

## **Minutes of the Town of Newbold Town Board Finance and Regular Town Board Meeting held on Thursday, March 9, 2023**

The Town of Newbold Town Board met on **Thursday, March 9, 2023** at 6:00 p.m. for the Town Board Finance meeting and Regular Monthly Meeting, at the Newbold Fire Station, 4588 Highway 47, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, Oneida County, Wisconsin. The following were in attendance: Chairman, Dave Kroll; Supervisors, Mike Sueflohn, Mike McKenzie and Dan Hess; Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer.

The finance meeting was called to order by Chairman Kroll at 6:00 p.m.

### **Budget Transfers and Approval of Disbursements:**

*Motion by Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Sueflohn to approve the transfers from General Fund to designated public fund-town hall \$3,748.52 interest earned and \$600 to the election budget from WEC grant funds. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

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

**Financial reports** received including banking summary, cash status and designated funds reports, along with a report of budget vs y-t-d actual from the Clerk and Treasurer.

Discussion on motion sensor light work done at the fire station which was not covered by a grant the Clerk anticipated. The board agreed the funds should be transferred from the general fund.

### **Adjourn finance meeting at 6:20 p.m.**

**Regular Town Board Meeting:** Chairman Kroll called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and led the pledge of allegiance. Clerk Gauthier verified the meeting was properly noticed on three Town bulletin boards and included on the town website.

### **Public comment and communication whereby the Town Board may receive input on any matters raised by the public.**

Eric Rempala, Oneida County Clean Waters Action introduced himself and provided information on the group's efforts on environmental issues in the county. Mr. Rempala will continue to send emails to the clerk for board distribution and welcomed any board feedback or concerns going forward.

### **Approval of prior Town Board Meeting Minutes:**

*Motion by Mr. Sueflohn and Mr. McKenzie to approve the February 23, 2023 town board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

**Monthly Town Assessor Report by Jef Muelver, Town Assessor.** Mr. Muelver provided the board with a written report noting the final D.O.R. sales comparison ratio for Newbold of 88.09%. The previous personal property Assembly Bill 191 has momentum again and proposes elimination of the tax. Recent legal action on Lowes vs City of Delevan upheld the cities assessment which should settle the "big box store" loophole. Mr. Muelver expressed concern that the county assessment data will not be available until April which may put the municipalities behind on board of review schedules.

**Monthly District Library report by Newbold representative.**

Petra was present and request the library board report be placed on the last town meeting agenda of each month, as library meeting dates fluctuate.

**County Board of Supervisors Report:** Mr. Winkler was absent. Mr. Roach was present and noted he is on the committee to research the Pelican River Forest easement matter. The research will be presented at the committees April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. There will also be a public hearing on the matter at the courthouse on March 29, 2023. Mr. Roach is also on the county highway committee and reported on the consideration of either selling county chip seal equipment or have the county perform their own chip seal application. This is yet to be decided.

**Discussion and possible action on updates to the town building project and any other town building project matters.** Mr. Flannigan was not present. The clerk indicated he would either appear tonight or the last meeting in March to give the board an update on the demolition and start of the project.

**Discussion and possible action and updates on Fundraising Activity for the new town community center.** Mr. Hess indicated the fundraiser commitments to date total \$15,658. Mr. Hess also reported contact made to Mary Felzkowski's office requesting \$200,000 of funding be applied to the Newbold community center building. He also spoke to Representative Swearingen and Senator Baldwin about the request.

**Discussion and action on Oneida County Zoning Requests, Plan Commission and Citizen Zoning Requests, if any along with Plan Commission Chairman's Report.** Mr. Suefloh, Commission Chairman indicated the commission reviewed an application for tourist rooming last week. There was a need for clarification by the county on condition number two, minimum rental. Mr. Ridderbusch, Oneida County Zoning staff member was present and indicated the county is having further discussions on the ordinance language. The department director believes there may be a conflict with county ordinance and state statute and this will be addressed at the county level.

**Discussion and action on Administrative Review Permit (ARP) application by David Kubisch, applicant and owner to rent the dwelling as a Tourist Rooming House for no less than (6) six consecutive days on the following described property: Part of Government Lot 7, Section 18, T38N, R8E, PIN #NE 660-2A, 7179 North Shore Dr., Town of Newbold.**

*Motion by Mr. Hess and Mr. McKenzie to recommend approval of the permit for Mr. Kubisch to operate a tourist rooming house at 7179 North Shore Drive, subject to the eleven conditions on the last page of the application. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Mr. Hess requested that the plan commission and the town board discuss tourist rooming fees on a future agenda. This matter will be discussed after the new town board is established after the election in April.

**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 scheduled for March 30, 2023. The Hess's will be absent.

Clerk Gauthier reported that the WTA will hold a board of review training in Wabeno on April 21<sup>st</sup> and a virtual option on May 1<sup>st</sup>. At least one BOR member must complete the training each year. However, Chairman Kroll recommended all new board members attend the training.

The clerk distributed recent county ordinance violation letter to the board for information.

**Public Comment Period.**

Scott Ridderbusch commented on his attendance at the fire department fishing tournament and how well it was organized and what a great event it was.

Mike Roach commented he is on both sides of the tourist rooming issue, but believes that if a person wants to rent their home for three days they should be allowed to with the understanding that the remaining three days, total of six is permissible. He does not feel policing this through advertising is effective.

**Adjournment.** *The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m., with no objections.*

Respectfully Submitted by  
Kim Gauthier, Newbold Town Clerk