

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

The Town of Newbold Town Board met on **Thursday, July 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, and Mike McKenzie; along with Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer. Attorney Greg Harrold was present for the regular town board meeting.

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

### **Budget Transfers and Approval of Disbursements:**

*Motion by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. McKenzie to approve the transfer from general fund to designated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund in the amount of \$141,982.89; from general fund to designated NORA funds totaling \$136.78 from June donations and \$133 from July donations. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

*Motion by Mr. Metropulos and Mr. Sueflohn to approve bills and disbursements as presented. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Financial reports received included the budget expenditure report showing the town at 48.3% expenditures year to date.

The finance meeting adjourned at 6:16 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 spoke in opposition of disbanding the Newbold Outdoor Recreation Committee and requests that the town board find out what problems need addressing and fix those.

Mark Stiken spoke in opposition of the previously approved Rezone petition #3-2021 of Glen Schiffmann and asked that the town board rescind the petition. Documents submitted.

Jackie Cody spoke of the purpose and mission of the Newbold Outdoor Recreation Committee and indicated she believes there is a lack of communication and supervision of maintenance on outdoor facilities/areas. Document submitted.

Nancy VerKulin spoke on behalf of several Pickerel Lake Property owners who object to the previously approved rezone petition of Glen Schiffmann. Ms. VerKulin requests the board rescind the rezone petition.

Ian Renkes spoke in favor of the previously approved rezone petition and believes it is a fair proposal with two and a half acre lots.

Bill Groth spoke against the previously approved rezone petition of Mr. Schiffmann and does not agree with more development.

Kim Harron spoke as a member of the Newbold Outdoor Recreation Committee in favor of retaining the committee as he believes it's a conduit between the town board and town recreation.

Gail Fitzgerald spoke as a member of the Newbold Outdoor Recreation Committee and read a letter of support for the committee, as it works in the best interest of the town.

Kathy King spoke as a citizen who has participated in hundreds of committees throughout her career and recommends clarifying the rolls of each committee to possibly bring together different members to move forward, as outdoor recreation means a lot to people in Newbold.

Jim Winkler spoke in favor of citizen committee members and supports the outdoor recreation committee. He also recommended alternating chairpersons.

Dick Guidinger spoke as a Pickerel Lake resident for sixty-one years, in concern for development in the re-zone area described. Mr. Guidinger spoke in opposition of the rezone and requested it be rescinded.

Bill Green spoke as a Pickerel Lake resident in agreement with the forty-eight citizens in opposition of the previously approved rezone #3-2021.

Gerhard Schiffmann spoke as a resident on Pickerel Lake since 1946 and supports the rezone that was previously approved, as he believes only eight parcels of two and half acres are possible if developed. He noted that the town board and county board have already approved the rezone and does not agree with rescinding that decision.

Brad White spoke as a sixteen year resident in Newbold and noted he "loves" paying \$14/mill rate and the town does not need further development.

**Approval of prior Town Board Meeting Minutes:**

Motion by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Metropulos to approve the minutes of June 24 and June 17, 2021, as presented. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

**Monthly Town Assessor Report by Jef Muelver, Town Assessor:**

Mr. Muelver provided the board with a written report and noted sales in the town are up sixty-four percent over last year. The town municipal assessment report was filed with DOR.

**County Board of Supervisors Report:** Jim Winkler was present and noted the conservation and Lumberjack counsel has an open seat if anyone is interested. July 29<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting if there is interest. The Oneida County Fair is set for July 29<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Library Report by Newbold Representative:**

This item was tabled, as the library board did not hold its monthly meeting prior to this meeting.

**Discussion and action on Citizen Request to Rescind Rezone Petitions #3-2021 and #4-2021, from District #1A Forestry to #5 Recreational parcels NE1003-1, NE1008-1, NE1006-1, owner Glenn Schiffmann and parcels NE1003, owner Wisconsin DNR.**

*Motion by Mr. Sueflohn and Mr. Metropulos to rescind the rezone request listed on the agenda as number 14. Further discussion on the Plan Commission process and town comprehensive plan changes that are allowed through citizen input. Chairman Kroll indicated he received signatures of one-hundred people in favor of the rezone that was approved by the town and county. Chairman Kroll commented that he believes the town comprehensive plan does not prohibit development, but guides it and the town action was legal. Attorney Harrold was called upon to comment on behalf of the town and indicated the statutes read by the citizen member applies to amendments to the proposal, but the rezone was approved as is and does not apply.*

*Roll call vote on the motion: McKenzie, no; Staskiewicz, no; Sueflohn, aye; Metropulos, aye; Kroll, no. The motion failed.*

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

**Discussion and action on Administrative Review Permit application of Joseph Barlow, proposed owner, to rent the dwelling as a tourist rooming house on the following described property: Unit 2, Loons Landing Condominium, part of Govt. Lot 2, Section 8, T39N, R8E, at 8701 Guest Road, PIN #NE-2438, Town of Newbold.**

The plan commission recommends approval based on the conditions set forth.

