

Minutes of the Town of Newbold Town Board Regular Town Board Meeting And Special Town Board Meeting Held on Thursday, October 27, 2016

The Town of Newbold Town Board met on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., in open session for a Regular Town Board Meeting, at the Newbold Town Hall, Highway 47 and 4608 Apperson Drive, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, Oneida County, Wisconsin. The following was discussed:

- Dave Kroll, Chairman called the town board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following were in attendance: Jim Staskiewicz, Bob Metropulos, Ed Hammer, Mike McKenzie, Dave Kroll, Supervisors; Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer. Chairman Kroll led the audience in the pledge of allegiance. Mrs. Gauthier verified that the amended agenda was properly posted in three locations in the town.
- Approval of prior Town Board Meeting Minutes. *A motion was made by Mr. Metropulos and seconded by Mr. Staskiewicz to approve the regular town board and special town board meeting minutes of October 13, 2016, as presented. That motion carried on a vote of all ayes and zero nays.*
- Assessor's report by Mike Muelver, Peterson Appraisals, Inc. Mr. Muelver was present and reported reports are complete and sent to the State. He noted that property values and new construction accounted for about six million in additional value.
- Monthly District Library report by Newbold library representative. Jane Roe was present and announced upcoming library programs, along with an update on building repairs being completed. Lloyd Gauthier was also present and reported statistical library usage. Mr. Gauthier also noted that the municipalities in the district recently met and voted to eliminate the second library representative position in Newbold, as proposed by the Town of Pine Lake. Mr. Gauthier has agreed to step down beginning in January.
- Discussion and action on District Library funding formula proposal. Chairman Kroll explained the proposal to include applying each municipalities levy limit increase or decrease over the previous year's library budget amount while still utilizing the current library funding formula. A motion was made at a recent meeting of the municipalities to bring the formula decision back to a meeting on December 5, 2016 for a formal vote. Chairman Kroll indicated he wanted the Newbold board to have input prior to that meeting. *A motion was made by Ed Hammer and seconded by Bob Metropulos to approve of the library formula as proposed and presented. That motion carried on a vote of all ayes and zero nays.*
- Discuss and act on Oneida County Zoning requests, plan commission and citizen zoning requests, if any. Chairman's report. Mr. Hammer indicated the next meeting is November 3rd.
- Town Lakes Committee Report by Chairman Jim Staskiewicz. Mr. Staskiewicz indicated the committee met last month and discussed their mission statement. Tom Rudolph, Wisconsin River Association is researching river management with Expera paper company. The committee has agreed to take a winter recess and meet next in the Spring.
- Discussion and possible action on the purchase of replacement "Slow No Wake" buoys for the Wisconsin River. Scott and Ann Eshelman were present and described the need to replace four old, non-functioning buoys at an estimate of \$1572.00. *A motion was made by Mr. Hammer and seconded by Mr. Staskiewicz to approve the purchase of four buoys at a cost not to exceed \$1572. That motion carried on a vote of all ayes and zero nays.*

