

TOWN OF NEWBOLD ANNUAL MEETING

April 19, 2016

The Town of Newbold Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Newbold Town Hall, Highway 47 North, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, Oneida County, Wisconsin.

The meeting was called to order by Town Chairman, Dave Kroll. The following Town Board members were present at the meeting: Supervisors Bob Metropulos, Jim Staskiewicz, Ed Hammer, Mike McKenzie, Kim Gauthier, Clerk; Jodie Hess, Treasurer. There were also eleven electors present, as indicated on the sign-in list and one media representative.

Chairman Kroll led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted that publication is not required for this meeting since it is being held the third Tuesday in April, as allowed by statute. However, the Clerk indicated a meeting notice was posted in all three locations in the town to further inform the electors of the meeting. The Clerk also swore in newly election Supervisor, Mike McKenzie.

Chairman Kroll reminded the audience that this is a meeting of the electors and read the statutory authority allowed by the electors. Electors must have resided in the town a minimum of twenty-eight days to be a qualified voter.

The minutes of the December 1, 2015, Budget Hearing and Special town meeting were read by the Clerk and approved on a motion made by Pete Cody and Paul Knuth. That motion carried on a clear voice vote of all ayes and zero nays.

Jodie Hess, Treasurer and Kim Gauthier, Clerk presented the town financial reports showing revenue and expenditures from the last three years, along with a report of designated funds and cemetery funds. The Financial Reports are reproduced on the pages following the minutes.

Mark Fetzer, Director of Public Works read the town road report which included 2015 completed road projects and proposed road projects for 2016. It was noted that the Town will receive a TRIP grant in the amount of \$25,000 for reconstruction of Black Lake Road. Chairman Kroll commented on the installation of road weight limits and their purpose in preserving town roads. He also asked if citizens were having issues with personal garbage pick-up, as he was made aware of Advanced Disposal refusing to pick up on town roads while weight limits were in force. The company had decided to station a truck at the town hall for drop off. It was noted that the town does not contract, nor charge for garbage pick-up and this is each residents choice of how to dispose of their trash.

Fire Chief, Mark Fetzer presented the Volunteer Fire Department report. In 2015, there were 181 fire and medical calls and the department has 30 volunteer members. Ed Hammer asked how the number of volunteers differ from five years ago, to which Chief Fetzer indicated there are slightly more with members in various positions. Dick Guidinger asked for statistics on St. Germain fire calls, to which Chairman Kroll noted the information will be requested. Lloyd Gauthier commented on the quality of the Newbold Fire Department and that his personal involvement with the department through the Sheriff's Office has been very positive.

Jodie Hess, Treasurer presented the Cemetery financial report which is reproduced on the pages following the minutes. She indicated that the ending 2015 fund balance is \$37,912.30. The sexton, Jeff Bowen, reported eleven burials this past year.

Jim Staskiewicz, Town Lakes Committee Chairman reported on the committee's activities throughout the year. He noted that the committee, represented by various town lake associations, has been working on a video of the lakes in Newbold and the importance of preservation. The group plans to hold a lakes craft and flea market this July at the town hall.

Pete Cody, Outdoor Recreation Committee Chairman reported that committee reports monthly to the town board and a copy of the committee minutes can be found on the town website. He noted that recent committee progress included naming the disc golf course at the recreation area, "Rookery Run". Many volunteer hours have been put in clearing trees and brush in the fairways. A schedule of tasks was established by the committee for the remainder of the year and volunteer work days will be announced. The opening date is yet to be determined, but anticipated beyond this year.

Discussion was open for input by the electors, as allowed by State statute. Mr. Cody indicated that the town hall needs improvements and asked if the town board has had any discussion on this matter. Mr. and Mrs. Cody expressed their concern on the in-efficiency of the building and heat loss, to which a *Motion was made by Jackie Cody that the Newbold board form a committee including the Newbold Town Clerk to develop proposals to update the Newbold town hall. The motion was seconded by Jim Winkler and opened up for discussion.* Supervisor, Jim Staskiewicz commented on an energy study the board obtained a few years ago, when there were issues with the furnaces for both sides of the building and leaking roof problems. Mrs. Cody recommended the board also include citizens in the committee. Mr. Knuth also requested the committee consider solar energy, as a consideration. Chairman Kroll noted that this is an advisory motion and called for a voice vote, of which the majority were yes with no nays. It was decided the motion would be discussed further at the next town board meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn by Jackie Cody and Tom Rudolph at 7:44 p.m. That motion carried on a voice vote of all ayes and zero nays.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Kim Gauthier, Newbold Town Clerk