

## **Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting held on Thursday, September 22, 2022**

The Town of Newbold Town Board, met on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., for a Special Town Board Meeting at the Newbold Fire Department, 4588 Hwy 47, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, Oneida County, Wisconsin.

The following were in attendance: Chairman Dave Kroll; Supervisors, Mike Suefloh, Jim Staskiewicz, Mike McKenzie and Dan Hess; Clerk, Kim Gauthier and Treasurer, Jodie Hess; along with Public Works Director, Mark Fetzer.

Chairman Kroll called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and verified the agenda was properly noticed to the public.

### **Discussion and possible action on 2023 Preliminary Town Budget.**

The Clerk and Treasurer presented preliminary revenue and expense numbers for the 2023 budget along with 2022 year to date revenue and expenditures for board discussion. Discussion on public works and fire department 2023 budget requests, including the request for a 5% road crew wage increase due to the 7.7% consumer price index projection for 2023. The town's allowable state levy increase is over \$14,000 over last year's allowable levy. Discussion on possibly raising the tower lease which will warrant further discussion on the contract renewal at a regular board meeting.

*Motion by Mr. Hess and Mr. Suefloh to approve a five percent road crew salary increase for 2023. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

The clerk will amend appendix A of the employee handbook to reflect the wage increase. The board directed the Clerk and Treasurer to make adjustment to the proposed budget as discussed and place on the next board agenda for review and further discussion.

**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.

Future agenda items will include discussion on possible District Library request for arbitration and discussion on the town tower lease with Northwoods Connect at station two.

**Public Comment** and Communication Period per Wisconsin Statutes whereby the Town Board may receive input on any matter raised by the public.

Mark Fetzer commented that the compensation in lieu of health insurance is a great benefit for retaining a current employee. Mr. Fetzer also commented on his dislike that not all items were covered by his health insurance during a recent annual exam.

**Adjourned** at 8:09 p.m., with no objection.

Respectfully submitted by  
Kim Gauthier, Newbold Town Clerk