

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

The Town of Newbold Town Board met on **Thursday, March 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: Chairman Dave Kroll; Supervisors, Bob Metropulos, Jim Staskiewicz, Mike Sueflohn and Mike McKenzie along with Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer.

The finance meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bob Metropulos at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Kroll arrived at 6:10 p.m.

### **Budget Transfers and Approval of Disbursements:**

*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 from the Clerk and Treasurer.

The finance meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m., on a motion made by Jim Staskiewicz and Bob Metropulos 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.

### **Approval of prior Town Board Meeting Minutes:**

*A motion was made by Mike Sueflohn and Bob Metropulos to approve the February 25, 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 discussed bill LRB-2042/1, and the effects on personal property tax.

### **County Board of Supervisors Report:**

Mr. Winkler was absent and excused.

### **Monthly District Library Report by Newbold Representative:**

Representative, Lloyd Gauthier was present and reported on the board's meeting of March 9<sup>th</sup>. Curbside pick-up continues with no in person library services. The library is scheduled to open for in person services on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The library is currently looking to hire staff. Mr. Gauthier submitted the annual 2020 Library Report to the town.

### **Plan Commission and Citizen Zoning Requests:**

Mr. Sueflohn indicated the commission met on March 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss an administrative review permit for tourist rooming house, owner John Linnemanstons. However, after meeting with Oneida County staff, Scott Ridderbusch to look at the property for observations this application was tabled. The applicant is being asked to reconsidering the proposed parking as there is very limited space in the driveway. The fee was received by the town, but no action taken. This permit will be reviewed at the April commission meeting.

**Discussion and action on bartender/operator's license application- Reconsideration of denied license of Roxanne Fortin to operate at KAIG Stand.**

The Clerk informed the board that a call was received from Ms. Fortin asking that the board consider issuing her a license since she was approved in the past. Ms. Fortin received the denial letter from the town advising her the bartender application was denied due to not providing background information on the application which, as stated on the form this may result in denial. Ms. Fortin indicated she would come to the meeting and re-apply. She was not present and no application received. No action.

**Request by Oneida County Public Works Committee to read into the record upcoming county highway construction referendum questions.**

The Clerk read into the record a memo received from Oneida County Public Works Committee dated February 25, 2021, regarding highway construction referendum questions.

**Discussion and action on request for partnership with WHIP, Wisconsin Headwaters Invasive Partnership.**

The town board received a letter requesting partnership from WHIP. The town previously worked with WHIP on an invasive plant study in Newbold and a grant was received for those efforts. *A motion was made by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. McKenzie to move forward with the partnership with WHIP, as presented. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.* Kathy King was present and thanked the board for the partnership and asked for consideration of also partnering with the Newbold Outdoor Recreation Committee on collaboration of efforts.

**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 March 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

The Clerk indicated the NORC is requesting to make a recommendation on Townline Lake Park at the next board meeting.

Chairman Kroll provided the board with an update on the town referendum question on the April 6<sup>th</sup> ballot due to citizen questions. The Chairman and Clerk met with legal counsel and under statute 60.10(2) only building or lease or acquire of property or lands need elector approval, which means the town hall remodeling project would not need elector approval. The town shop project does and must be held at a meeting of the electors, not through referendum. Therefore, the referendum question is advisory and the board will hold a future meeting of the electors. The recent informational meeting presentation material will be posted to the town website and possible use of videography at the next presentation scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Road limits are in effect until further notice and were in effect beginning at noon on March 10, 2021.

**Public Comment Period:**

Mr. Muelver commented the D.O.R. sales analysis was published and Newbold is at 98-100%. All is in really good shape with an 83% concentration.

Mr. Jaeger supports the invasive species partnership and recommends a committee be formed to continue the work in Newbold.

Mr. Cody commented the outdoor recreation committee has an interest in T.I.S. and will discuss further with Ms. King.

Mr. Cody also commented on how responsible the town has been with road maintenance with the funds available. He commented that Oneida County has allowed county roads to deteriorate over

the last twenty years, they have been negligent and does not support the referendum questions the county is proposing.

**Adjournment.** *The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m., by Mike McKenzie and Bob Metropulos, with no objections.*

Respectfully Submitted by  
Kim Gauthier, Newbold Town Clerk