

Minutes of the Town of Newbold Town Board Regular Town Board Meeting held on Thursday, April 29, 2021

The Town of Newbold, Town Board, met on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., for the Town Board Regular Monthly Meeting, held at the Newbold Town Hall, 4608 Apperson Drive, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, Oneida County, Wisconsin. The following were in attendance: Supervisors, Bob Metropulos, Jim Staskiewicz and Mike Sueflohn, Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer. Absent and excused, Dave Kroll and Mike McKenzie.

Mr. Sueflohn called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., led the audience in the pledge of allegiance and the Clerk verified the agenda was properly noticed to the public.

Approval of prior town meeting minutes. *A motion was made by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Metropulos to approve the town board regular and finance meeting minutes of April 8, 2021. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

County Board of Supervisors report by Newbold Representatives. Mr. Winkler was absent and excused and no response received from Mr. Roach.

Volunteer Fire Department activity by Chief, Mark Fetzer. Report received. Chief Fetzer reported there were 9 fire calls and 8 first responder calls in the month of April.

Monthly Report of Public Works Department activity by Public Works Director, Mark Fetzer. Report received and noted the road crew work this past month included sweeping roads with only a few left in the northern part of the town remain; salted sand pile was covered with 700 cubic yards remaining; maintenance work on the 2006 plow truck; tree clearing at NORA for placement of a bike repair station; most gravel roads have been graded; some brush mowing began and put on hold to avoid cutting oaks this time of year. Mr. Staskiewicz asked that the parking lot striping be scheduled for this summer at the town hall and fire station one.

Monthly report of Rhinelander District Library activity by Newbold Representatives.

Carla Chropkowski was present and supplied a report to the town. The library opened for in person services on April 19th, with hours from 9-6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Curbside is still available if desired. The phone system has experienced problems and a new one with cable will need to be pursued with a possible capital campaign for funds.

Discussion and action on appointment of Newbold Library Representative(s).

Mrs. Gauthier, Clerk indicated Chairman Kroll asked that Mrs. Gwen Harron be recommended for appointment of the other library representative replacing Mr. Gauthier. Mrs. Harron provided an email of interest and had previously worked as a teacher with school library media specialist experience. Mrs. Chropkowski is also due for renewal of her appointment as a library representative, as she had replaced Jane Roe mid-term. *A motion was made by Mr. Sueflohn and Mr. Staskiewicz to appoint Gwen Harron as Newbold Library representative for the 2021-2024 term. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye. A motion was made by Mr. Sueflohn and Mr. Staskiewicz to approve extending the library representative term of Carla Chropkowski for the 2021-2024 term. 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. Sueflohn indicated the county public hearing

for the re-zone #3-2021 and #4-2021, discussed at the last board meeting, will be held on May 5th at 2:00 p.m. at the courthouse.

Discussion and action on administrative review permit by Greg Virkler, owner to rent the dwelling as a tourist rooming house on the following described property; Unit 1, Loons Landing Condominium, being part of Govt. Lot 2, Section 8, T39N, R8E, 8698 Guest Road, Pin# NE-2437, Town of Newbold.

Mr. Suefloh noted the commission reviewed the request on April 1st and the owner understands the conditions of the application and that if they are not met the permit can be revoked. The plan commission recommends approval. *Motion by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Metropulos to approve the administrative review permit of Greg Virkler to operate a tourist rooming house at the property described and the conditions of the application. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Monthly Outdoor Recreation Committee Report by Committee Chairman, Pete Cody. Mr. Cody presented a written report of NORC activity. Mr. Cody requested wood chips be spread at NORA. The bike fix station will be installed there soon and Mr. Plautz will oversee the concrete work. Volunteers are needed to plant tree plugs on May 3rd or 4th.

Monthly town building committee report by Committee Chairman, Jim Staskiewicz. The committee met this week to review the referendum results of the building projects and make a recommendation to the town board on next steps. It was reported that 33% of registered voters voted at the April election and 77% did not bother to vote on the project. It was also reported that individual property taxes have been down the last five years, with one estimate over \$200 less over the five years on a home valued just over \$100,000. The approximate levy increase per project was calculated and distributed to the town board. The building committee is recommending to the town board that the town hall be reconstructed and the new town shop building be constructed as proposed at the informational meetings. The town board will discuss the recommendation at the May 13th town board meeting.

Discussion on American Rescue Plan Act information. Mrs. Gauthier, Clerk provided the town board with information received from the Wisconsin Town's Association on the status of the federal funds as it relates to the "Local Fiscal Recovery Fund" and local government. The amount slotted to be released in two distributions combined is \$268,181.45 to the Town of Newbold. Funds must be spent by the end of 2024, however, the exact details of allowable funds is yet to be determined by the U.S. Department of Treasury. Right now funds can be used for "water, sewer, and broadband". The WTA website library will have the latest information as it is released. It is expected that funds will be distributed in May or June of 2021.

Approval and Payment of any bills and/or funds adjustments. *A motion was made by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Metropulos to approve bills and disbursements as presented. That motion carried with on a voice vote, all ayes.*

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 May 13, 2021. The Clerk provided the board with information on the spring WTA workshops available through webinars in the month of May.

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

Mrs. Cody commented she would like to hear from both county representatives, as neither Mr. Winkler nor Mr. Roach have attended town board meetings lately. Mrs. Cody confirmed that indeed town taxes have been going down the last five or more years. She also asked that the board provide for public comment at the beginning and end of the agenda so that public may comment prior to board decisions on agenda items.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m., on a motion made by Mr. Metropulos and Mr. Staskiewicz, with no objection.

Respectfully submitted by

Kim Gauthier, Town Clerk