

Minutes of the Town of Newbold Town Board Finance and Regular Town Board Meeting held on Thursday, May 13, 2021

The Town of Newbold Town Board met on **Thursday, May 13, 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, Mike McKenzie; along with Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer.

The finance meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Kroll at 6:00 p.m.

Budget Transfers and Approval of Disbursements:

Motion made by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Metropulos to transfer \$940 from the general fund to capital improvement budget and \$44 from the general fund to designated Newbold Outdoor Recreation Area from donations. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

Motion made by Mr. Sueflohn and Mr. McKenzie 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. Revenue reported for April 2021 was \$106,558.69 and year to date expenses total \$424,495.80. General fund balance ending April 30th was \$653,064.89

The finance meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m., on a motion made by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. McKenzie 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.

Public comment and communication whereby the Town Board may receive input on any matter raised by the public.

Pete Cody comment on the public buildings project, stating contracted services do not work for the public sector, asked what the town's insurance would say about the recommendation that volunteers build town buildings, noted that the disability needs must be addressed and stated that the building committee and Funktion Design did a thorough analysis, findings were reported and should be addressed by moving forward with the town hall proposal and seek public support for the construction of the town shop. The town spent \$28,296.40 on professional services and the informational meetings, keep moving forward.

Kathy King commented that she sent the town board an email with her concerns for staff handling equipment. Ms. King indicated she has experience with building projects and believes that one or both structural issues must be addressed and the advisory vote of more "no" votes doesn't mean the board should not do what's in the best interest of the town and staff.

Jackie Cody provided a handout showing the example of her own taxes over the last five years which have gone down a total of \$274. She noted these are real facts and the town is only asking for an additional \$50 or so per year for both projects.

Lloyd Gauthier commented that voter turnout was low and he believes the town board should go to a special meeting for a binding vote. Mr. Gauthier recommends the board move forward and stop waiting so the next generation doesn't have to pay more.

Dorothy Skye commented that she wants safe meeting spaces, bathrooms that are up to code and safe road crew facilities. Ms. Skye recommends the town do the projects and not put it off.

Approval of prior Town Board Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Sueflohn to approve the minutes of April 29, 2021, as amended to include changing the library terms to expire in 2024. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

Open sealed contractor road bids and review for accuracy.

The following bids were opened:

Soo Lake Rd & Oak Drive:

Fahrner \$92,282.50; Alternate A \$17,025.50; Alternate B \$26,025.50

Pitlik & Wick \$74,035.40; Alt. A \$12,200; Alt. B \$23,837

Landing Road:

American Asphalt \$34,700

Pitlik & Wick \$34,170

Musson Brothers \$36,240

North East Asphalt \$32,250

Single Chip Seal & Fog Seal projects:

Pitlik & Wick \$102,762 (AWARDED)

Scott Construction \$110,424

Fahrner \$122,880.86

Rainbow Lake Rd:

Musson Brothers \$318,050.50 partial chip seal or \$368,687 hot mix

Pitlik & Wick \$362,313.80 partial chip seal or \$407,760 hot mix

Monthly Town Assessor Report by Jef Muelver, Town Assessor:

Mr. Muelver was absent and excused.

Discussion and action on resolution proposed by Town Assessor related to LRB21-0322/1, elimination of personal property tax. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

County Board of Supervisors Report:

Mr. Winkler was absent and excused. Mike Roach was present and introduced himself as the new representative for Newbold wards 1 and 2 and Lake Tomahawk. Mr. Roach indicated the county board will vote this month on a possible Crescent Lake District, Townline Lake Park sale which will not be supported by Newbold representatives and continued discussion on a manure ordinance. Mr. Roach can be reached at 715-614-3140 with questions or comments. Oneida County Fair will have a new carnival this year, volunteers are needed for set up and should contact Jim Winkler or Tom Barnett.

Library Report by Newbold Representative:

Carla was present and indicated the library is open to the public now with social distancing and mask requirement. June 1st will begin a campaign for upgrades to the phone system. A turtle program will be held this summer using the Newbold town hall and some story time events at Hodag Park.

