

Minutes of the Town of Newbold Town Board Finance and Regular Town Board Meeting held on Thursday, March 12, 2020

The Town of Newbold Town Board met on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for the Town Board Finance meeting and 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 Newbold Town Board meet at 6:00 p.m. for the town board finance meeting. The following were in attendance: Bob Metropulos, Jim Staskiewicz, Ed Hammer and Mike McKenzie, Supervisors; Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer. Absent and excused was Chairman Dave Kroll.

Supervisor, Bob Metropulos called the **finance meeting** to order at 6:00 p.m. Approval and payment of **bills, receipt of financial reports** and approval of fund adjustments presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Hammer and Mr. Staskiewicz to approve the bills and disbursements as presented. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye. The financial reports were received and filed with the Clerk.

A motion was made by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Hammer to adjourn the finance meeting at 6:30 p.m. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

The **regular town board meeting** was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by Bob Metropulos in Chairman Kroll's absence. The audience was led in the pledge of allegiance. The Clerk verified the agenda was properly noticed to the public on all three town bulletin boards.

A motion was made by Mr. Hammer and Mr. McKenzie to approve the town board regular meeting minutes of February 27, 2020, as presented. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

Monthly **Assessor Report** by Town Assessor, Jef Muelver. Mr. Muelver provided a written report of activity and noted deadlines for reporting to the state.

Monthly **District Library Report** by Newbold Representative, Lloyd Gauthier. The 2019 annual library report was submitted to the Clerk for the Town record. The door count totaled 8,002 visitors to the library last month. Over 100 children attended a recent Dr. Seuss party held in the children's department.

County Board of Supervisors Report by Newbold Representative. Mr. Winkler was present and reported on conservation congress activity, county AIS grant and a mining application going before the county board soon. The U.W. Extension Coordinator position interviews are next week and the department plans to move to Nicolet College on April 1st. ADRC received a grant to run programs in area of volunteer services. Social Services is in need of foster families and hiring social workers. Water testing information through the county health department was given to the town board for information.

Monthly **Town Building Committee report** by Committee Chairman, Ed Hammer. Mr. Hammer indicated the committee recently made a recommendation to pursue the former school building as a potential town hall option, however the committee still needs to make a formal

decision recommending the town shop option chosen and will meet again on March 26th at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion and action on **additional services contract with Funktion Design** to provide building analysis information for additional meetings. *A motion made by Jim Staskiewicz and Mike McKenzie to approve additional services contract with Funktion Design as described. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Discussion and action on Oneida County Zoning requests, **Plan Commission** and citizen zoning requests and chairman's report. Mr. Hammer indicated the commission will meet in April to review a conditional use permit for a convention center at the former Pine Grove Church building. The commission will also continue comprehensive plan review. It was noted the Anderson vs Newbold land division case is in negotiations.

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 26, 2020. Agenda items will include action on the building committee recommendation, request purchasing benches for NORA.

It was also noted that town road weight restrictions went into effect on March 16th until further notice.

The Clerk indicated there was a request by Rural Mutual Insurance to provide the town with an insurance proposal.

The Clerk provided information on the pandemic effects on elections as provided by the Wisconsin Election Commission with recommended precautions for preventing COVID-19 spread at polling places.

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 from Mr. Pete Cody who indicated Mc Naughton Correctional removed trees at NORA to expand the parking lot and may come back with a chipper at a later date. Donations were received for NORA from Gail Fitzgerald and Kim Gauthier Family. Mr. Cody recommended the board purchase additional microphones for meetings.

Adjournment. *The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m., by Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Staskiewicz, with no objections.*

Respectfully submitted by Kim Gauthier, Town Clerk