

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

The Town of Newbold, Town Board, met on Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., for the Town Board Regular Monthly Meeting, held at the Newbold Fire Station, 4588 Highway 47, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, Oneida County, Wisconsin. The following were in attendance: Chairman Dave Kroll, Supervisors Jim Staskiewicz, Mike Sueflohn and Dan Hess; Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer. Absent and excused was Mike McKenzie.

Chairman Kroll called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., led the audience in the pledge of allegiance and the Clerk verified the agenda was properly noticed to the public.

Public comment.

Brad White asked the board address the fire station building watershed problem off the roof.

Approval of prior town meeting minutes. *Motion made by Mr. Sueflohn and Mr. Staskiewicz to approve the March 10, 2022 town board regular and finance meeting minutes along with the March 17, 2022 special board meeting minutes. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Monthly report of fire department activity by Newbold Fire Chief.

Chief Fetzer provided a written report noting five fire calls and eight first responder calls since the last report. The ice fishing tournament generated \$1,158 in profits.

Monthly report of public works activity by Public Works Director.

Mr. Fetzer provided a written report indicating the month of March brought many ice storms to address. Other activity through the month included hydraulic issues on the 2006 truck. The two overhead doors for the back room shop arrived and were installed. The electrical work was completed today on those doors. Road grant work through the DOT is being sought for Silver shore Lane and road project proposals are being compiled to bring before the board in April.

Monthly district library report by Newbold Representative.

Ruth Jaeger presented a written report and mentioned the following; full-time staff, Esther O'Brien (from Newbold) was hired; the year end budget had an excess of \$35K and was utilized in other short-fall areas; a new catalogue system was implemented; an addendum to the bylaws will address requests to remove material from the library if a request should come forward. The annual library report was also presented to the town and filed with the Clerk.

County Board of Supervisors report by Newbold Representatives. Jim Winkler was present along with Michael Roach. Both spoke on activity with each department committee they are involved in; to include tourism and social services and board of health.

Monthly report of Terrestrial Invasive Species from Newbold liaison. Tabled.

Discussion and possible action on town hall project.

Mr. Hess provided fundraising information received from Hazelhurst town chair and recommended the town pursue use of the Wausau based fundraising company for the Newbold project. Discussion with Keller, Inc. about plans to attend the April 14th board meeting to go over the annual meeting portion of the presentation. Treasurer, Jodie Hess asked the boards intent on borrowing from the two sources and the amount to estimate in preparation for the annual meeting. Chairman Kroll indicated the taxpayers need the figures to reflect the maximum

amount of exposure on the tax bill for the town hall project. The board also requested a mock tax bill for the presentation.

Discussion on citizen post card wording for a mass mailing regarding elector approval of a new town hall at the annual meeting on April 19th. The Clerk presented the previously agreed upon format which will go to print after the election and mailing around April 8th.

Presentation of Newbold County Board of Supervisor candidates. Supervisor candidates for both District 10 and 15 spoke. Including Jim Winkler, Mike Roach, Petra Pietrzak and Joe Steinhage.

Discussion and action on Oneida County Zoning requests, Plan Commission and citizen zoning requests and chairman's report. No reviews to report on. Chairman Sueflohn noted the next commission meeting is scheduled for April 7th.

Approval and Payment of any bills and/or funds adjustments. *Motion by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Hess to approve bills as presented. That 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.

Next town board meeting is April 14, 2022.

Future agenda items: proposed privy for playground, bartender and liquor license applications, provisional liquor license ordinance amendment.

Chairman Kroll commented on information received from WTA about public hearing requirements only apply when state statute requires, such as DNR waterways. Other topics don't necessarily require town public hearings.

Public comment and communication period per Wisconsin statutes whereby the town board may receive input on any matter raised by the public.

Dorothy Skye commented the board should continue the practice of public hearings even when not statutorily required. Mrs. Skye also expressed disappointment in Rookery Run closure for the spring thaw.

Mr. White informed the board of recent parking at The Pines had encroached on Forest Lane in a dangerous "S" curve area.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m., with no objection.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Gauthier, Town Clerk