincts staff.

Discussion and action on **Town Hall P.A. System** and possible purchase. Mr. Staskiewicz noted the Northland Music quote presented does not include labor, but will be provided at a later date. A new quote from Sounds & Motion was received with the additional microphones. Discussion will proceed at the next meeting on this matter.

Discussion on town **building/facility needs and former town hall plans** with the Building Committee and Town Board. The Clerk provided the former 2005 plans to the town board. Mr. Hammer noted the committee will be visiting other town halls in March to get ideas of utilized space.

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.

*A motion was made by Mr. Hammer and Mr. Staskiewicz to approve **funds transfers** of \$4,000.00 from the general fund to public landing budget for grant funding, as presented. That motion was carried on a voice vote of all eyes. A motion was made by Mr. Hammer and Mr. McKenzie to **approve bills and disbursements** as presented. That motion carried on a voice vote of all eyes.*

Next town board meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2019.

Public comment and communication period per Wisconsin statutes whereby the town board may receive input on any matter raised by the public. No further comments received.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m., on a motion made by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Hammer with no objection.

Respectfully submitted by

Kim Gauthier, Newbold Town Clerk