- Receive information regarding a request to consider hiring a Town Constable at no cost to patrol the Wisconsin River. Mr. Eshelman requested discussion on the possibility of a constable patrolling the Wisconsin River due to damaging effects to wild rice in the Munninghoff Marsh area from boats not adhering to the slow-no-wake areas. After much discussion, the main problem times are Memorial Day weekend, 4th of July holiday and Labor Day weekends. This is also a critical time for developing stages of wild rice and the harvesting process. The general boating issues upon surveying the situation, appears to be local boaters in a hurry to get to the sand bar area. This has been discussed with local DNR officials who agree there needs to be more enforcement. The town board discussed the possibility of not utilizing a town constable, but receiving more State and County enforcement even if it meant the town would have to pay for Sheriff's Office recreational officer time. Chairman Kroll agreed to discuss the matter with Sheriff Hartman and bring this topic back to another board meeting.
- County Board of Supervisor's Report. Mr. Winkler was present and provided information to the town board of a buoy maker in the Rhinelander area that may be a local option for purchasing buoys. This will be discussed at the next town board meeting. Mr. Winkler also reported on a recent report of water quality in the Northwood's and the effect on lake properties. The next county board meeting will include work on the county budget for 2017.
- Monthly volunteer fire department report by Fire Chief, Mark Fetzer. Chief Fetzer provided a report on fire department activity. The update on the station two tower is that a new construction company has been obtained, Olympus Towers, who has provided Chief Fetzer with a quote of \$24,800 to construct the tower with a possible completion date of December 2, 2016. The amount had been approved by the town board some time ago.
- Monthly road report by Public Works Director, Mark Fetzer. Mr. Fetzer provided the town board with a report of road work. Chairman Kroll asked that Mr. Fetzer continue working on specifications for Rosalie Lane.
- Discussion and action on hiring a part-time road crew employee. Mr. Fetzer sought approval for hiring Keith (Casey) O'Brien as a relief driver for the town road crew. Mr. O'Brien had previously submitted an application which was distributed to the town board. *A motion was made by MR. Metropulos and seconded by Mr. McKenzie to approve hiring Keith O'Brien as a part-time road crew employee. That motion carried on a vote of all ayes and zero nays.* The Clerk will take care of the paperwork and scheduling a drug & alcohol test.
- Discussion and action on West Nokomis Drive private road and access. Chairman Kroll indicated this was previously discussed and after some research it was discovered that there was a 1954 gas tax for only one year and then removed the next because the road was not built. There is no documentation that this is town owned. Chairman Kroll recommends no action on this item. There was no objection from the town board.
- Discussion and action on possibly pro-rating town hall rentals. Clerk, Kim Gauthier indicated there was a citizen request to use the town hall for one and a half hours at a time and asked if the rate for the full day could be pro-rated. Mrs. Gauthier recommended the town board consider a half-day rental fee. Mrs. Gauthier indicated two other towns in the area charge between \$40 and \$50 per day with similar size town halls. *A motion was made by Mr. Hammer and seconded by Mr. McKenzie to amend the fee schedule to allow for a \$40 half-day town hall rental fee. That motion was carried on a vote of all ayes and zero nays.*
- Discussion and action on Town of Newbold Election Contingency/Emergency Plan. Mrs. Gauthier presented the revised plan and noted many of the changes reflect State recommended plans. Other changes include specific detail related to both Newbold polling site locations and contact information. *A motion was made by Mr. Metropulos and seconded by Mr. McKenzie to approve the*

Town of Newbold Election Contingency Plan as presented. That motion carried on a vote of all ayes and zero nays.

- *Approval of any bills and/or disbursements and any fund transfers. A motion was made by Mr. Hammer and seconded by Mr. Staskiewicz to approve the transfer from the general fund to the town insurance budget in the amount of \$\$1741.00, as presented. That motion carried on a vote of all ayes and zero nays. A motion was made by Mr. Staskiewicz and seconded by Mr. Metropulos to approve the bills and disbursements as presented. That motion carried on a vote of all ayes and zero nays.*
- 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 November 10, 2016.
 - Mr. Hammer noted that the DNR storm water erosion control permit was issued to the Town of Newbold for the outdoor recreation area on Ole Lake Road. The permit requires reporting measures to the DNR. Chairman Kroll recommended Pete Cody complete the reports.
 - Mrs. Gauthier asked to schedule a budget discussion meeting for Thursday, November 17th at 6:00 p.m.
- Public Comment and Communication Period per Wisconsin Statutes whereby the Town Board can discuss any matter raised by the public. Tom Rudolph commented that the website for the water quality matter previously presented is OCLRA, Oneida County Lakes & Rivers Association. Mr. Eshelman commented on the need for our local representatives to support waterway protection.
- *A motion was made by Mr. Staskiewicz and seconded by Mr. Metropulos to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. That motion carried on a vote of all ayes and zero nays.*

Submitted By: Kim Gauthier, Town Clerk