

Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting and Building Committee Meeting held on Monday, September 21, 2020

The Town of Newbold, Town Board, met on Monday, September 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., for the Special Town Board Meeting and Building Committee 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, Mike Suefloh, Jim Staskiewicz, and Mike McKenzie, Treasurer, Jodie Hess, Clerk Kim Gauthier and Building Committee members, Jackie Cody and Kim Harron. Chairman, Dave Kroll called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and verified the agenda was properly noticed to the public.

Discussion on financing options of proposed building projects.

Treasurer, Jodie Hess indicated the current interest rates are; Board of Commission 4%, Incredible Bank 3.5% and Peoples State Bank 2.85% all for a twenty-year commercial loan. Mrs. Hess handed out calculations for five different options at the 2.85% interest rate for a town hall and town shop projects at the amount proposed in recent renderings by Funktion Design. The principal and interest each year would be \$350,540 for both projects. The loan of the fire department averaged \$41,000/year and was paid off this summer of 2020. The Clerk noted that the amount was not in addition to the annual levy.

Jeff Verdoorn, Oneida County Economic Development was present and informed the group of county funding possibilities through a grant that requires a project to have an ADA component, such as the town hall bathroom upgrades needed. The county board will consider applications for projects at their October county board meeting and the town was encouraged to apply.

Discussion and action on scheduling a public hearing on the proposed projects.

The town board members discussed having a special meeting of the electors to vote on the proposed projects or going to a referendum vote at the spring 2021 election. It was agreed that a presentation is still necessary for Newbold citizens to gather information. Discussion on concerns and restrictions on large gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for a large space such as fire station one or the former school gymnasium or The Pines Event Center. The committee recommends utilizing fire station one. It was determined the capacity could be 625 people or less with social distancing and three different times could be scheduled of the same presentation on the same day beginning at 10 am, 2 pm, and 6 pm.

The majority of the town board agreed to go to a referendum vote given the \$5million project. It was also decided that the building committee should confer on a presentation date and come back to the town board with a recommendation.

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.

The Building Committee agreed to meet on October 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment and Communication Period per Wisconsin Statutes whereby the Town Board may receive input on any matter raised by the public. Mr. Cody commented that democracy should rule this project.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. with a motion by Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Metropulos. Motion carried all ayes.

Respectfully submitted by: Kim Gauthier, Town Clerk