

Minutes of the Town of Newbold Town Board Special Town Board Meeting Held on Thursday, October 5, 2017

The Town of Newbold Town Board met on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., in closed session and at 6:30 p.m., in open session for a Special Meeting of the Town Board, at the Town of Newbold Town Hall, 4608 Apperson Drive and Highway 47, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, Oneida County, Wisconsin. The following was discussed:

Chairman Kroll called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The following were in attendance: Dave Kroll, Chairman; Bob Metropulos, Jim Staskiewicz, Mike McKenzie, Supervisors; Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer. Ed Hammer was absent and excused. Jef Muelver was also present. The meeting was properly noticed, as indicated by the Clerk.

Closed Session: The Town of Newbold Town Board may convene into Closed Session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1) (e), of the Wis. Statutes for deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Specifically, the Town Board will discuss Town Assessor Contract(s).

A motion was made by Mr. Staskiewicz and seconded by Mr. Metropulos to go into closed session. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mike McKenzie, aye; Bob Metropulos, aye; Jim Staskiewicz, aye; Dave Kroll, aye.

A motion was made by Mr. McKenzie and seconded by Mr. Metropulos to return to open session. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mike McKenzie, aye; Bob Metropulos, aye; Jim Staskiewicz, aye; Dave Kroll, aye. No action taken.

Public Comment: There was none.

The Special Town Board meeting for budget discussion was called at 6:35 p.m., by Chairman Kroll. The following were in attendance: Dave Kroll, Chairman; Bob Metropulos, Jim Staskiewicz, Mike McKenzie, Supervisors; Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer. Ed Hammer was absent and excused. Also present was Mark Fetzer, Public Works Director and those on the sign-in list.

Discussion and possible action on Preliminary 2018 Budget and 2018 Road Crew Wages. The Clerk and Treasurer presented a preliminary budget of revenue and expenditures. The Clerk also presented a worksheet of wages and a worksheet of insurance benefits for the respective 2018 budget line items. The board discussed projections in all categories, road crew employee insurance figures and health savings account contributions. The Clerk noted the current H.S.A. town contribution is \$1,500 for a single plan and \$4,000 for a family plan. The employees are allowed to contribute an additional amount towards their health savings account up to a maximum total annual contribution of \$3,400 single plan and \$6,750 for a family plan. Mr. Kroll proposed an increase to the single plan H.S.A. town contribution of \$3,000 per year. Mr. Kroll will bring the change to the employee handbook before the board at a future meeting. Also discussed was changing the meal reimbursement rates, however no changes were proposed at this time. Also discussed was the Public Works Director proposed wage increase of two percent. The board received figures for a two percent and one percent increase. No decisions were made on the wage increase at this time. The Clerk also proposed cleaning up the non-department line items and placing them within their corresponding budget departments based on State recommended budgetary categories. The board had no objection. Further 2018 budget discussion was scheduled for Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

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. None discussed.

Public comment and communication period per Wisconsin Statutes whereby the Town Board may receive input on any matter raised by the public. Mr. Cody questioned the outdoor recreation area budget item. The board will look into a clearer projection in this line item for 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m., on a motion made by Mr. Metropulos and Mr. McKenzie with no objection.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kim Gauthier, Newbold Town Clerk