

**Minutes of the Town of Newbold Town Board Regular Town Board Meeting held on
Thursday, October 26, 2023**

The Town of Newbold, Town Board, met on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., for the Town Board Regular Monthly Meeting, held 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; Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer. Absent and excused, Supervisor Brad White.

Chairman Dan Hess called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Hess led the audience in the pledge of allegiance. The Clerk verified the agenda was properly noticed to the public.

Public Comment and Communication Period per Wisconsin Statutes whereby the Town Board may receive input on any matter raised by the public.

Approve prior Town Board meeting minutes. *Motion by Mr. Ridderbusch and Mr. Hess to approve the meeting minutes of October 12, 2023, as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

Monthly County Board of Supervisors Report by Newbold representative(s). Absent and excused.

Monthly District Library report by Newbold Representatives. Petra Pietrzak distributed a report of library activities, budgetary updates, and foundation fundraising event information.

Monthly Newbold Fire Department report by Chief Fetzer. A report of fire calls and first responder calls provided. Picnic fundraising came in at net income of \$17,757 and the gun raffle net income was \$3,918. Tickets are currently being sold for an ice castle trailer raffle to be held at the upcoming winter ice fishing event. Chief Fetzer noted the department needs First Responders.

Monthly Newbold Public Works report by Director, Mark Fetzer. Mr. Fetzer provided a report on public works activities, which includes hauling sand for the winter supply and mixing it with 4.3% salt purchased from the county. The brush mower is being utilized. The Flannery Lake Road project is complete. The new broom engine was installed.

Discussion and action on purchase of tires for town equipment. Mr. Fetzer requested new rear tires be purchased for the 1998 tandem axle truck for winter. The estimated amount for tires and installation is \$3,860.16. *Motion by Mr. Ridderbusch and Mr. McKenzie to approve the purchase of eight tires for the tandem axle truck in an amount not to exceed \$4000. Motion carried on a voice vote of all ayes.*

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

Chairman Hess noted a meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2023.

Discussion and possible action or update on Fundraising Activity for the new town community center. Funds received remain the same.

Discussion and action on Town Building Project, Updates and any other building project matters. Chairman Hess provided the board with the following building project updates: WPS connection takes place within the week. The sound system installation is complete. Petra continues to obtain quotes on window treatments from four local vendors. Vacuum and TV monitors were

purchased. The concrete slab at the entrance was corrected. Discussion on needed file cabinets for the records room. *Motion by Mr. Hess and Mr. McKenzie to authorize purchase of file cabinets by the clerk not to exceed \$3000. Motion carried on a voice vote of all ayes.*

Continued discussion and possible action on town logo or approval of town slogan.
Motion by Ms. Pietrzak and Mr. McKenzie to authorize the slogan selection of “Where nature and tranquility meet”, as discussed. Motion carried on a voice vote of all ayes.

Discussion on logo #14, as the most voted logo by town officials. Discussion on adding color to the features and bring back to the next meeting for discussion. Petra will work on the color addition.

Discussion and action on town fee schedule amendments. Board discussion on obtaining plan commission input on the permit fees. Further discussion to follow at the next board meeting.

Discussion and action on Employee Health Insurance benefits, premiums and Public Works budgetary items. Clerk Gauthier presented a copy of the revisions made to the public works handbook appendix A and B, based on board action at the last meeting. *Motion by Mr. Ridderbusch and Ms. Pietrzak to approve revisions to the public works handbook as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote of all ayes.*

Approval and payment of any bills and/or funds adjustments.
Motion by Mr. Hess and Mr. McKenzie to approve the bills and disbursements, as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote of all ayes.

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 regular board meeting and finance meeting scheduled for November 9, 2023.

Agenda items must be sent to the Clerk by the Friday before the next meeting.

Board budget discussion meeting set for Tuesday, October 31st at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion on a letter received by the Chairman from the Town of Cassian regarding a potential group home coming into their town. No board request for town input was made at this time.

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Dorothy Skye extended appreciation to the board for the ongoing scrutiny of costs and functionality of the new building project. Trevor commented that it is good to see the boards creativity.

Adjournment at 7:30 p.m., with no objections.

Respectfully submitted by: Kim Gauthier, Town Clerk