

Minutes of the Town of Newbold Town Board Regular Town Board Meeting Held on Thursday, March 30, 2017

The Town of Newbold Town Board met on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., in open session for the Town Board Regular Monthly Meeting, at the Newbold Town Hall, Highway 47, North, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, Oneida County, Wisconsin. The following was discussed:

Chairman, Dave Kroll called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bob Metropulos, Jim Staskiewicz, Ed Hammer, Mike McKenzie Supervisors; Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer. Chairman Kroll led the audience in the pledge of allegiance. The Clerk verified that the amended agenda was properly posted.

Approval of prior Town Board Meeting Minutes. *A motion was made by Mr. Staskiewicz and seconded by Mr. Hammer to approve the regular town board meeting minutes of March 9, 2017, as presented along with the informational ATV/UTV referendum meeting minutes of March 25, 2017. That motion carried on a vote of all ayes and zero nays.*

Assessor's Report – Mike Muelver, Peterson Appraisals, Inc. was absent and excused.

Monthly Rhinelander District Library report by Town Representative. Jane Roe was present and provided the library annual report and statistics compared to other area library use. The building renovation committee received new quotes and a tour of the library is scheduled for April 7th. Program information was provided. The Friends of the Library will meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the library meeting room.

County Board of Supervisors Report. Mr. Winkler was present and commented on his attendance at a tourism meeting, along with comments on the recently approved Squash Lake District and the initiative to make this happen.

Discussion and action on grant application request by Mr. Winkler, County Board Representative. Mr. Winkler informed the town board and outdoor recreation committee of a possible grant that would benefit the construction of the Newbold Outdoor Recreation Area in coordination with UW Extension. The grant is called the Wisconsin Energy Innovation and has potential to grant \$10K to \$20K. UW Extension Director and Mr. Winkler are willing to assist the town with the process. *A motion was made by Mr. Hammer and seconded by Mr. Metropulos to approve applying for the energy grant subject to NORC recommendation. That motion carried on a vote of all ayes and zero nays.*

Discuss and act on Oneida County Zoning Requests, Plan Commission and Citizen Zoning request, if any. Chairman's Report. Mr. Hammer indicated a review was submitted by Wilderness Surveying, however, they pulled the request prior to a meeting being scheduled.

Monthly volunteer fire department report by Fire Chief, Mark Fetzer. Chief Fetzer had just come from several first responder calls and agreed to provide a written report at a later date. Chief Fetzer did report the department had responded to many trees on wires over the last month due to weather conditions, mutual aid to Rhinelander for a structure fire, and today a couple airboat assist calls from people falling through ice covered lakes. Chief

Fetzer indicated the repeater on the tower at station two has been operable for three weeks now and covers the Town from Highway K all the way up to Highway J. Northwood's Connect has installed their equipment on this tower and it is believed they are providing broad band service to that area.

Monthly Road Report by Public Works Director, Mark Fetzer. Mr. Fetzer indicated road weight limits were placed on all town roads on March 3rd. The road crew has worked on some minor tree trimming, machine shop work on equipment and began some brush work on roads within the last week. Since then, the brush machine has broken down and in repair. Mr. Fetzer noted it takes approximately one month to complete all the road sweeping in the town each Spring.

Discussion on possible 2017 road projects. Mr. Fetzer provided the town board with road bid specifications for the following proposed projects: Fog Seal, Chip Seal (various roads), resurfacing Bluegill Lake Road and Virgin Acres Drive and Ross Lane, reconstruction of Rosalie Lane per the private road owners request (public meeting to be scheduled on this matter), Northshore Drive reconstruction or paving and overlay vs. hot mix. It was noted that if the private road owners choose to have Rosalie Lane reconstructed, the town has a concern with meeting town standards since there are four driveways at a proposed cull-d-sac on this road. *A motion was made by Mr. Metropulos and seconded by Mr. McKenzie to approve the bid specifications as presented. That motion carried on a vote of all ayes and zero nays.* The Clerk will place the bid requests in the required publication and a town board decision will be made on April 27th.

Discussion and action on seasonal road weight limit policy. Chairman Kroll indicated it has been the town's unwritten policy that exceptions to the weight limits would be based on emergencies only, such as a need for propane. Chairman Kroll indicated it was thought to be State law under Stat. 348, however this applies to Class B roads which aren't town roads. Actually, Wisconsin Stat. 349, applies. Due to the inconsistencies in weather this Spring, Chairman Kroll recommends the Chairman and/or Public Works Director consider exceptions based on a case-by-case situation after evaluating the route to be taken, type of vehicle to be used, time of day and condition of the roads. It was noted that Newbold has over one-hundred miles of roads and each may thaw at different times of Spring. The town board agreed to proceed in this way with the Chairman or Mr. Fetzer making the determination.

Discussion and action on Rapids Road access per Oneida County Land Information request for clarification. Chairman Kroll provided the board with email correspondence from Oneida County with a request for clarification if the town was granted a deed from the County on the road. There was no evidence of the town having possession /deed for the portion in question. Chairman Kroll will advise the County.

Discussion on possible town hall interior improvements and/or repairs. Mr. Staskiewicz indicated he obtained two quotes for heavy duty carpeting squares in the vestibule area of the town hall. A quote from Country Charm in the amount of \$470.75 and Carpet City for \$950.00 were obtained. After discussion, it was decided further research was needed on the type of materials being compared. This will be discussed at the next town board meeting.

Discussion and action on bartender application for John M. Kempf, as presented by the Clerk. *A motion was made by Mr. Metropulos and seconded by Mr. McKenzie to approve the bartender application for John Kempf as presented. That motion carried on a vote of all ayes and zero nays.*

Approval of any bills and/or disbursements and any fund transfers. *A motion was made by Mr. Staskiewicz and seconded by Mr. Hammer to approve the funds transfer from the general fund to designated Newbold outdoor recreation area fund in the amount of \$1,115.00, as presented. That motion carried on a vote of all ayes and zero nays. A motion was made by Mr. Hammer and seconded by Mr. Metropulos to approve the bills and disbursements as presented. That motion carried on a vote of all ayes and zero nays.*

Administrative review and action, if necessary, concerning general government, public safety, recycling, sanitation, culture, education, job assignments, project updated, transportation, budget items, fund transfers, and future agenda items.

The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2017.

Discussion on holding a public hearing on Rosalie Lane reconstruction and cost estimates on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Public Comment and Communication Period per Wisconsin Statutes whereby the Town Board and discuss any matter raised by the public.

Pete Cody, NORC Chairman commented on the need for volunteers to help burn brush at the recreation area. He can be reached at 715-369-0309.

Adjournment was at 8:00 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Metropulos and seconded by Mr. Staskiewicz to adjourn. That motion carried on a vote of all ayes and zero nays.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Kim Gauthier, Newbold Town Clerk