

Minutes of the Town of Newbold Town Board Finance and Regular Town Board Meeting held on Thursday, February 11, 2021

The Town of Newbold Town Board met on **Thursday, February 11, 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: Supervisors, Bob Metropulos, Jim Staskiewicz, Mike Sueflohn and Mike McKenzie along with Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer. Chairman Dave Kroll was absent and excused. Mr. Metropulos chaired the meeting.

The finance meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Bob Metropulos at 6:00 p.m.

Budget Transfers and Approval of Disbursements:

A motion was made by Jim Staskiewicz and Mike McKenzie to approve the transfer of \$6100.00 from the Designated Newbold Outdoor Recreation Area to the 2021 NORA budget and a transfer of \$112 from the General Fund to Deputy Treasurer Budget. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

A motion was made by Jim Staskiewicz and Mike Sueflohn to approve bills and disbursements as presented. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

Financial reports were received. Treasurer, Jodie Hess noted that \$2.5 million in tax payments have been received through the January 31st collection period. In person tax collection did not take place this year due to the pandemic, however the drop box was very well received and utilized. Clerk, Kim Gauthier noted 14.8% of the 2021 budget has been expended to date.

Preliminary discussion on financing options available for proposed building projects. The Clerk requested the board discuss funding options if the referendum is passed and consider any budget surplus be applied to the funding. The Treasurer reported the current interest rates as follows: State Board of Commission at 4% and local Peoples State Bank at 2.85% for twenty-years. No further discussion took place.

The finance meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m., on a motion made by Jim Staskiewicz and Mike McKenzie with no objections.

Regular Town Board Meeting: Supervisor, Metropulos 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.

Approval of prior Town Board Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Mike Sueflohn and Mike McKenzie to approve the January 28, 2021 regular town board meeting minutes, as presented. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

Monthly Town Assessor Report by Jef Muelver, Town Assessor:

Mr. Muelver was present and provided a written report. Mr. Muelver reported five new parcel permits have been issued for 2021 thus far; two parcels were deleted; 209 ownership changes; 4,618 legal description changes.

County Board of Supervisors Report:

Mr. Winkler was present and reported the county board is working on an ordinance for large manure operations, Crescent Lake is in the process of applying for a lake district. Mr. Winkler has received calls from citizens regarding efforts to retain Townline Lake Park and improve the county owned park along with questions about municipal voting machines in the county.

Monthly District Library Report by Newbold Representative:

Representative, Carla Chropkowski was present and reported the library is not currently open to the public, however curbside service is available. The library phones were down for a few days and upgrades may be sought, crafter noon's are back and the children's program was holding an event tonight at the dome.

Update by clerk on town purchased Image Cast Evolution voting machines:

Clerk, Kim Gauthier provided a handout to the board and audience with voting machine information pertaining to the new county-wide I.C.E. machine which was made by Dominion. Since the November Presidential election, the Dominion Company has been accused of making machines that do not count votes properly. The Clerk wanted to address possible concerns with Newbold machines and provided Wisconsin criteria and law pertaining to certifying and testing all voting machines. Programming of the Newbold machines is done by Command Central and no uploading nor internet based connections are utilized. Ms. Gauthier also noted there is always a paper record of all ballots which is subject to hand count and recounting if required.

Plan Commission and Citizen Zoning Requests:

Mr. Sueflohn indicated the commission will meet next March 4th and review an administrative review at that time.

Discussion and action on bartender/operator's license application of Joseph W. Schneider, Jr. The Clerk presented an application for operator's license along with background information and fees submitted. There were no concerns reported. *A motion was made by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Sueflohn to approve the bartender application of Joseph W. Schneider as presented. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Discussion and possible action on County Zoning request for input on recreational vehicles and detached garages used as dwellings.

Mr. Sueflohn indicated his belief that the county is having issues with some using campers as dwellings and complaints with tourist rooming homes for the draft ordinance scheduled for a public hearing on February 17th at 2:00 p.m. No comments received by the town board of supervisors.

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 February 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Public Comment Period: Public comment received regarding objection to the possible sale of Townline Lake Park in objection. Mr. Cody asked that the town board take this matter up at a town board meeting and take a position that the park be retained and not support the sale of the park, but bring it up to appropriate standards of a public park.

Public comment received noting that twice the Clerk has asked the town board if the town wants to utilize funds towards the building projects in goodwill of our tax payers and devote excess funds to

a possible loan, but still no discussion takes place. Mrs. Cody also commented that a tourist rooming tax ordinance is not a referendum matter as previously discussed by the board, but a town board decision since it has no bearing on citizens as a whole.

Adjournment. *The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m., by Jim Staskiewicz and Mike Sueflohn, with no objections.*

Respectfully Submitted by
Kim Gauthier, Newbold Town Clerk