

Minutes of the Town of Newbold Town Board Finance and Regular Town Board Meeting held on Thursday, April 8, 2021

The Town of Newbold Town Board met on **Thursday, April 8, 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, along with Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer. Mike McKenzie was absent and excused.

The finance meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Kroll at 6:04 p.m.

Budget Transfers and Approval of Disbursements:

A motion was made by Mike Sueflohn and Bob Metropulos 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 6:22 p.m., on a motion made by Jim Staskiewicz and Mike Sueflohn 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 Jim Staskiewicz and Bob Metropulos to approve the March 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 LRB21-0322/1, which would eliminate personal property tax. The effect on Newbold, if passed, would mean \$525,600 would come off the equalized value or \$7,616 reduction in tax revenue. Mr. Muelver will provide a resolution for board consideration regarding this bill and present at the May 13th meeting.

County Board of Supervisors Report:

Mr. Winkler was absent and excused. Chairman Kroll noted that Michael Roach was appointed to the County Board of Supervisors representing Newbold District 15 and Lake Tomahawk.

Plan Commission and Citizen Zoning Requests:

Mr. Sueflohn indicated the commission met on April 1st and discussed the following reviews:

Discussion and action on Administrative Review Permit application of John Linnemanstons Etal (7 owners), to rent the dwelling as a tourist rooming house for no less than seven consecutive days on the following described property; part of Govt. Lot 3, Section 110, T38N, R8E, 6218 Ridgeway Drive, PIN NE-541-10, Town of Newbold.

The commission recommends approval based on the recommendations established on the last page of the application and as recommended by Oneida County. *A motion was made by Mr. Sueflohn and Mr. Staskiewicz to approve the application for John Linnemanstons Etal to rent the*

dwelling presented with the recommendations established in the application. That motion carried on Mr. Kroll, Mr. Sueflohn, Mr. Staskiewicz, aye and Mr. Metropulos, nay.

Discussion and action on Rezone Petition #3-2021, to rezone property from District #1A Forestry to District #5 Recreational for properties described as; North ½ of the SE NW and NW NE, Section 8 T39N, R8E, Town of Newbold.

Mr. Sueflohn indicated the Plan Commission reviewed the request by Glenn Schiffmann to rezone from Forestry to Recreational as described. The only concern was that of the effect on the neighboring property owners listed on the last page of the application. Although the Town is not obligated to hold a public hearing, they may. However, the county is obligated to hold a public hearing and notify those listed as neighboring property owners. The town board agreed there was no need to hold a town public hearing, as the rezone was on the Plan Commission agenda of April 1st and the Town Board meeting agenda for this April 8th meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Sueflohn and Mr. Kroll to approve the rezone request subject to the list of adjoining property owner's notification and the county holding a public hearing to hear from those property owners. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye. Mr. Sueflohn noted that is the public hearing is not favorable the town could re-visit the request. The town \$100 review fee was not received and approval pending receipt.

Discussion and action on Rezone Petition #4-2021, to rezone property from District #1A Forestry to District #5 Recreational for properties described as; NW NE, Section 8, T39N, R8E, Town of Newbold.

Oneida County Zoning Department is requesting the rezone stated to square off parcel NE-1003 and NE-1006-11 to Recreational zoning in conjunction with the rezone #3-2021. Again the Plan Commission is recommending the neighboring property owners be notified by the county and the ability for them to have input at a county public hearing. The fee for this review is \$100 which would be the responsibility of Oneida County Zoning.

A motion was made by Mr. Sueflohn and Mr. Staskiewicz to approve rezone #4-2021, Oneida County subject to county notification of adjoining property owners and holding a favorable public hearing. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye. A motion was made by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Sueflohn to bill Oneida County for the \$100 town review fee. Stasiewicz and Sueflohn, aye with Metropulos and Kroll, nay; the motion failed.

It was agreed if a special meeting of the Plan Commission is needed to address this matter again it will be scheduled with no additional fees for holding a meeting.

Discussion and action on appointment of Plan Commission members.

Chairman Kroll noted that Mr. Sueflohn and Mr. Guidinger' s terms expire this month and have both expressed interest in continuing another term. Chairman Kroll appointed both to a 3 year term ending, April of 2024 with no objections from the board.

