

Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022

The Town of Newbold Town Board, met on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 10:00 a.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. Absent and excused were Supervisor Mike McKenzie and Treasurer, Jodie Hess. Also present were two citizen members and Keller, Inc. staff.

Chairman Kroll called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and verified the agenda was properly noticed to the public.

Public Comment.

Mr. Scott Eshelman thanked the board for their willingness to serve the town and noted he heard there was overwhelming support by the taxpayers in favor of constructing a new town hall building. Mr. Eshelman cautioned the board not to not do something frugal, but to construct a hall that will last and makes the public proud.

Mrs. Ann Eshelman asked the board to consider solar energy for the new town hall, as she has had very good luck with solar. Mrs. Eshelman asked the board to consider installation of solar energy and if it has not been considered, she asked for an explanation why it has not.

Discussion and action on application and borrowing resolution with the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands to borrow funds and levy tax.

The town board received a copy of the packet of paperwork from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL) state trust fund loan program for review prior to the meeting.

The Treasurer, Jodie Hess appeared by telephone and indicated she received the paperwork also and discussed the availability of the initial payment needed to Keller, Inc. at their request of \$300,000 by October 1, 2022. It was decided by the town board to request the full disbursement of the \$1.5 million for August 1, 2022.

Chairman Kroll read the statement of the application for a loan of \$1,500,000.00 from the Trust Funds of the State of Wisconsin for the purpose of financing the construction of a new town hall building was read into the record and signed by the Town Board of Supervisors and affirmed by the Town Clerk, Kim Gauthier.

Chairman Kroll read into the record BCPL preamble and resolutions provided by the BCPL. *Motion by Jim Staskiewicz and Dan Hess to adopt the BCPL Trust fund loan resolution and preamble as read. That motion carried on a roll call vote of; Hess, yes; Sueflohn, yes; Staskiewicz, yes; Kroll, yes and McKenzie, absent. The motion carried on a vote of 4 yes, zero (0) no and 1 absent.*

The Clerk completed the affidavit of equalized value and indebtedness on behalf of the town.

The town currently has no indebtedness and equalized value is reported at \$547,271,000.

The Clerk will forward the application and special town board meeting minutes to the BCPL.

Discussion and action on proposed town hall project with Keller, Inc. staff and design team.

Town board discussion on building interior design, finishing's, flooring, wall colors, etc. with Stephanie and Kayla and Devin of Keller, Inc. Many decisions made and further discussion was scheduled for June 23rd and June 30th.

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.

Chief Fetzer is requesting board consideration of utilizing the existing town hall as a fire training exercise. Devin indicated a slight concern for the block structure but the board will make a decision at a future meeting. Demolition is scheduled for the first week in September, 2022.

Public Comment and Communication Period per Wisconsin Statutes whereby the Town Board may receive input on any matter raised by the public. No other public comment.

Adjourned at 12:08 p.m., with no objection.

Respectfully submitted by
Kim Gauthier, Newbold Town Clerk