

Minutes of the Town of Newbold Town Board Finance and Regular Town Board Meeting held on Thursday, June 10, 2021

The Town of Newbold Town Board met on **Thursday, June 10, 2021** at 6:00 p.m. for the Town Board Finance meeting and Regular Monthly Meeting, at the Town of Newbold Town Hall, 4608 Apperson Drive, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, Oneida County, Wisconsin. The following were in attendance: Chairman Dave Kroll; Supervisors, Bob Metropulos, Jim Staskiewicz, Mike Suefloh, Mike McKenzie; along with Kim Gauthier, Clerk. Jodie Hess, Treasurer was absent and excused.

The finance meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Kroll at 6:00 p.m.

Budget Transfers and Approval of Disbursements:

Motion made by Mr. Suefloh and Mr. McKenzie to approve bills and disbursements as presented. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

Financial reports received included the budget expenditure report showing the town at 39% expenditures year to date.

The finance meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m., on a motion made by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Suefloh with no objections.

Regular Town Board Meeting: Chairman Kroll called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., led the pledge of allegiance. The Clerk verified that the meeting was properly noticed to the public on all three town bulletin boards. The agenda was also posted on the town website.

Public comment and communication whereby the Town Board may receive input on any matter raised by the public.

Mike Ostrad commented that he will be purchasing the former McNaughton Pub on June 25th and would like to secure the liquor license.

Jackie Cody asked why she was not contacted about agenda item thirteen, her email correspondence or if legal counsel was contacted. Mrs. Cody commented that she refuses to remain silent on the needs of the buildings since 2/3 of the town hall is not usable nor accessible when one would expect bathrooms in a public building would be accessible. Mrs. Cody encouraged the town board to think about someone in a wheelchair and the difficulty the building poses for bathroom accessibility along with a non-compliant entrance, fixtures and floor space.

Approval of prior Town Board Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Suefloh and Mr. Metropulos to approve the minutes of May 27, 2021, as amended by Chairman Kroll. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

Monthly Town Assessor Report by Jef Muelver, Town Assessor:

Mr. Muelver provided the board with a written report and noted the municipal assessment report will be filed with the State by June 14th.

Discussion and action on resolution proposed by Town Assessor related to LRB21-0322/1, elimination of personal property tax. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

County Board of Supervisors Report: No report provided at this time.

Library Report by Newbold Representative:

This item was tabled, as the library board did not hold its monthly meeting prior to this meeting.

Discussion and action on Oneida County Zoning Requests, Plan Commission and Citizen Zoning Requests, if any along with Plan Commission Chairman's Report:

Mr. Sueflohn indicated the commission met on June 3rd and discussed the comprehensive plan. It is planned that the commission will present the plan to the town board yet this summer.

Discussion and action on town Building Committee recommendation on the town shop upgrades and/or construction.

Mr. Staskiewicz, Building Committee Chairman indicated the committee met on June 7th and the majority of the members recommended the town shop be built as previously presented and be taken to a special meeting of the electors. The recommendation is also that the town hall be remodeled and the town board look for funding or financing. If the town board does not move forward then the Town Chairman be the one to contact Mr. Verdoorn to reject the \$100,000 grant for the town hall bathroom accessibility improvement portion of the proposal. The committee will also ask the Town Treasurer to create a mock or sample tax bill showing the proposed tax increase to clear up misinformation circulated in the community about the percentage of increase in taxes if the project moved forward. The percentage of tax increase would ONLY effect the Town of Newbold portion of the tax bill and not the overall total bill. It was also recommended that a state electrical inspection be conducted.

A motion was made by Mr. Sueflohn and Mr. Metropulos to approve the building committee recommendation as presented. That motion was withdrawn after further discussion.

Discussion on a state building inspection and documentation of such inspection.

A motion was made by Mr. Sueflohn and Mr. Staskiewicz to request that both buildings be inspected by the state electrical inspector and a report be forwarded to the town board. That motion was withdrawn after further discussion.

Chairman Kroll asked that the Chairman of the committee, Mr. Staskiewicz contact the state electrical inspector. Discussion and allegation by the Chairman if the building committee is seeking the inspection to have the building shut down. Mr. McKenzie requested that any electrical problems be fixed.

