

TOWN OF NEWBOLD ANNUAL MEETING July 28, 2020

The Town of Newbold Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Newbold Town Hall, 4608 Apperson Drive, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, Oneida County, Wisconsin. The annual meeting was re-scheduled to this date from the statutory date in April due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting was called to order by Town Chairman, Dave Kroll. The following Town Board members were present at the meeting: Supervisors Bob Metropulos, Jim Staskiewicz and Dave Kroll; along with Kim Gauthier, Clerk; Jodie Hess, Treasurer, along with Public Works Director and Fire Chief Mark Fetzer. Supervisors Mike McKenzie and Mike Suefloh were absent and excused. There were also fourteen electors present.

Chairman Kroll led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. It was also noted the notice was posted on three bulletin boards in the town and on the town website.

Chairman Kroll reminded the audience that this is a meeting of the electors and read the statutory authority allowed by the electors. Electors must have resided in the town a minimum of ten days to be a qualified voter.

The minutes of the December 4, 2019 Budget Hearing were read and approved on a motion made by Pete Cody and Jackie Cody. A motion was also made by Bob Metropulos and Jim Staskiewicz to approve the special town board meeting minutes as presented. Both motions carried on a voice vote of all ayes and zero nays.

Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer presented the town financial reports of revenue, expenses and designated funds along with actual 2019 fund balances.

Mark Fetzer, Director of Public Works read the town road report noting completed 2019 road projects and 2020 approved road projects.

Fire Chief, Mark Fetzer presented the Volunteer Fire Department report. In 2019 the department had twenty-nine members who responded to 184 calls of which 73 were fire or rescue related. The department has ten medical first responders who responded to 111 calls in 2019. The department was able to purchase two brush trucks from the DNR last year.

Jodie Hess, Treasurer, read the Cemetery report produced and provided by Jeff Bowen. The 2019 year-end balance is \$24,847.84

Pete Cody, Outdoor Recreation Committee Chairman reported on committee activity noting there were 1,985 volunteer hours provided in 2019, with a total overall of 5,246.5 hours. The committee hosted the town's first disc golf tournament last September. A storage building was constructed at the Newbold Outdoor Recreation Area on Ole Lake Road with the labor provided by Blackwell Job Corp. The committee is working on plans to construct a privy with changing room at Young's Landing in 2021 near Two Sister's Lake. Other volunteer work has included parking lot expansion at the recreation area, additional tree planting, invasive plant pulling, and installation of a surveillance camera and addition of woodchips to two fairways. Mr. Cody commended all those who helped in the efforts at the recreation area.

A Town Building Committee Report was provided by Chairman, Jim Staskiewicz. The committee was formed in 2018 to look at the needs of the town hall and town shop. A professional designer and architect firm was hired and the committee made a recommendation to the town board to pursue construction of a town shop near the current location and purchase the former Newbold School to remodel and convert to the town hall. The next steps include town elector approval after plans and presentations are provided. The committee is looking to possibly hold presentations in September if the pandemic allows for a larger gathering. The location will be selected to accommodate social distancing. At this time the project is tentatively coming in at five million for both projects.

The town board received citizen input on other town matters. Lloyd Gauthier requested the swings at the town hall playground be replaced due to his daughter falling from a broken swing.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:57 p.m., by Lloyd Gauthier and Jackie Cody.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Kim Gauthier, Newbold Town Clerk