

Minutes of the Town of Newbold Town Board Regular & Finance Town Board Meeting held on Thursday, July 13, 2023

The Town of Newbold Town Board met on **Thursday, July 13, 2023** at 5:30 p.m. for the Town Board Regular and Finance meeting, at the Newbold Fire Station, 4588 Highway 47, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, Oneida County, Wisconsin.

The following were in attendance: Chairman, Dan Hess; Supervisors, Scott Ridderbusch, Mike McKenzie, Petra Pietrzak, and Brad White; Clerk, Kim Gauthier and Treasurer, Jodie Hess.

Regular Town Board Meeting: Chairman Hess called the meeting to order at 5:30 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. None.

Approval of prior Town Board Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Ridderbusch and Ms. Pietrzak to approve the June 29, 2023 town board meeting minutes with suggested changes presented by the Clerk. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

Monthly Town Assessor Report by Jef Muelver, Town Assessor.

Mr. Muelver provided a written report indicating he submitted the final municipal assessment report to the Dept. of Revenue on behalf of the town. The previous senate bill discussed is being re-written. More updates to follow at future meetings.

County Board of Supervisors Report: Mr. Winkler present and reported the county forestry pulp market is much slower, labor relations will begin meeting soon on staff budgeting for next year and his involvement in the PACE energy program.

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

Mr. Hess indicated the commission did not meet the month of July, as there were no requests from the county.

Discussion and action on town building project, updates with Keller, Inc. and any other building project matters.

Chairman Hess addressed a rumor of the new town community center building having roof issues, however, that is not the case. The project continues on schedule with the bulk of work being drywall at this time. Furniture quotes are being obtained. The Clerk will pass this information on to the board at the next meeting. One quote was distributed to the board for review thus far.

Discussion and possible action and updates on Fundraising Activity for the new town community center.

No new funds to report. Ms. Pietrzak indicated the post card is with Press Express and should be out for delivery no later than end of month. Additional information on the postcard can also be sent as a "booster" to those in the Newbold area through the town Facebook page and she will follow up on that option.

Discussion and action on request to place bench memorial at the Newbold Outdoor Recreation Area.

Chairman Hess noted Shawn Radcliff is requesting to place a bench in memory of his wife, as described. The location was noted. Board discussion on past procedure when the area was being developed and the donation amount at that time. *Motion by Mr. White and Mr. Ridderbusch to move forward with the bench donation with continual discussion to follow. That motion was amended to include further discussion on the placement to follow. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Discussion and action on request for a possible disc golf tournament at Newbold Rookery Run course.

An email request was presented to the town from Stu Gierach for use of the Newbold course for a tournament in September or October of 2023, with approximately thirty-five in attendance. It was noted by the board the course would remain open to the public and no fee is allowed to be charged per the original agreement when the town obtained the baskets. Board discussion on any other guidelines or parameters to protect the course. It was decided an exact date is needed so public works can be aware of the event along with coordination of parking and a possible donation. More discussion to follow. No action.

Discussion and action on county request for consideration of Resolution to Authorize Electronic mail notification of ordinance amendments and/or zoning designation changes to the town.

Chairman Hess read Resolution #2023-02. *Motion by Mr. McKenzie and Ms. Pietrzak to approve resolution #2023-02, as presented. Roll call vote: Mr. White aye; Ms. Pietrzak aye; Mr. McKenzie aye; Mr. Ridderbusch aye; Mr. Hess aye. Motion carried.*

Public Comment Period.

Pete Cody commented on the possible disc golf tournament as a good revenue source through donations, the concern for enough parking especially along the road side on Ole Lake Road. He noted the parking lot can hold approximately 20 vehicles and the town must consider the potential issue of visibility on the road.

Kathy Rossman, Spider Lake Road, commented on the public nuisance noise generated by Fort Wilderness' gun range. She commented on her efforts to work with Fort Wilderness over many years and no resolution has been made. Her family is done dealing with the excessive noise and asked the town to recognize her complaint.

Approval of any line item Budget Transfers. Approval of disbursements and sign checks.

Motion by Mr. McKenzie and Mr. White to approve the budget transfer from general fund to designated NORA donations of \$130; general fund to election equipment budget (grant) of \$750; and general fund to designated fire insurance dues of \$18,714.78, as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.

Motion by Mr. Ridderbusch and Ms. Pietrzak to approve 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.

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 July 27, 2023.

Chairman Hess noted a letter was received from Mrs. Cody regarding two items of concern at the Newbold Outdoor Recreation Area. Chairman Hess will work with public works to resolve the issues.

It was noted by the Clerk, a letter of apology was received addressed to the town from Mr. Jim Staskiewicz regarding the events that transpired leading up to the spring election.

Also noted, a notice of public hearing received regarding a zoning permit objection with the County Board of Adjustment set for July 27th of James Janet, 7983 Nokomis Drive. Other letters of complaints copied to the town from the zoning department for town records were made available for review.

Adjournment. *The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m., with no objections.*

Respectfully Submitted by
Kim Gauthier, Newbold Town Clerk