

## **Minutes of the Town of Newbold Town Board Regular Town Board Meeting held on Thursday, February 25, 2021**

The Town of Newbold, Town Board, met on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., for the Town Board Regular Monthly Meeting, held at the 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 McKenzie and Mike Suefloh, Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer were present. Chairman, Dave Kroll called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., led the audience in the pledge of allegiance and the Clerk verified the agenda was properly noticed to the public.

**Approval of prior town meeting minutes.** *A motion was made by Jim Staskiewicz and Bob Metropulos to approve the town board regular and finance meeting minutes of February 25, 2021, as corrected. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye. Dave Kroll abstained.*

**County Board of Supervisors report** by Newbold Representatives. Mr. Winkler was absent and excused.

**Volunteer Fire Department activity** by Chief, Mark Fetzer. Reports received. Chief Fetzer reported 4 fire calls this past month and 12 first responder calls.

**Monthly Report of Public Works Department** activity by Public Works Director, Mark Fetzer. Report received and noted this has been a very mild winter and still have over half of the stockpile of sand left. Maintenance of equipment continues, along with brushing and some tree removal at the recreation area.

**Monthly Outdoor Recreation Committee Report** by Committee Chairman, Pete Cody. Mr. Cody presented a written report of NORC activity which includes a meeting in January and continual monitoring the privy at the recreation area including snow removal. Chairman Kroll asked Mr. Fetzer to have public works remove snow from the bathroom doors when plowing the parking lot. Trail use continues and it was reported a four-year old was snowshoeing with family recently.

**Monthly town building committee report** by Committee Chairman, Jim Staskiewicz. The committee will meet again on March 2<sup>nd</sup> to finalize preparations for the informational meetings.

**Discussion and update on public presentations scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup>.** Mrs. Gauthier provided the board with a copy of a press release draft announcing the presentation meetings. Mrs. Gauthier has coordinated audio visual equipment needs with Assistant Fire Chief, Steve Siefert. Mrs. Gauthier is requesting to purchase a portable screen in the amount of \$185, to which the board had no objection. The public works department will set up chairs in the fire station and move trucks out of the bays.

**Discussion and action on citizen request to consider adopting a town-wide Room Tax with additional research being reported and considered.**

Chairman Kroll indicated input was sought from the Wisconsin Towns Association. A copy of Wis. Statute 66.0615, was provided along with a copy of the Town of Buffalo's ordinance. To enact a tourist committee would be needed and at least seventy percent of fees collected must be used for tourism. Chairman Kroll reports that county health records indicate fifteen to twenty

units are currently in the program in the Town of Newbold. The board decided to not pursue a room tax fee, nor an ordinance.

**Discussion and action on Oneida County Zoning requests, Plan Commission** and citizen zoning requests and chairman's report. Mr. Suefloh reports the commission will review a tourist rooming application at the next meeting in March and future comprehensive plan work will continue until its completion.

**Discussion and possible action on Oneida County Planning and Development public hearing on POWTS (private on site water treatment system) fee to property owners.** The county has issued notice of a public hearing on March 3, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss adding a fee to property owners for the department's maintenance of these records. For information only.

**Approval and Payment of any bills and/or funds adjustments.** *A motion was made by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Metropulos to approve bills and disbursements as presented. That motion carried with on a voice vote, all ayes.*  
*A motion was made by Mr. Suefloh and Mr. McKenzie to approve transfers to designated funds in the amount of \$93,574.99 after February tax settlement and transfer from general fund to public landings budget in the amount of \$1,000 due to a DNR grant for Two Sisters Lake Association CBCW grant distribution. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

**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 March 11, 2021. Chairman Kroll reminded the board of the information meetings on the referendum vote and building projects are set for March 9<sup>th</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup> and asked that as many board members attend as possible.

Chairman Kroll informed the board of a property owner access deed along the bike trail is named private property of the Meinder family. Snowmobile access was not granted by the property owner. Discussion on clarifying "motorized vehicles" not permitted on the trail to not include snowmobiles. The Clerk asked for better signage to clarify this, as citizens question the activity.

**Public comment and communication** period per Wisconsin statutes whereby the town board may receive input on any matter raised by the public.

Pete Cody requested the form to order trees as done last year. He also commented on the use of snowmobiles on the bike trail and that his understanding is that they are allowed in the sections that are on DOT highway right-of-way.

*The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m., on a motion made by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Metropulos, with no objection.*

Respectfully submitted by

Kim Gauthier, Town Clerk