

Minutes of the Town of Newbold Town Board Finance and Regular Town Board Meeting held on Thursday, February 9, 2023

The Town of Newbold Town Board met on **Thursday, February 9, 2023** at 6:00 p.m. for the Town Board Finance meeting and Regular Monthly Meeting, at the Newbold Fire Station, 4588 Highway 47, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, Oneida County, Wisconsin. The following were in attendance: Chairman, Dave Kroll; Supervisors, Mike Sueflohn, Mike McKenzie and Dan Hess; Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer.

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

Budget Transfers and Approval of Disbursements:

Motion by Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Sueflohn to approve the February tax settlement transfers from General Fund to designated VFD equipment fund \$45,703.39; to designated first responders \$3,264.52; to designated bridge fund \$1,305.81; to designated transportation equipment \$31,992.37; to designated town shop \$24,157.51; to transportation budget supplies & repair insurance reimbursement in the amount of \$1,431.25 and transfer from designated NORA funds to NORA 2023 budget in the amount of \$1,000. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

Motion by Mr. Sueflohn and Mr. Hess to approve the bills and disbursements, as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

Financial reports received including banking summary, cash status and designated funds reports, along with a report of budget vs y-t-d actual from the Clerk and Treasurer.

Adjourn finance meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Regular Town Board Meeting: Chairman Kroll called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and led the pledge of allegiance. Clerk Gauthier verified the meeting was properly noticed on three Town bulletin boards and included on the town website.

Chairman Kroll announced the resignation of Mr. Jim Staskiewicz from the board. Mr. Staskiewicz was arrested yesterday for potential election fraud and misconduct in public office. He sent the Chairman his resignation and apology for shaming the town and town public officials. Chairman Kroll acknowledge Mr. Staskiewicz' over ten years of service to the town.

Public comment and communication whereby the Town Board may receive input on any matters raised by the public. None.

Approval of prior Town Board Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Sueflohn and Mr. McKenzie to approve the January 26, 2023 town board meeting minutes as presented. 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 drafted letter Mr. Muelver anticipates sending to Government Brands Shared Services regarding assessment data set information.

Monthly District Library report by Newbold representative.

Petra was present and noted the next library board meeting is scheduled for next week.

County Board of Supervisors Report: Mr. Winkler was present and provided the board with information regarding the PACE program energy assistance for commercial buildings. Mr. Winkler spoke on county board discussion regarding wake boards on county lakes, grant initiative for a pier at Townline Lake and that forestry department stumpage sales are down and social services budget will show a deficit.

Discussion and possible action on updates to the town building project and any other town building project matters. Mr. Hess noted he spoke with Devin at Keller, Inc. about planning for conduit and fiber optics to the new town community center. This is alternate option number five and will be discussed further as the project progresses. Mr. Hess and Mrs. Gauthier reported on their contact with the CBGD (community block grant on development) coordinator and it is believed the town building project would not qualify with the median income and plan for town offices in the community building. The grant also does not apply to public works buildings.

Discussion and possible action and updates on Fundraising Activity for the new town community center. Mr. Hess indicated the fundraiser commitments to date total \$15,158.

Discussion and action on Oneida County Zoning Requests, Plan Commission and Citizen Zoning Requests, if any along with Plan Commission Chairman's Report. Mr. Suefloh, Commission Chairman indicated the commission reviewed an application for tourist rooming last week. There was a need for clarification by the county on condition number two, minimum rental. Mr. Ridderbusch, Oneida County Zoning staff member was present and indicated the county is having further discussions on the ordinance language. The department director believes there may be a conflict with county ordinance and state statute and this will be addressed at the county level.

Discussion and action on Administrative Review Permit (ARP) application by Joseph Bolden, owner, to rent the dwelling as a Tourist Rooming House for no less than (7) consecutive days on the following described property: Part of Government Lot 9, Section 25, T37N, R8E, PIN #248-7, 4184 Bass Bay Dr., Town of Newbold.

Motion by Mr. Hess and Mr. McKenzie to recommend approval of the permit for Joseph Bolden to operate a tourist rooming house at 4184 Bass Bay Drive, subject to condition number two and payment of the town fee. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

Discussion and action on US Dept. of Transportation 2023 RAISE Grant program.

Mr. Hess and Mr. Fetzer, Public Works Director attended the grant webinar and reported the federal RAISE grant has a lot of criteria which the town may not meet, including the ability to spend one million dollars on a road project. The board discussed further research and not pursue the first round due February 28th and focus on the WIDOT grant due March 20th.

Discussion and action on bartender license application(s).

Clerk, Mrs. Gauthier presented an application and information from Amber Parker submitted to the town. The fee due is \$25, however only \$15 of that was received. There were no other concerns by the Clerk for recommending approval.

Motion by Mr. Hess and Mr. Suefloh to approve the bartender license application of Amber Parker contingent on full payment of the fee. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

Report on comments from Newbold Outdoor Recreation Area/ Rookery Run.

Clerk, Mrs. Gauthier reported to the board comments received through the NORA/Rookery Run comment box and donation envelopes and read the comments of which were all extremely positive and from a vast location of users. Also noted by Mrs. Gauthier is the Google Maps data of the town

park which for the month of January 2023, as 63 users asked for directions, 8 users viewed the town website and 1 user made phone contact.

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 scheduled for February 23, 2023.

Primary Election scheduled for February 21, 2023.

Mr. Hess commented on the Governors initiative in the state budget to focus on local government financial needs.

Public Comment Period. Nick Vos was present and announced he is a candidate for town supervisor.

Jef Muelver commented on the shared revenue issue discussed with the Wisconsin Towns Association and the adverse effect of school funding in rural areas of our state.

Chairman Kroll asked that in Mr. Hess's contacts with representatives he remind legislatures of the town powers under chapter 60.10, which gives authority to set the levy to the citizens.

Adjournment. *The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m., with no objections.*

Respectfully Submitted by
Kim Gauthier, Newbold Town Clerk