**Discussion and action on Administrative Review Permit application of Aaron & Stephanie Weber, applicants and owners under contract to purchase, to rent the dwelling as a tourist rooming house for less than 30 days on the following described property; Part of Govt. Lot 4, CSM V1, P272, Lot 1, Section 7 T37N, R8E, PIN# NE-1001-31, Pinewood Drive, Town of Newbold.**

*Motion by Mr. Sueflohn and Mr. Metropulos to approve the administrative review permit of Joseph Barlow and Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Weber as presented and subject to the conditions set forth in the application for a tourist rooming house. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

**Discussion and action on Administrative Review Permit application of Michelle Forstner, owner, to rent the dwelling as a tourist rooming house for less than 30 consecutive days on the following described property; Part of the NW ¼ of the NE ¼, Section 18, T39N, R8E, PIN #NE-1154-2, at 7139 County J, Town of Newbold.**

Mr. Sueflohn indicated Michelle Forstner is in Germany and the agent is Adam Grebe. The plan commission could not take action as a survey map is pending approval by the DNR. No action.

**Discussion and action on various bartender operator license applications.**

The Clerk presented the following applications to the board:

**Discussion and action on liquor license applications for Class B beer & liquor of Vicky Miller d/b/a Miller's Club 47 and Karen Ives-Gray d/b/a KAIG Stand.**

The Clerk indicated the timeline has been met for the board to review the renewal application for Vicky Miller and the delinquent personal property taxes paid, along with delinquent wholesaler costs. *Motion by Mr. Metropulos and Mr. Sueflohn to approve the liquor license for Vicky Miller. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

The Clerk provided the board with the paperwork and background check on Karen Ives, d/b/a KAIG Stand. The timeline has been met for the board to review the renewal application. Ms. Ives has felony convictions since the last renewal, related to the activity of selling alcohol. Attorney Greg Harrold provided counsel to the board under Wis. Statute 125.04(5)(a), and pursuant to 111.335(3) & (4), due to the conviction of a felony, related substantially to the licensed activity as an owner and applicant; convictions relate to OWI causing injury to passengers under 16 years warrants the possible non-renewal action and cause to provide the applicant with a hearing. *Motion by Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Metropulos to advise the applicant of The KAIG Stand the potential notice of action and intent to deny renewal of the Class B beer and liquor license and allow for the scheduling of a hearing. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*  
The board advised the Clerk to also notify the Oneida County Sheriff.

#### **Discussion and action on bartender operator license of Eric R. Powell and Shonda Bartsch and Sydney Smith.**

The Clerk provided the board with applications from Eric Powell and Shonda Bartsch. No action taken on Sydney Smith's application as the information was incomplete and no longer working at the establishment. *Motion by Mr. Sueflohn and Mr. Staskiewicz to approve the bartender license for Eric Powell. That motion carried on a voice vote.*  
*Motion by Mr. Sueflohn and Mr. Metropulos to approve the application of Shonda Bartsch contingent on receipt of proof of the responsible beverage servers' course completion. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

#### **Discussion and possible action on Continued need for Town Sub-Committees; Plan Commission and Building Committee and Newbold Outdoor Recreation Committee.**

The board agreed that the Plan Commission must remain as required by statute and by the town ordinance.

*Motion by Mr. Kroll and Mr. Sueflohn to disband the Building Committee and have the town board continue. That motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Discussion on the policy developed for outdoor recreation maintenance and oversight. Chairman Kroll asked Mr. Fetzer how many hours the road crew in recreation to which it was reported, 360 hours at NORA and additional 100 hours for general outdoor recreation. Further discussion on the purpose and existence of the Friends of NORA Facebook page and possibility in sponsoring events. *Motion by Mr. Kroll and Mr. Sueflohn to disband the Newbold Outdoor Recreation Committee. Roll call vote: McKenzie, aye; Staskiewicz, no; Sueflohn, aye; Metropulos, no; Kroll, aye. The motion carried.* Chairman Kroll indicated no further reports, nor chair is needed and maintenance will be done by the road crew employees.

#### **Discussion and possible action on citizen request to inform citizens of town matters via email and/or a social media outlet.**

Mrs. Gauthier explained the citizen request for more information passed on to citizens about town activity and action through the use of email and/or social media outlets. Chairman Kroll

recommends an email link on the town website for anyone wanting agendas and minutes emailed to them. The board agreed.

**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 July 29, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Chairman Kroll will be absent and Mr. Staskiewicz will chair the meeting.

**Public Comment Period:**

Dick Guidinger commented on the written petition from Mr. Schiffmann.

Nancy VerKluin commented on her concern that the town attorney stated "I think" in his interpretation of the law which left citizens in the dark.

Pete Cody clarified the original intent of the disc golf course said to be rugged, changed over time because of the volunteer involvement. Mr. Cody also noted that Chairman Kroll told him to get quotes on a UTV because of concerns of injury using the current one. Chairman Kroll asked for clarification how the machine is being used improperly.

Jackie Cody expressed concern of the conflicting comment that the road crew is over worked, yet they will be responsible for taking over the maintenance of recreation facilities. Mrs. Cody commented that she will cease maintenance at Rookery Run and the Friends of NORA Facebook page. Mrs. Cody commented on her dislike of how individual board members were responding to her comments.

Chairman Kroll called for adjournment.

**Adjournment.** *The meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m., by Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Metropulos, with no objections.*

Respectfully Submitted by  
Kim Gauthier, Newbold Town Clerk