

Minutes of the Town of Newbold Regular Town Board Meeting held on Thursday, February 27, 2020

The Town of Newbold Town Board met on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., for the Town Board Regular Monthly Meeting, at the Town of Newbold Town Hall, 4608 Apperson Drive, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, Oneida County, Wisconsin.

The **regular town board meeting** was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by Chairman Kroll, who led the audience in the pledge of allegiance. The Clerk verified the agenda was properly noticed to the public on all three town bulletin boards. The following were in attendance: Dave Kroll, Chairman; Bob Metropulos, Jim Staskiewicz, Ed Hammer and Mike McKenzie, Supervisors; Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer.

*A motion was made by Mr. Metropulos and Mr. McKenzie to approve the town board regular and finance **meeting minutes** of February 13, 2020, as amended. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

District Library report by Newbold representative. Jane Roe was present and indicated Mr. Tom, Assistant Director and Children's Dept. Director is retiring today. The library is closed March 4th for in-service. Upcoming programs were discussed and the total Newbold circulations for last month were 1,460. Mrs. Roe is stepping down from her library duties on behalf of the town. This was her last report. The board thanked her for all her years of serving Newbold.

Discussion and possible action on **upcoming Library Representative Vacancy**. Ms. Carla Cropkowski expressed interest in the vacancy and was also present. Mrs. Roe will not be able to fill this roll through April and will resign effective today, due to travel obligations. Mr. Gauthier will continue as the other Newbold representative. Ms. Cropkowski has served on the library foundation and is a Newbold resident. *A motion was made by Ed Hammer and Jim Staskiewicz to approve the appointment of Carla Cropkowski as the second Newbold Library Representative. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

County Board of Supervisors Report by Newbold Representative. Mr. Winkler was absent and excused.

Monthly **Newbold Outdoor Recreation Committee report** by Committee Chairman, Pete Cody. Mr. Cody presented a written report of activity.

Discussion and action on **purchase of trees for planting at N.O.R.A.** The recreation committee recommended purchasing several tree plugs for planting at the recreation area. *A motion was made by Mr. Hammer and Mr. Staskiewicz to approve the purchase of \$135 worth of tree plugs as requested on the order form provided, by the Newbold Outdoor Recreation Committee. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Monthly **Town Building Committee report** by Committee Chairman, Ed Hammer. Mr. Hammer indicated the committee has made contact with the owners of the former school and discussed an undisclosed possible price. The building committee will meet in March to discuss a plan recommendation of the town hall and shop that will then be presented to the town board. The committee would also like the town board to consider additional purchase of services with Funktion Design at the next town board meeting.

Discussion and action on Oneida County Zoning requests, **Plan Commission** and citizen zoning requests and chairman's report. Mr. Hammer indicated the commission will continue work on the comprehensive plan next week.

Discussion and action on a **town hall color copier purchase**. Mrs. Gauthier provided the board with two proposals for color copiers through EO Johnson in the amount of \$1132.35 or \$2389.24 plus an additional amount for a legal paper tray at \$249.38 or \$290 and maintenance/service plan with no contract fee, but a per page fee as indicated on the written proposals which includes toner, drums, parts and labor for repairs. *A motion was made by Mr. Hammer and Mr. McKenzie to approve the purchase of the Canon copy machine and legal paper tray, as presented. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Discussion and possible action on **purchase of town hall office chairs**. The board decided to table this item until further notice. No action taken.

Monthly **report of Volunteer Fire Department activity** by Chief Fetzer. Chief Fetzer returned from a fire call and presented a written report. There were eight fire calls in January and four First Responder calls.

Monthly **report of Public Works Department activity** by Public Works Director, Mark Fetzer. A written report was provided to the board. The road crew has been maintaining equipment, winging snow banks back and end loader use at intersections. The salted sand pile is down to about 300 cubic yds.

Discussion and action on **purchasing a snow bucket for the end loader**, as presented by Mr. Fetzer. The bucket is used at an estimated purchase price of \$3200. It would replace the current bucket with a larger scoop. The bucket would also need hook attachments in addition and installation and pick up by Mr. Fetzer. *A motion was made by Mr. Hammer and Mr. Staskiewicz to authorize Mr. Fetzer to purchase the used end loader bucket at a cost not to exceed \$3200, plus additional parts not to exceed a total of \$6000 total bucket and parts. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Discussion and action on **Local WTA unit meeting** topics to be hosted by Newbold officials. Chairman Kroll indicated he arranged for the League of Women Voters to attend along with a presentation of the T.I.S. grant work completed in Newbold. The meeting is Wednesday, April 22nd with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and presentations at 7:00 p.m., for those local WTA unit members.

Discussion and action on request by the **League of Women Voters to host a candidate forum** of Newbold County Board of Supervisor candidates for Dist. 10, Newbold. The proposed date is March 10th at 6:00 p.m., if the two candidates agree. *A motion was made by Ed Hammer and Jim Staskiewicz to waive the town hall rental fee for the non-profit group. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Approval and **payment of any bills and/or funds adjustments**. *A motion was made by Mr. Metropulos and Mr. Staskiewicz to approve the transfers from general fund to garage safety shoe & clothing allowance budget at \$700 and from designated capital equipment to transportation equipment budget in the amount of \$99,914.50 for a truck purchase and from the general fund to long range planning at \$3000 and to long range planning capital improvement budget at \$1250. Those transfers were approved on a voice vote motion of all aye. A motion was made by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. McKenzie to approve the bills and disbursements as presented. 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.

The next town **board meeting is scheduled** for March 12, 2020. Chairman Kroll will be absent and Mr. Metropulos will chair the meeting.

Clerk, Kim Gauthier provided a report of election activity from the February primary. Newbold had a 40% voter turnout in all wards combined. Nearly 700 voters passed through the town hall doors with nearly 100 appearing at the Ward 1 polling place. Mrs. Gauthier noted the biggest issue was keeping up with the snow and slush in the walkways outside, so to keep the floor dry inside.

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

Public comment received complimenting the road crew on a job well done on town roads this winter. Along with a compliment on the town efficiency in the election process, organization of the town, the outdoor recreation area, board conscientiousness of expenditures and the board separating itself from partisan matters.

Public request to place a poster on the bulletin board regarding a presentation of "United to Amend" (referendum question) being presented on March 19th. Chairman Kroll will consider the posting.

Adjournment. *The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m., by Mr. Hammer and Mr. McKenzie, with no objections.*

Respectfully submitted by Kim Gauthier, Town Clerk