

Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022

The Town of Newbold Town Board, met on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., for a Special Town Board Meeting at the Newbold Fire Department, 4588 Hwy 47, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, Oneida County, Wisconsin.

The following were in attendance: Chairman Dave Kroll; Supervisors, Mike Sueflohn, Jim Staskiewicz, Mike McKenzie and Dan Hess; Clerk, Kim Gauthier and Treasurer, Jodie Hess; along with Public Works Director, Mark Fetzer.

Chairman Kroll called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and verified the agenda was properly noticed to the public.

Discussion and possible action on 2023 Preliminary Town Budget. Chairman Kroll and Supervisor Hess attended the library arbitration meeting, which resulted in the district municipalities voting on a two percent increase to the library budget over last year. Newbold's portion will increase approximately \$4190.60 instead of \$24,000. The clerk provided the board with a revised budget worksheet with the revisions previously discussed. Board discussion on possibly budgeting for Treasurer and Clerk computer upgrades and garage utilities budget increase due to the price of propane and electricity going up. Mr. Sueflohn also proposed the clerk and treasurer salaries increase three percent. However, by statute any compensation must be set by the electors of the town not by the board. Discussion on the \$32,000 surplus going into town shop designated reserves since a new town shop will need to be a future capital improvement project. *Motion by Mr. Hess and Mr. Staskiewicz to approve the proposed 2023 budget as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

The Clerk presented the road crew employee handbook with the revisions corresponding with previously discussed budget items regarding five percent road crew wage increase and insurance premiums. Discussion on items pertaining to crew clothing allowance and distribution proposed by the Clerk. No action by the board, language remains the same. *Motion by Mr. Sueflohn and Mr. McKenzie to accept the revisions to Appendix A and B of the road crew employee handbook, as decided at the past budget discussion meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote of all aye.*

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.

Public Comment and Communication Period per Wisconsin Statutes whereby the Town Board may receive input on any matter raised by the public. None.

Adjournment at 6:40 p.m., with no objection.

Submitted by Kim Gauthier, Newbold Town Clerk