

TOWN OF NEWBOLD ANNUAL MEETING

April 18, 2023

The Town of Newbold Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Newbold Fire Station, 4588 Highway 47, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, Oneida County, Wisconsin.

The meeting was called to order by Town Chairman, Dave Kroll. The following Town Board members were present at the meeting: Supervisors Mike McKenzie, Scott Ridderbusch, Petra Pietrzak, newly elected Town Chairman, Dan Hess, and Treasurer, Jodie Hess. Clerk, Kim Gauthier, was absent and excused. Public Works Director and Fire Chief, Mark Fetzer, was also in attendance as was Town Assessor, Jef Muelver. A total of 18 citizens were present.

Chairman Kroll led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and verified public notice. Chairman Kroll reminded the audience that this is a meeting of the electors and advised the audience of the statutory definition of a qualified voter of the town.

Public Comment- A motion made by Scott Eshelman that the electors of the Town of Newbold recognize and express our deep appreciation to the following departing board members for their service to the Town of Newbold: Dave Kroll, Mike Sueflohn, Jim Staskiewicz. These board members have each served for many years. During their time on the board, they have made numerous significant contributions to our community. They have worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for all residents and they have always put the needs of our community first. We are grateful for their dedication and commitment and we wish them all the best in their future endeavors. That motion was seconded by Jim Winkler. Motion carried all ayes, 2 abstentions.

Chairman, Kroll read the prior Budget and Special Meeting minutes of November 29th, 2022 into record. *Motion to approve by Jim Winkler and Brad White. Motion carried on a majority voice vote of aye.* Chairman, Kroll, excused himself from the Board and welcomed in the newly elected Chairman, Dan Hess, along with incoming Supervisors, Scott Ridderbusch and Petra Pietrzak. His outgoing thoughts were to be successful; you have to surround yourself with good people and it was an honor, a true honor to serve the people of Newbold.

The Treasurer presented the town financial reports of actual 2022 Revenue and Expenses, along with the Designated Funds balances. Reports accepted into record.

Mark Fetzer, Director of Public Works presented a report of 2022 completed road projects which included reconstruction of River Road and single chip sealing of Evergreen Ct, Hillside Ct, Bass Bay Dr, Chipmunk Ln, Meadow Dr and Ln, McLaughlin Dr, Pineview Dr, Mildred Parkway and Ln. The proposed projects for 2023 include reconstruction of Flannery Lake Rd and Chip Sealing with Flex Patching on River Rd – Bridge Rd to Hilstrom Dr, Maple Ridge Dr, Maple Bluff Ln, Spider

Lake Rd – Westshore Dr to Wilderness Tr, Black Lake Rd – Ranch Rd to Northshore Dr. Bids and finances will dictate how many projects are approved.

Fire Chief, Mark Fetzer presented the Volunteer Fire Department report. In 2022, The Newbold Fire Department was called to 79 fire department calls and 143 medical calls. There are currently 28 members on the department, which 6 are primarily involved in search and rescue activities. There were numerous fund-raising events throughout the year. In March, 2022 an ice fishing tournament was held on Two Sisters Lake. Donations came in around \$1000. The 2023 ice fishing tournament had a better turnout for attendance and donations came in around \$4000 for the tournament and \$4700 profit on the ice castle trailer raffle. The annual fire department picnic was held August 20th, 2022. They took in around \$15,600 from the picnic and donations. The rifle raffle made an additional \$4500. This year's annual picnic will be held on the third Saturday in August. Late winter, 2022, the fire department purchased a 2013 Spartan fire engine from Manitowish Waters Fire Department in the amount of \$325,000. This will replace the 1998 Engine Two.

Approval to sell town owned equipment. It was noted by Chairman, Hess, that there is no longer a requirement for citizen approval for sale of town owned equipment. The sale of the 1998 Int'l Chassis Truck, with equipment, will go to auction.

Town Cemetery Report. Treasurer, Jodie Hess, presented the Cemetery Annual Report into record.

Any other citizen input was called for. Mr. Kroll thanked the VFD and the road crew for their excellent work as always. Specifically, the road crews work on the recent snow storm which included having all plow trucks out in service. Mr. Kroll asked for an update on fundraising for the new Town Hall. Chairman, Hess indicated \$15,800 in donations were raised thus far and informed the citizens of the rooms still available for naming rights. Jim Winkler raised a question for an update on the Town Hall construction project. Chairman, Hess, indicated the old building had been structurally taken down the day of this meeting and that meetings held in the next few weeks will produce updates that we can relay to the citizens of Newbold. Brad White thanked the prior board and current board for their due diligence in seeing the build of the new Town Hall through.

No other input by the citizens. The annual town meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m., with no objections.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jodie Hess, Newbold Treasurer