

Minutes of the Town of Newbold Town Board Finance and Regular Town Board Meeting held on Thursday, April 13, 2023

The Town of Newbold Town Board met on **Thursday, April 13, 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 Suefloh, 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. Hess to approve the transfers from General Fund to designated public fund-town hall \$4,431.07 (interest earned) and \$1,000 to the public landings budget (DNR grant). Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

Motion by Mr. Suefloh and Mr. Hess 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 utilities budget at station two is over budget due to propane costs.

Motion by Mr. Suefloh and Mr. McKenzie to transfer \$1,500 from the general fund to station 2 utilities budget. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

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.

Dorothy Skye commented on her work and observations as a poll worker at registration during the April election. Mrs. Skye noted the clerk and staff were very organized and friendly. In response to a request from the League of Women Voters, she voted using the handicap accessibility device on the election machine and concluded the process is awful to use and very cumbersome and humiliating, as it held up the voting process.

Chairman Kroll asked that the town board consider a remedy and work with the Clerk going forward on a solution to the accessibility device.

Clerk Gauthier described how the machine works and the disadvantages of utilizing the new machines accessibility mode. Mrs. Gauthier agreed the device is not very user friendly. The feature is required by law. The former machine provided for use without holding up the ballot counter during elections and agreed a resolution should be researched. Other means of marking a ballot are available for voters through the assistance process, as the clerk described. Clerk Gauthier also described curbside voting options from a voter's vehicle and the law allowing for agents to hand deliver absentee ballots to the clerk, as other voting options available.

Kevin Koth, WTA District Director present and commented on the operation of election machines throughout the state and the all-encompassing job of the clerk. Mr. Koth was present to acknowledge Chairman Kroll's 20 years of service to the Town of Newbold and presented Chairman Kroll with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Wisconsin Town's Association.

Approval of prior Town Board Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Sueflohn to approve the March 30, 2023 town board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye. Mr. Hess abstained.

Monthly Town Assessor Report by Jef Muelver, Town Assessor. Mr. Muelver provided a written report of 2023 data. Initial board of review will need to be scheduled prior to June 12th and asked that the board discuss setting a date at the May 11th meeting.

County Board of Supervisors Report: Mr. Winkler and Mr. Roach were absent and excused.

Discussion and action on Oneida County Zoning Requests, Plan Commission and Citizen Zoning Requests, if any along with Plan Commission Chairman's Report. Mr. Sueflohn, Commission Chairman indicated the commission reviewed the following applications.

Administrative Review Permit application (ARP) for Jessica and Charles Rosien, applicants and owners to rent the dwelling as a Tourist Rooming House for no less than (7) consecutive days on the following property described as: Lot 1, CSM 29, .Part of Government Lot 2, Section 19, T38N, R8E, Pin#NE664-1, 6297 Wendt Rd. Town of Newbold.

Commission recommends approval subject to the eleven conditions established by Oneida county zoning in the application and fees paid to the town. Treasurer, Jodie Hess acknowledged receipt of all fees for all applications on the agenda.

Motion by Mr. Hess and Mr. McKenzie to recommend approval of the application for Jessica and Charles Rosien, as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

Administrative Review Permit application by Don Helgeson, owner to expand the existing commercial storage rental facility the includes the construction of (3) three new storage buildings on the following described property: Lot 2, CSM 5319, being part of the NW ¼ of the NE ¼, Section 21, T37N, R8E, Pin #NE2067, 4683 State Highway 47, Town of Newbold.

Motion by Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Hess to recommend approval of the storage unit application of Don Helgeson subject to the DNR storm water retention requirement and meeting all state and county requirements and conditions. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

Administrative Review Permit application (ARP) for Joseph Anderson, applicant and owner to rent the dwelling as a Tourist Rooming House for less than (30) consecutive days on the following property described as: Part of Government Lot 2, Section 8 T39N, R8E, PIN #NE 1007-6, 6996 Pickerel Lake Rd., Town of Newbold. (6) Review of BLUE SKY STORAGE of St. Germain, Town of Newbold.

Board discussion on different rental days allowed on this application compared to the others. Scott Ridderbusch commented on county ordinance related to minimum rental days varying within different zoning districts. This property is allowed to rent with no restriction on a minimum amount of days.

Motion by Mr. Hess and Mr. McKenzie to recommend approval of the Joseph Anderson application as presented and subject to the conditions set. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

Review of Blue Sky Storage of St. Germain, Town of Newbold.

Clarification received this agenda item on the Plan Commission agenda did not list GPS, Inc. whom is the owner of Blue Sky Storage nor is it listed as an action item. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion by the plan commission on the topic of possible room tax in the town. Mr. Sueflohn reported the commission has no objection to the town board pursuing this in the future.

Discussion and possible action on updates to the town building project and any other town building project matters. Chairman Kroll indicated demolition will take place tomorrow or Monday, April 17th.

Discussion and possible action and updates on Fundraising Activity for the new town community center. Mr. Hess indicated the fundraiser amount has not changed since last meeting.

Discussion and review of Oneida County Outdoor Recreation Plan.

A copy of the Oneida County plan received from North Central Regional Planning and distributed to the board for review and consideration at the next board meeting.

Chairman Kroll commented he would recommend striking bike trail upgrades and expansion along with development of pickle ball courts in the town. It was noted "Fredericks Landing" is not listed as a town owned boat launch on the document.

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 April 27, 2023. Newly elected town board chair will conduct the meeting.

Annual town meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The newly voted town officials will take position on April 18th by statute.

Mr. Hess noted any interest in the appointment of plan commission member, should let him know. Town ordinance allows for the appointment by the chairman along with endorsement of town board officials.

Public Comment Period.

Tammi Wiedeman asked how owners of rental homes are educating users on proper lake use and regulations of the permits. Mr. Sueflohn commented the owners should be educating renters on the application conditions and enforcement is the jurisdiction of the sheriff's department.

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

Respectfully Submitted by
Kim Gauthier, Newbold Town Clerk