

**Minutes of the Town of Newbold Special Town Board Meeting
Held on Thursday, March 31, 2016**

The Town of Newbold Town Board met on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., in open session for a Special Town Board Meeting, at the Newbold Town Hall, 4608 Apperson Drive and Highway 47, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, Oneida County, Wisconsin. The following was discussed:

- Chairman, Dave Kroll called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. It was noted that the agenda was properly noticed. Those present include town board members, Mike Oestreich, Ed Hammer, Jim Staskiewicz, and Dave Kroll; Supervisors, Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer, Mark Fetzer, Public Works Director. Mr. Metropulos was absent and excused. Public members present included Sonja Margitan, DNR along with Bob Winat, D.O.T.
- Presentation regarding West Nokomis Drive access by Sonja Margitan. Ms. Margitan described the request to the DNR by property owners over the years to have this private road maintained by the town. She has been in contact with Oneida County, Vilas Title and the Department of Transportation to try and figure out a solution to maintaining this road which accesses private property and State land. Ms. Margitan indicated her research reflects an easement was granted to landowners in 1954 by the DNR with the understanding that private land owners would maintain the road.
- Discussion and action on West Nokomis Drive related to access, maintenance and standards. There was town board discussion to clarify the area in issue on maps provided. Mark Fetzer, Public Works Director indicated the town has never maintained this road nor has the town received gas tax for the road. Mr. Fetzer did not recommend the town adopt West Nokomis Drive as a town road due to the maintenance involved and future obligation to bring it up to standards which could include a turn-around on DNR property. Another option is the property owners could agree to a special assessment fee to bring the road up to standards for maintenance. There was past town correspondence from the town clerk in 1973, indicating this to be a private road.

Bob Winat, DOT commented that he got involved to help Ms. Margitan determine if the road received gas tax. Mr. Winat cited old easement documentation from the 1950's for a portion of West Nokomis Drive which he believes the town took over.

Ed Hammer, Town Supervisor commented that the portion of the thirty-three-foot gap and easement is not of legal interest to the town. Chairman Kroll recommended the board take the information presented and discuss the matter further at the April 14th town board meeting. Chairman Kroll asked that Supervisor Mike Oestreich research this further with his expertise and work with Mr. Fetzer, the DNR, DOT and County Land Information for further information.

- There was no further public comment.
- *A motion was made by Mr. Staskiewicz and seconded by Mr. Hammer to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. That motion carried on a vote of four ayes and zero nays.*

Submitted by,
Kim Gauthier, Town Clerk