

TOWN BOARD MEETING

TOWN OF NEWTON

April 11, 2018

The town board meeting for the Town of Newton was held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 pursuant to posted notices. Said meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Roger Busse.

Present were: Roger Busse, Denise Thomas, Mark Knorr, Barbara Pankratz, Mike Slattery, Dave Mueller, and Charlie Bauer. Paulette Vogt is excused.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by everyone present. The agenda has been posted by the Road Superintendent Dave Mueller as well as put on the web by the clerk and the affidavit of said posting is on file with the clerk. Supervisor Mark Knorr made a motion to approve the submitted agenda. Supervisor Denise Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

Roger Busse made a motion to approve the previously submitted March Board Meeting minutes. Denise Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

Public input was opened. There being no public input said agenda item was closed.

Dave Mueller, Road Superintendent stated that he is going to order road salt. He had one hundred thirty tons on hand at the beginning of the year and now has sixty tons. One hundred tons was ordered last year.

He also indicated that the County wants to replace the culvert on Gass Lake and County U. The County called indicating that County U is being overlaid next month. We were informed that at the intersection where the culvert goes under Gass Lake Road it does not look good and the blacktop is going to be replaced. Large culverts can be submitted for Bridge Aid which will result in one-half being paid back to the Town. The County will not charge Newton for the blacktopping and also no cost to Newton for the overlay. The Board approved this and Dave Mueller, Road Superintendent will call the County tomorrow about this matter.

Dave Mueller stated that a mile stretch on Carstens Lake Road, a little past Brunner Road, should qualify for the TRIP Program. The Town Board has to look at roads and Dave will look into getting bids for blacktopping on Carstens Lake Road and Wilharms and either Wehausen or Scheffler Road. Supervisor Knorr said prices should be gotten before the May board meeting at which time the Board can decide what will be done.

Mike Slattery, Zoning Administrator gave his report for the month of March. He also submitted a Conditional Use Permit Agreement as well as a Zone Change Application form. Supervisor Mark Knorr made a motion that the Zone Change Application be accepted. Supervisor Denise Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

Chairman Busse made a motion to accept the Conditional Use Permit Agreement. Supervisor Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

Denise Thomas, Supervisor talked about the Recycling trailer matter. It was decided that the trailer we have could be remodeled by saving the cage and putting a new bottom on it and having it repainted.

Mark Knorr, Supervisor stated that the fire house door lock was received at a cost of \$344. Dave Mueller, Road Supervisor will install the lock. He also indicated that the Terry Redlin picture honoring Richard Stock has arrived. He will get a plaque for the same and it will be presented to the Stock family at the Annual Meeting. Said picture will hang in the Town Hall.

It was noted that Ken Jaworski of Martenson & Eisele will attend the May Plan Commission meeting in reference to changes to our zoning. The Plan Commission will hold a public hearing and then the Town Board will act on it after which the changes will be sent to the Manitowoc County Board.

The Wisconsin Education Agricultural Center paid the Town \$300. for a variance because their building was thirty-five feet high. They did not need this variance but did need a variance for a sign so this fee will be applied to the sign variance.

The clerk indicated that the 2017 Annual Report is on the web site and copies will be mailed this week. It was also stated that the Recycling Contract - Actual Costs was submitted to the DNR timely which will result in a substantial payment to the Town.

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Chapter 19.85(1)(c) the Town Board went into closed session upon motion made by Chairman Busse and seconded by Supervisor Thomas to discuss personnel matters at the Recycling Center. After deliberation Supervisor Mark Knorr made a motion to go back into open session which motion was seconded by Supervisor Denise Thomas.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned by motion made by Chairman Roger Busse and seconded by Supervisor Mark Knorr.

Barbara Pankratz, Town Clerk

