

Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting held on Thursday, March 31, 2022

The Town of Newbold Town Board, met on Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., for a Special Town Board Meeting at the Newbold Fire Department, 4588 Hwy 47, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, Oneida County, Wisconsin.

The following were in attendance: Chairman Dave Kroll; Supervisors, Mike Sueflohn, Jim Staskiewicz and Dan Hess; Clerk, Kim Gauthier and Treasurer, Jodie Hess. Supervisor Mike McKenzie was absent and excused. Also present were twelve citizen members and Devin Flanigan, Keller, Inc.

Chairman Kroll called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and verified the agenda was properly noticed to the public.

Public Comment.

Mr. Jon Dailey asked that the proposed building pictures and renderings be placed on the town website. Mr. Roger Watry asked if the proposed town hall building will be a metal building and if the public will receive notice of the build construction.

Discussion and action on proposed town hall project and continued discussion with Keller, Inc.

It was noted there will be no discussion on the town shop during this meeting, as the agenda does not allow for the topic.

Discussion on mailing informing to all Newbold citizens of the annual meeting and vote of the electorate to construct a new town hall building. Clerk Gauthier researched a post card mailing size 5.5 inches by 8.5 inches through the local printer along with mail merger addresses from the county and postage estimated at a total of \$2,000 with the content of the text up to the board. Discussion on the mailing notification of the annual meeting on April 19th and the notation that qualified electors will vote on construction of a new town hall. *Motion by Mr. Hess and Mr. Sueflohn to send out a post card on card stock with the annual meeting information. Amendment to the motion by Mr. Hess and Mr. Sueflohn to also include the language under "news release" on the website in bold red across address side to include the "please attend" language as stated. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Discussion with Mr. Flanigan on the fifteen minute presentation by Keller, Inc. at the annual meeting. The presentation will cover why the project is needed, the problems with the existing town hall, goals and the proposed solution. A resolution will be offered under Wisc. SS 60.10, to qualified electors of the town to vote on. Citizen questions will be allowed during the meeting. *Motion by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Sueflohn to approve the building design as presented by Keller, Inc., with the changes to the rendering as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

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.

Mr. Hess reported on research conducted on fundraising, as discussed at the last meeting. The Town of Hazelhurst hired a fundraising company out of Wausau for their town hall construction and received \$125,000 with a 1.5% fee. Mr. Hess proposed establishing a fundraising committee and seek professional services for the current town hall proposal.

Public Comment and Communication Period per Wisconsin Statutes whereby the Town Board may receive input on any matter raised by the public.

Mr. Dailey recommended a citizen present the resolution.

Mr. Watry questioned if the existing well and septic will be inspected and tested and cautioned using existing slab if it's not salvageable.

Mr. Flanigan noted the proposal will include these considerations and possible use of the footings along with backfilling the existing basement.

Discussion on concern that the existing parking lot is in the highway right away and future parking needs for a building this capacity.

Mr. Watry asked about the status of the town hall used as a county emergency facility.

It was noted the Oneida County Emergency Management plan includes the Newbold town hall as an emergency staging facility.

Adjourned at 6:40 p.m., with no objection.

Respectfully submitted by
Kim Gauthier, Newbold Town Clerk