

**Town of Newbold Public Hearing, Town Ordinance 11.09 Boating Regulations on
Saturday, April 6, 2024**

The Newbold Town Board conducted a public hearing on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 10:00 AM at the Newbold Community Center, 4608 Apperson Dr., Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public input on proposed ordinance changes to Chapter 11.09, Boating Regulations Restricting Certain Artificial Enhanced Wakes. The proposed ordinance was presented in written format and displayed for the audience. Members of the Town Board present included Chairman Dan Hess; Supervisors, Scott Ritterbush, Mike McKenzie, Petra Pietrzak, Brad White, along with Town Clerk, Kim Gauthier and Town Treasurer, Jodie Hess. There were approximately 98 additional citizens present.

Chairman Hess called the hearing to order at 10:00 AM. Clerk Gauthier verified proper publication and posting of the public hearing notice. Chairman Hess provided background information as to the request for the proposed ordinance. Chairman Hess explained the order of the hearing which will begin with a question-and-answer period after each paragraph of the ordinance. Board comments included Supervisor McKenzie thanking all for attending. Supervisor Ridderbusch explained what is happening at the county level with a proposed ordinance on this matter and research he conducted in Sawyer County and other various municipalities. Supervisor Pietrzak spoke about hearings on this matter which she attended in the Town of Winchester and in Harrison.

Chairman Hess began the Q&A portion of the hearing and public comment at 10:12 AM.

Section 1. Enforcement. Ian Renkes of Pickerel Lake Rd asked for an explanation of the court process.

Section 2. Certain Artificial Wake Enhancement Prohibited. Josh Renkas of Pinewood Dr. asked about jet ski and trim language in the ordinance.

Section 3. Penalty. No question or comments.

Section 4. Severability. No question or comments.

Section 5. Effective Date. No question or comments.

Section 6. Sunset Clause. Town board discussion on the sunset clause proposed and previous action the board took on a sunset clause with the ATV/UTV ordinance. Board discussion that the 2-year proposed clause allows for data obtained and the purpose for review. Chairman Hess noted the board can choose to review any ordinance at any time. Question by Bill Cashin of Went Rd, asking about first and second forfeitures. Question by Steve Kessler of Town of Land O Lakes, asking about the penalty if multiple forfeitures within the first year. Chairman Hess referred to state statute.

Question by Josh Renkes, asking if there are any other ordinances with sunset clauses that were changed? Board response was no.

Public comments received:

Chairman Hess noted written correspondence on the proposed ordinance was received by the town, with 46 in favor of the ordinance and 2 against the ordinance.

Barb Rogers of North Shore Drive commented in favor of the ordinance due to damage sustained and safety concerns.

Marla Schaefer of Lakeland Drive on Lake Mildred. Commented in favor of the proposed ordinance and regulation of invasives, due to effects of ballast tanks on these boats.

Mary Jung of Shady Lane commented in support of the ordinance.

Michael Murphy of North Shore Drive on Two Sisters Lake commented in support of the ordinance.

Molly Rose Teuke of North Shore Dr. commented in support of the ordinance.

Paul Evans of Shoreview Dr. and member of Lake Mildred and Clear Lake Association, commented in support of the ordinance.

Richard Nelson of Lake Mildred Rd. Commented in support of the ordinance.

Petra Pietrzak, Town Supervisor. Commented in support of the ordinance along with presenting information on a 2017 economic value study done on the impacts of poor lake water quality and effect on the value of property and tourism.

Ted Rulseh of Art Thompson Rd, Harshaw and member of Oneida County Lakes and Rivers Association. Commented in favor of local regulation and in support of the proposed ordinance.

Joe Steinhage of North Shore Dr. Commented in support of the ordinance.

Josh Renkes of Pinewood Drive and owner of Whispering Pines Resort. Commented that the proposed ordinance is too restrictive and citizen reporting will just increase conflicts that are unnecessary.

Kathleen Cooper of Town of Pelican and Oneida County clean waters member. Commented in support of the proposed ordinance.

Lochlan Siegmeier of Tivoli Lane, read into the record a letter written by Glenn Schiffman of Pickerel Lake which noted the ordinance is too restrictive and should be more reasonable, as read.

Julie Meloy of Went Rd. Commented in support of the ordinance.

Kent Bradshaw of Birchwood Drive and Two Sisters Lake. Commented in support of the ordinance.

Ian Renkes of Pickerel Lake Rd. Commented against and noted the ordinance is too restrictive and these boats are okay for some lakes in Newbold.

Nancy VerKuilen of Pickerel Lake. Commented in support of the ordinance.

Mark Hensel of North Shore Drive, on Two Sisters Lake. Commented in support of the ordinance.

Rusty Borkin of East Pinehurst Dr. Commented in support of the ordinance.

Marci Hensel of North Shore Drive. Commented in support of the ordinance.

Stan Strub of Clear Lake Rd. Commented in support of the ordinance.

Karyl Rosenberg of Tom Doyle Lake. Commented in support of the ordinance.

Richard Phillips of Wild Cat Rd in Presque Isle. Commented on his experience with an extremely dangerous situation when nearly killed by a wake boat along with industry research showing these types of boats are not made for Newbold sized lakes.

Jeff Meessmann of BlueHeron in Presque Isle. Commented in favor of the ordinance.

Terry Magowan of Spencer Lane. Commented that only four people here on show of hands are against and the vast majority in the room are for the ordinance. He noted democracy will show in the board decision.

Mike Roach of Radue Circle. Commented that he is not in support of the ordinance, as there is not enough evidence, and less regulation is better.

Mrs. Phillips of Wildcat Rd, Presque Isle. Commented in support of the ordinance.

Public comment period ended at 12:08 p.m. Chairman Hess indicated the board will act on the proposed ordinance at the regular town board meeting on May 9, 2024.

Adjourned at 12:9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Kim Gauthier, Town Clerk