

**Minutes of the Town of Newbold Town Board Regular Town Board Meeting held on
Thursday, March 28, 2024**

The Town of Newbold, Town Board, met on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., for the Town Board Regular Monthly Meeting, held at the Newbold Community Center, 4608 Apperson Drive, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, Oneida County, Wisconsin. The following were in attendance: Chairman Dan Hess; Supervisors Scott Ridderbusch, Mike McKenzie, Petra Pietrzak and Brad White; Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer.

Chairman Dan Hess **called the meeting to order** at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Hess led the audience in the pledge of allegiance. The Clerk **verified the agenda was properly noticed to the public.** *Motion by Mr. White and Mr. McKenzie to approve the agenda with order at the Chairman's discretion. Voice vote of all aye. Motion carried.*

Public Comment and Communication Period per Wisconsin Statutes whereby the Town Board may receive input on any matter raised by the public. No comments.

Approve prior Town Board meeting minutes of March 14, 2024. *Motion by Ms. Pietrzak and Mr. Ridderbusch to approve the March 14, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Discussion and action non request to utilize Newbold Outdoor Recreation Area (NORA) for a fundraiser(s). Tyler Scheuermann came before the board requesting to utilize NORA for a disc golf tournament and fundraiser for Rhinelander VFW on Saturday, July 20, 2024. Discussion on preparation for event parking and overflow to one side of Ole Lake Road with "event" signage to warn traffic. Mr. Scheuermann has agreed to course clean up after and during the event and liability forms obtained for all participants. It was noted the course must remain open to the public and donations are appreciated, however there is no fee for use of the course. *Motion by Mr. White and Ms. Pietrzak to authorize Tyler Scheuermann to conduct a disc golf fundraiser for the Rhinelander VFW on July 20, 2024, as presented in the Town of Newbold. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Kaitlin Wikoff, Wild Instincts came before the board to request use of NORA for a fundraiser on September 21, 2024. The NORA parking lot would be a staging area and finishing point for a 10K run, walk, bike event. Discussion by the board and public works requesting the event coordinator incorporate "event" signage along the town roads of Ole Lake Road and Lake Mildred Road along with adequate parking at the park for safety. *Motion by Mr. McKenzie and Mr. White to authorize the Wild Instincts fundraiser event as presented by utilizing NORA and town roads indicated. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Monthly County Board of Supervisors Report by Newbold representative(s). Jim Winkler reported the social service department will acquire and manage the Human Service Center effective January 1, 2025. A proposed enhanced wake resolution was passed at the last county board meeting. Mr. Winkler reported on the forestry departments concerns of federal language regarding old growth, further research to follow.

Monthly District Library report by Newbold Representatives. Petra Pietrzak provided a written report of library discussion items at the last meeting of March 13th. Program updates and the status of the building expansion campaign were also reported on.

Discussion and action on library representative appointments. Library representative, Ruth Jaeger had previously requested the town board consider staggering the two library representatives'

terms. The board requested further research into the library bylaws and town ordinance to see if such a request is permissible.

Monthly Newbold Fire Department report by Chief Fetzer. A report of fire calls and first responder calls provided by Chief Fetzer. Total fire calls for February and March = eleven (11) and first responder calls= ten (10). The board chairman requested a report from St. Germain Fire next month.

Monthly Newbold Public Works report by Director, Mark Fetzer. Mr. Fetzer provided a verbal report of activity which included snow removal this week, continued maintenance on equipment and failure of a culvert on Forest Lane. The road was closed over night until the county replaced the culvert the next day. Chairman Hess is working on a grant for partial reimbursement due to the emergency. Board discussion on receiving information of such emergencies in the future so town officials know how to respond to the public/citizens.

Update or Discuss or Possibly Act on Town Equipment Replacement. Mr. Fetzer presented the board with quotes to rebuild a patrol truck with Monroe at approximately \$50-55,000.

The brand-new small tractor previously discussed was quoted at \$80-82,000 for the John Deere with broom and three-point hitch and the New Holland quoted at \$81,000 with back mower and broom mount. A used tractor of this caliper is approximately \$10,000 less than new with possible additional expense of attachments. *Motion by Mr. Ridderbusch and Mr. White to approve the purchase of a new John Deere tractor as discussed, not to exceed \$82,000. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Discussion and action on 2024 road work bid specifications. Mr. Fetzer presented bid specifications for reconstruction of Fetke Lake Road and Wildwood Lake Circle along with single chip seal and flex patch of 12.19 miles of various town roads listed. The bid opening due date is being considered for the end of April. *Motion by Mr. McKenzie and Mr. White to approve the 2024 road bid specifications as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Discuss and action on Oneida County Zoning Requests, Plan Commission and Citizen Zoning Request, if any along with Plan Commission Chairman's Report.

Chairman Hess noted the plan commission had no reviews since the last meeting. The commission is considering tourist rooming permit ordinance language and will discuss this at a future meeting.

Discussion and action on community center floor mats. Clerk Gauthier indicated the three-month rental option is not available with Vestis/Aramark and upon board request for mat purchase prices the following was reported: purchase price for the same mats in the building which the town is borrowing is \$958.92 and to purchase through Uline or Global the estimated costs for similar products are \$1000 to \$1500. *Motion by Mr. Hess and Ms. Pietrzak to approve up to \$1200 at the Clerk's discretion regarding size and quantity of mats. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

CLOSED SESSION and Roll Call Vote:

The Town of Newbold Town Board may convene into Closed Session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Specifically discuss building inspection contract with City of Rhinelander.

Motion by Mr. McKenzie and Ms. Pietrzak to go into closed session at 7:38 p.m. Roll call vote; White, aye; Pietrzak, aye; McKenzie, aye; Ridderbusch, aye and Hess, aye. Clerk Gauthier, Treasurer Hess were present along with Rhinelander City Administrator, Patrick Reagan and City Fire Chief, Brian Tonnancour were also in attendance.

OPEN SESSION: *Motion by Mr. White and Mr. Ridderbusch to go back into open session. Roll call vote; White, aye; Pietrzak, aye; McKenzie, aye; Ridderbusch, aye and Hess, aye. No action taken.*

Approval and payment of any bills and/or funds adjustments.

Motion by Mr. Ridderbusch and Mr. McKenzie to approve the bills and disbursements, as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

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 regular board meeting and finance meeting scheduled for April 11, 2024.

A public hearing is scheduled for April 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. on the proposed enhanced wake ordinance. Clerk Gauthier presented county correspondence received.

Public Comment and Communication Period per Wisconsin Statutes whereby the Town Board may receive input on any matter raised by the public. No comments.

Adjournment at 8:34 p.m., with no objections.

Respectfully submitted by: Kim Gauthier, Town Clerk