

## **TOWN OF NEWBOLD ANNUAL MEETING**

### **April 20, 2021**

The Town of Newbold Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Newbold Town Hall, 4608 Apperson Drive, 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 and Dave Kroll; along with Kim Gauthier, Clerk; Jodie Hess, Treasurer, along with Public Works Director and Fire Chief, Mark Fetzer. Supervisors Mike McKenzie and Mike Sueflohn were absent and excused. Eight town citizens were also present.

Chairman Kroll led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. It was also noted the notice was posted on three bulletin boards in the town and on the town website. 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 ten days to be a qualified voter.

The minutes of the December 7, 2020 Budget Hearing were read and approved on a motion made by Pete Cody and Jackie Cody.

Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer presented the town financial reports of revenue, expenses and designated funds along with actual 2020 ending fund balances.

Mark Fetzer, Director of Public Works read the town road report noting completed 2020 road projects and proposed 2021 road projects approved by the board.

Fire Chief, Mark Fetzer presented the Volunteer Fire Department report. In 2020 the department had thirty members who responded to 195 calls, of which 65 were fire or rescue related. The department has 11 medical first responders who responded to 130 calls. The search and rescue team with K-9's responded to 12 searches and continue to train every Saturday. Two brush trucks were purchased in 2019 from the DNR and in 2020, the McNaughton Correctional crew was able to paint them red with only the cost of materials needed by the town.

Jodie Hess, Treasurer, read the Cemetery report produced and provided by Jeff Bowen. The 2020 year-end balance was \$26,095.67. There were 16 burials in 2020.

Pete Cody, Outdoor Recreation Committee Chairman reported on committee activity noting there were 244 volunteer hours spent at the Newbold Outdoor Recreation Area (NORA) on Ole Lake Road and on bike trail work. Two benches were installed at to NORA through donations, a new chain saw was purchased, the parking lot expansion project was complete, surveillance cameras monitored and complaints filed with the sheriff's office when necessary. It was reported that a total of \$66,186 in donations have been made to Newbold silent sports over the years.

A Town Building Committee Report was provided by Chairman, Jim Staskiewicz, who indicated after the failed building referendum vote, the building committee met yesterday and will make a recommendation to the town board for discussion at the May 13<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

The town board received citizen input on other town matters. David Schmitz commented

on the status of community work to retain Town Line Lake Park which was established as a county park in 1916. He indicated the town board supported retaining the park as a public use in light of the counties proposal to sell a portion. Mr. Schmitz read a resolution for citizen consideration and made a motion to pass the resolution as read. No second, therefore the motion failed.

Dan Hess commented on the possible federal grant municipalities are to receive under the American Rescue Act, noting loss of revenue and interest income could be awarded to the town.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:39 p.m., by Jackie Cody and Pete Cody.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Kim Gauthier, Newbold Town Clerk