

Newbold Building Committee Minutes
April 19, 2021 Newbold Town Hall 5:00 PM

Present: Jim Staskiewicz, Chairperson, Kim Gauthier, Clerk, Kim Harron and Jackie Cody, Secretary

Public: Leonard Cody, Craig Nehls, Heidi Nehls, Rachel Fugle, and Rich Weibel

Meeting Called to Order: 5:03 PM by Chairperson Jim Staskiewicz.

1. Chairperson Staskiewicz verified the meeting had been properly noticed to the public.
2. The minutes from the March 2, 2021, meeting were accepted as submitted moved by Kim Gauthier. Seconded by Jackie Cody. Approved.
3. The committee members discussed and encouraged those in attendance to offer their thoughts during the time of discussing referendum results and possible actions of next steps. The following is a summation of the discuss points:
 - a. The results of the referendum reflected the typical turnout in most spring elections 30%+. A closer look at the vote total breaks down: 18% voted No and 14% voted Yes. Those numbers represent the body of voters participating leaving another 66%+ of eligible voters not participating.
 - b. The insurance values of the buildings supported the figures for construction stated at the public presentations.
 - c. The difference in the process for building the town hall versus building the town shop. Jim Staskiewicz and Kim Gauthier explained the town hall project can be completed because it is an existing structure that is being renovated. It does not need approval. The town shop project needs approval to go forward which can be done at a Special Meeting of the Electors.
 - d. The possible cost of building only the town hall with an approximate cost per hundred thousand of \$26. The treasurer will be contacted for a better estimate of cost per hundred thousand for each project.
 - e. Safety concerns for shop workers and elected officials aired included: ventilation, work space inefficiencies, compliance issues beyond bathrooms to electrical, roof, seepage into townhall basement and mold.
 - f. Occupancy of the storage area at the town hall for meetins is questionable and should not be used as the bathrooms are not ADA compliant per a conversation with the lead consultant.
 - g. Fixing the most immediate needs in the town hall amounted to \$500,000 and still did not meet what needs to done to extend the life of the building. It was pointed out that adding the additional dollars would bring the total to the estimated 1.4 million and building that meets the codes.
 - h. The history of the three considerations for the town hall and the cost of each with the current proposal being the lowest and yet provided the town with a structure for another 80 years.

- i. The continued townhall maintenance costs that cannot do not address the deficiencies in bathrooms, electrical, heating, and structural deterioration.
- j. The money already spent on consultant fees.
- k. The low interest rates as a prime reason for the project to move forward now.
- l. The lack of presence at public presentations by all board members was not helpful showing support of the committee recommendations.
- m. Other ways to communicate the needs of the town elected officials and town workers through possible tours of facilities, door knocking, phoning, and flyers.
- n. The May 13th meeting of the Town of Newbold Board elected officials will be discussing the referendum results and next step(s).
- o. The committee requested that public comment be at the beginning and end of the meeting for May 13th. Kim Gauthier, Clerk, will bring to the Chairperson's attention.

As a result of the discussion the following building committee recommendation was moved by Jackie Cody and seconded by Kim Harron:

Building Committee Recommendation:

The Newbold Building Committee recommends the Newbold Townhall be built and the Newbold Town Shop and Garage be presented at a Special Meeting of the Electors for their vote.

Motion to recommend was approved. The recommendation to be at the May 13th Town of Newbold Board meeting.

Adjournment moved by Kim Gauthier and seconded by Jackie Cody at 6:06 PM.

Submitted by Jackie Cody

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