There is also a vacant position from Mr. Johnson's resignation, which the town sought to appoint. Chairman Kroll received letters of interest from Ryan Rezny and Joseph Steinhage for the vacant commission position which has one year remaining in the term. Mr. Sueflohn recommends appointing Mr. Steinhage.

Discussion and action on 2021 Road Bid Specifications.

Mr. Fetzer has taken Cedar Lane off the proposed projects due to funds available in designated highway reserve of \$135,000 and the need to extend the amount of hot mix on Rainbow Lake Road due to the condition of the road. A separate bid was also presented for hot mix on the whole road. Bid specifications were presented to the board.

A motion was made by Mr. Metropulos and Mr. Staskiewicz to approve bids as presented on Rainbow Lake Road, single chip and fog seal, and the Soo Lake Road and Oak Drive projects. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

A motion was made by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Sueflohn to approve the request by public works to prepare specs for full hot mix on Rainbow Lake Road with the Chairman approving the final bid specification for release. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

Discussion and action on proposed parking area at the Bike Trail Trail-Head areas.

Mr. Fetzer indicated he looked at an area along Lake Mildred Road where the trail head is approximately 200-300 feet from Highway 47. Currently vehicles are parking in the right-of-way or on the adjoining property owner's lawn. Mr. Fetzer talked to the person renting the property, however the board would like him to reach out to the owner to discuss the possible parking area designation. The other location to consider a parking area is along Ole Lake Road and Bayview Drive. Mr. Fetzer will continue to research a best possible location along Lk Mildred Rd.

Discussion and action on purchase and placement of a gate at the outdoor recreation area.

The estimate to purchase a 16 foot gate for the entrance at NORA is \$240 or \$500 for two from Tractor Supply. *A motion was made by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Metropulos to approve the purchase of two gates for the Newbold Outdoor Recreation Area. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Discussion and action on Town Policy and Procedure of Town Recreation Facilities.

The draft was presented to the board after discussion and work on the policy with the Public Works Director and Outdoor Recreation Chairman. *A motion by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Sueflohn to approve the policy as corrected (adding Memorial Park and Fredericks Landing titles). That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Discussion and action on town designation of Attorney Gregory Harrold.

Chairman Kroll spoke with Attorney Harrold and presented a letter requesting formal designation of Mr. Harrold as the town's attorney. *A motion was made by Mr. Metropulos and Mr. Staskiewicz to approve appointment of Attorney Gregory Harrold as the town attorney. 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 scheduled for April 29, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Kroll will be absent and it was decided Mr. Sueflohn will chair the meeting.

Appointment of the library representative will be on the agenda. Town building referendum results will be discussed at the May 13th meeting. The Town Annual Meeting is April 20th at 7:00 p.m.

The Recycling program will begin Saturday, April 24th and continue through October on the last Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the town shop.

Clerk, Kim Gauthier provided the following statistics from the April 6th election: 33% voter turnout overall; 251 absentee voters; 458 voted at the polls which is an increase from the last few elections during the pandemic; total voters all wards was 709. Town Referendum vote was 295 Yes and 400 No, on the building projects question.

There continues to be a shortage of poll workers at the Ward 1 location and the Clerk continues to train new workers for that location however, additional workers are needed. The town hall polling place received a handful of complaints that the town is using Dominion voting machines. Long-time Chief Inspector, Judy Roberts has advised the Clerk that she is resigning after approximately 11 years as Chief Inspector.

Public Comment Period:

Mr. Cody commented that citizen comments at the building project informational meetings were made to circumvent the law on ADA compliance in public buildings and should never be the intent of the town board nor building committee.

Mrs. Cody commented on her disgust on the blind siding done by David Schmitz on the truthfulness of the building project presentation by the committee, board and designer. Mr. Fetzer had made comments to Mr. Schmitz that jeopardized the project and she is of the opinion that Mr. Fetzer should apologize to the committee and all involved. Mrs. Cody also commented that the consultant was contacted and heard the same information as the committee did.

Mr. Fetzer commented that he did not tell Mr. Schmitz anything different than what was said to the committee and believes the building committee misunderstood him.

Adjournment. *The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m., by Mr. Metropulos and Mr. Staskiewicz, with no objections.*

Respectfully Submitted by
Kim Gauthier, Newbold Town Clerk