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2.01 VILLAGE POWERS DIRECTED. Pursuant to §60.12(2) (c), Wis. Stats., the Town Board of the Town of Newbold has been directed by the April 1996 annual Town meeting to exercise all powers relating to villages and conferred on village boards by Ch. 61, Wis. Stats., except such powers, the exercise of which conflict with the statutes relating to towns and town boards.

2.02 MEETING TIME AND DATE. (1) **REGULAR MEETINGS.** Regular meetings of the Town Board shall be held on the second and last Thursday of each calendar month at 6:30 P.M. Finance meeting will be set monthly by the Town Board. Any regular meeting falling on a legal holiday or the Wisconsin Towns Association convention dates shall be held on a day designated by the Town Board. The Board may also change the meeting date for other good cause.

(2) **SPECIAL MEETINGS.** Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Town Chairperson or 2 Supervisors by filing a request with the Town Clerk at least 24 hours prior to the time specified for such meeting. The Clerk shall immediately post a notice of the meeting together with the agenda and notify each Supervisor of the time and purpose of such meeting.

(3) **PLACE OF MEETINGS.** All meetings of the Board, including special and adjourned meetings, shall be held in the Town Hall or a location designated by the Town Board.

(4) **QUORUM.** Three Town Board members shall constitute a quorum.

2.03 ORDER OF BUSINESS. The business of the regular Thursday Town Board meetings shall be conducted in the following order:

- (1) Call to order by presiding officer; Pledge of Allegiance.
- (2) Report by the Town Chairperson or his designee regarding the official meeting notification.
- (3) Approval of minutes of previous meeting.
- (4) Fire Department report.
- (5) Old and new business, including introduction of ordinances and resolutions; review of claims.
- (6) Reports of officers and committees.
- (7) Other business, including correspondence.
- (8) Public input
- (9) Adjournment.

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2.04 PRESIDING OFFICER. (1) **CONTROL OF MEETING.** The Town Chairperson shall preserve order and conduct the proceedings of the meeting. A member may appeal the decision of the presiding officer. Such appeal is not debatable and must be sustained by a majority of the members present, exclusive of the presiding officer.

(2) **ABSENCE OF TOWN CHAIRPERSON.** If the Town Chairperson is absent at any meeting, the senior Supervisor shall preside for that meeting until the return of the Chairperson.

2.05 ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS. Ordinances, resolutions, bylaws, communications and other matters shall be submitted to the Town Board in writing. Unless requested by a Supervisor before final vote is taken, no ordinance, resolution or other motion shall be discussed or acted upon unless it has been seconded. No motion shall be withdrawn or amended without the consent of the person making the same and the person seconding it.

2.06 GENERAL RULES. The deliberations of the Board shall generally be conducted in accordance with the parliamentary rules contained in A Guide to Parliamentary Procedure for Local Governments in Wisconsin.

2.07 SUSPENSION OF RULES. These rules or any part thereof may be temporarily suspended in connection with any matter under consideration by a recorded vote of 2.3 of the members present.

2.08 AD HOC COMMITTEES. The Town Board may, from time to time, create ad hoc committees for specific purposes and appoint members thereto.