Discussion and action on Oneida County Zoning Requests, Plan Commission and Citizen Zoning Requests, if any along with Plan Commission Chairman's Report:

Mr. Sueflohn indicated the commission met on May 6th to discuss the Fort Wilderness review and further discussion on the comprehensive plan with a possible draft coming before the town board in June and scheduling a public hearing.

Discussion and action on Administrative Review Permit application by Fort Wilderness Ministries, Inc., owner and William Borkenhagen, agent to construct an outdoor amphitheater for outdoor gathering sessions on the following described property; Part of Govt. Lot 5, Section 23, T38N, R8E, Pin# NE-725, Town of Newbold

The commission recommends approval subject to the conditions in the application. *A motion was made by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Metropulos to approve the administrative review permit of Fort Wilderness to construct an outdoor amphitheater as presented with the conditions being met in the application. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Discussion and action on awarding road contractor bids.

Mr. Fetzer recommended awarding the single chip seal & fog seal projects to the low bid of Pitlik and Wick and hold off on the others until the next meeting due to the bids coming in higher than what is in the budget.

Motion made by Mr. Sueflohn and Mr. McKenzie to approve awarding the single chip seal and fog seal project to Pitlik & Wick in the amount of \$102,762, as presented. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

Discussion and action on Resolution proposed by Friends of Town Line Lake Park.

Chairman Kroll read the resolution into the record as Resolution #01-2021. *Motion made by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Metropulos to approve resolution #01-2021, to retain all of Town Line Lake Park by Oneida County. Roll call vote of McKenzie, aye; Staskiewicz, aye; Sueflohn, aye; Metropulos, aye; Kroll, aye.*

Discussion and action on sale of old plow truck.

Mr. Fetzer requested to sell the town 2001 snowplow truck since it was replaced last year and utilize Wisconsin Surplus. *Motion by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Sueflohn to approve authorizing Mr. Fetzer to post the sale of the 2001 plow truck as presented. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Discussion and action on town building project proposal and advisory referendum results and next steps as recommended by the Newbold Building Committee.

Mr. Staskiewicz, Building Committee Chairman indicated the committee met and noted 33% of registered voters voted in the April election; 67% didn't bother to vote. The committee recommends moving forward with the town hall renovation and take the town shop construction to a binding vote of the electors. Taxes have decreased over the last few years, if the town does not move forward a \$100,000 grant will be lost. The increase to taxes is minimal, interest rates are low, needs are warranted to move forward. Mr. McKenzie indicated the town board asked the citizens in the advisory vote and 105 more said "no", which would be disregarding the voter's majority. Mr. Sueflohn indicated he agrees with Mr. Staskiewicz and believes a more complete informational meeting is needed but also more support is needed to move forward. Mr. Metropulos commented that the board needs to look at how much more costly this project will be going forward and believes

one project should be pursued and then the other. He believes it's time, but asked if we need it and is it worth it, to which he indicated "yes".

Mrs. Cody asked to comment as a building committee member on the electrical shortfalls in the town hall and the ADA needs of the public building and that it's an unsafe town hall due to the electrical grounding.

Chairman Kroll commented that 33% of the voters had the authority to make a decision and wondered how many more would really show up at a special meeting. He believes the decision is with the people not the board and all the referendums failed in the April election and although he is very disappointed the majority said, "No". Chairman Kroll suggested that the Town Hall be shut down if it was found to be unsafe for public use, and asked that the issue be placed on the May 27 agenda for Board discussion and action. Use the fire department for meetings and look at what we can do with what we financially have in funds like designated highway reserve or fire department and equipment funds. Chairman Kroll proposed \$100,000 of the designated funds go into the shop to replace the wooden structure and put in a concrete slab with a floor drain.

Motion by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. McKenzie to table the decision until additional building inspections can be done. Roll call vote: McKenzie, no; Staskiewicz, yes; Suefloh, no; Metropulos, no; Kroll, no. The motion failed.