A motion was made by Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Sueflohn to address the issues brought up in the Funktion Design report and bring in a professional electrician to look at the deficiencies of both buildings and then obtain quotes from multiple electricians. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye. Chairman Kroll asked that Mr. Fetzer obtain a copy of the Funktion Design report and have an electrician look at those deficiencies.

Discussion and action on Jackie Cody's email correspondence of May 13 and May 30, 2021 to the Town Board related to town building projects.

Chairman Kroll commented that no legal counsel was sought as asked by Mrs. Cody. The purpose for the agenda item was due to other board members wanting to discuss the concerns brought up without creating a walking quorum. No further comments by the board.

Discussion and action on various bartender operator license applications.

The Clerk presented the following applications to the board: Richard Kotula, Dusti Webber, William Bishop, Linda Choinski, Ed Choinski, Karlee Juedes, Christine Sciortino, Amanda Billert, Jodi Amen, Jamie Wells and Kelly O'Hare.

A motion was made by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Metropulos to approve the list of bartender applications as presented by the Clerk. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

Applications turned over for consideration to the board from Karrie Liebherr (Evans) with a review of the background information found and convicted of recently which was not reported in entirety on the application form. The board decided there was a reporting error on the recent conviction of OWI that was no longer in pending status. *A motion was made by Mr. Kroll and Mr. Metropulos to approve the bartender application of Karrie A. Liebherr. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Discussion and action on liquor license applications for Class B beer & liquor for LT Dreamz, LLC (Lizzy T's); Charles Hunter (River Street Tap); Vicky Miller (Miller's Club 47); Baraboo State Bank (McNaughton Pub); MACKZ Hideaway; T.A. Solberg Co. (Tasmania); Flyin Finn Pub & Resort, LLC; Joseph Reid (Spang's Restaurant); JKR LLC (Whispering Pine Lodge); Karen Ives-Gray (KAIG Stand); Woodpecker Bar & Grill; RJ Kotula LLC (Backwaters Bar & Grill); Woodcrest Holdings, LLC (The Pines Event Center).

The Clerk presented the above applications to the town board. It was noted that applications were not received by the timeline from Lake Nokomis Cranberries, Miller's Club 47, KAIG Stand and McNaughton Pub/Baraboo State Bank. There is also outstanding personal property taxes due the town from Woodpecker Bar and Grill and Miller's Club 47. The town also received notification of outstanding debt to a distributor regarding Miller's Club 47. Those applications will be on the last meeting agenda in June with current licenses expiring on July 1, 2021.

A motion was made by Mr. Suefloh and Mr. McKenzie to approve the liquor license applications for LT Dreamz, Charles Hunter, MACKZ Hideaway, T.A. Solberg Co, Flyin Finn Pub & Resort, Joseph Reid, JKR LLC, RJ Kotula LLC and Woodcrest Holdings, LLC, as presented. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

A motion was made by Mr. Suefloh and Mr. Metropulos to approve Woodpecker Bar & Grill contingent on payment of personal property delinquent taxes. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

Discussion and action on liquor license application for a Class A liquor & beer license for Lake Nokomis Cranberries, Inc.

Tabled until the next meeting.

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 scheduled for June 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.; Open book with the Town Assessor on June 17th; Board of Review on June 25th at 3:00 p.m. and Public Hearing on Bass Lake ordinance on June 26th at 10:00 a.m.

The Clerk provided an update on the Dept. of Revenue webinar she attended regarding the American Rescue Plan Act funds and the reporting form deadline of June 18th. A special town board meeting was scheduled to discuss ARPA and possible utilization of funds was scheduled for June 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment Period:

Pete Cody commented that he has worked with state inspectors over the years and it's a practice that they would follow up with reports, but the lack of recently may be due to departmentalization because of ACT10. He also noted that any citizen can initiate an inspection with a complaint and the board should not bully citizens who want to make a complaint.

Jackie Cody commented on the years she has been a citizen and her right to comment. She noted that sixty-seven percent of the people did not vote on the referendum question and left it up to the board. At the ATV referendum vote it was also up to the board and you moved forward. Mrs. Cody also expressed her concern that some board members still haven't looked at the information provided and it would be prudent to correct the accessibility issues.

Adjournment. *The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m., by Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Staskiewicz, with no objections.*

Respectfully Submitted by
Kim Gauthier, Newbold Town Clerk