Mr. McKenzie recommended the projects stand alone and a vote be made on one or the other.

Chairman Kroll indicated the town shop is a priority, as the town hall can be shut down. Mr.

Metropulos also indicated he believes the town shop is the one to start with out of the two. A vote

was called for the Building Committee recommendation. *Motion by Mr. Kroll and Mr. Suefloh to reject the Building Committee recommendation and look for other ways to address the problems with the buildings. Roll call vote: McKenzie, aye; Staskiewicz, no; Suefloh, aye; Metropulos, aye;*

Kroll, aye. The motion carried. At the next town board meeting the board will discuss closing the town hall for rental use and what the on-going issues are with the town shop.

Discussion and action on consideration of Oneida County Humane Society collecting and issuing dog licenses.

Resolution #2021-03, was read by Chairman Kroll and would allow the Human Society to issue dog licenses on behalf of the town when dogs are detained at the shelter or being adopted. *Motion by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Metropulos to approve Resolution #2021-03, as presented. Roll call vote: McKenzie, aye; Staskiewicz, aye; Suefloh, aye; Metropulos, aye; Kroll, aye. The motion carried.*

Discussion and action on bartender applications from Julie Enerson, Andrew Enerson, Kristina Blaszk.

The Clerk presented the applications, fees and background information on the above applicants.

Julie Enerson and Andrew Enerson are renewals with no criminal background. *Motion by Mr.*

Suefloh and Mr. McKenzie to approve the bartender license of Julie Enerson, as presented. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye. Motion by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. McKenzie to approve

the bartender application of Andrew Enerson as presented. That motion carried on a voice vote of

all aye. A review of the application and extensive criminal background information on Kristina

Blaszk shows criminal records that were not disclosed. *Motion by Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Suefloh to deny the bartender application for Kristina Blaszk based on lack of full disclosure of her criminal history. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Discussion and action on Clerk participation in year two of the Municipal Clerks Institute

July 12-16th. Mrs. Gauthier is requesting to attend year two of a three year program. The cost is \$489 with no lodging nor travel and meal expenses due to the classes being held virtually. *Motion*

by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. McKenzie to approve Clerk, Kim Gauthier attendance at the Clerk's Institute at a cost of \$489. 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 May 27, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.; Board of Review meeting to adjourn begins at 6:15 p.m.

Chairman Kroll noted that Clerk, Kim Gauthier was nominated for state-wide recognition from the Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition as a "Municipal Clerks who prioritized making voting welcoming and accessible to all voters".

Chairman Kroll provided the board with email correspondence copies regarding a request to repeal the ordinance changes to Bass Lake under Chapter 11.13(1)(a). This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Public Comment Period:

Jackie Cody provided information about the Knowles Nelson Grant through the state and noted Newbold has been given \$124,203 of these funds for trails, wooden bridge and Wisconsin River acquisition over the years and asked why the Newbold County Board representatives did not support keeping the money in the State budget.

Mrs. Cody presented the Town of Newbold with a check for \$300 from the Oneida County Biking and Walking Trail Council toward the installation of the bike fix it station at NORA.

Mrs. Cody also commented that the board discussion of using \$100,000 will hardly address the town shop needs.

Kathy King commented that she has hearing difficulties and missed some of the board comments, but wanted to remind the board that they cannot "prove a negative", voters may be missing information about the building situation but condemning the town hall building will affect the citizens. However, if all citizens have the right information they may have a different opinion.

Pete Cody commented that the board has taken a position on the building projects proposed and "no" means "no". He recommends the board start meeting in the fire department and lock up the town hall. It will be very hard to upgrade a building for \$100,000.

Tracy Beckman commented and thanked the town board for support of the Town Line Lake Park resolution which will go to County Board on Tuesday, May 18th at 9:30 a.m., if anyone wants to attend.

Adjournment. *The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m., by Mr. Metropulos and Mr. McKenzie, with no objections.*

Respectfully Submitted by
Kim Gauthier, Newbold Town Clerk