

TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF NEWTON  
AUGUST 9, 2017

Our August meeting was held on August 9, 2017 pursuant to posted notices. Said meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Roger Busse. A verification of posting as well as an affidavit is on record with the clerk. The notice was also posted on our Town of Newton web site.

Present were: Roger Busse, Denise Thomas, Mark Knorr, Paulette Vogt, Barbara Pankratz, Mike Slattery, Dave Mueller, Ed Downing, Scott Konik, Charlie Bauer, Ron Ratajczak and Greg Zahn.

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

Roger Busse, Chairman made a motion to approve the previously submitted July Board Meeting minutes. Supervisor Denise Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

Public in-put was opened. There being no public in-put said agenda item was closed.

Road Superintendent Dave Mueller got a call from someone who had his car window broken from a truck driving near the Ag Center. Dave called the Bayland Trucking Company and they stated they would make an effort to keep the road swept. Ditches are being put on hold for now and shouldering is almost completed on Newton Road. There is a high water issue on Range Line Road. This Spring it was almost over the road. Dave talked to Rick Krueger from Liberty about installing a culvert under the road. He found out that a tile had been put in somewhere between 1994-1996. Luebkes allowed it to be put through their land and it starts around Silver Creek, goes under the road and there is a basin but a culvert will not solve the problem. Dave will continue to research when this tile was installed.

Dave and Dan Stock dug up about one hundred feet going of the tile in Newton - going South. Dave had Right Way Applications jet the line that goes to the North. They jetted it from the North end South and also from the South end North. They donated the jetter truck time. (A thank you note will be sent by the clerk.)

Dave also purchased new flags for the flag pole. He will be checking around to see if he can find some at a lower cost since the cost was \$90. for two flags.

Law Enforcement Officer Dave Mueller issued three citations since our last meeting. Two were for unlicensed dogs and one was for a barking dog. Two citations have been issued in reference to the barking dog. There is nothing in the Statute that addresses what can be done.

He also had not gotten any response back about the house at Center Road and County Road C. The clerk has not received anything either. Another complaint Dave received was about people on a boat on English Lake that were playing loud music. The person inquired about what the rule was for loud music on the lake. The Town has nothing governing this. It should be the responsibility of the English Lake Association to take care of this.

Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Mike Slattery submitted his report for the month of July stating permits and variances that were allowed. The new form entitled Addition - Remodel Building Permit was presented to the Board. Chairman Roger Busse made a motion to adopt this permit. Denise Thomas seconded the motion which passed. The permit will be put on the web site under "Forms and Permits".

A discussion between Chairman Busse, Supervisor Denise Thomas and Treasurer Paulette Vogt ensued about the money situation at the Recycling Center and the reporting of the money in the petty cash and what is collected. Supervisor Denise Thomas felt it should be recorded and there should be a paper trail. Chairman Roger Busse discussed that the collection of the money should be back to the old way of collecting. Paulette stated that she felt collecting the money from the Recycling Center was more convenient and that she would see that there would not be too much money left in the till after the day's collection. She felt that the attendants should not be handling the money at all except collecting it. Roger Busse, Chairman stated it will go back to the old way of collecting the money by the treasurer at the Recycling Center each week. Paulette Vogt, Treasurer had no further business to discuss.

The Quality State Oil Co. gasoline (\$2.37 per gross gallon) and diesel fuel (\$2.4066 per gross gallon) contract which is from September 1, 2017 ending August 31, 2018 was the next item of business. Chairman Busse made a motion to accept the Quality State Oil Co. contract. Said motion was seconded by Supervisor Mark Knorr and passed. Said contracts are now on file in the office.

Supervisor Mark Knorr informed the Board that the old fire truck was sold for \$8,000. to Valley Popcorn. The invoice was sent and when the money is received Valley Popcorn will get the truck.

Chairman Busse reported that Port Cities Heating & Cooling would install two Broan #170 electric wall heaters in the bathrooms in the Town Hall. Installation includes all labor and materials with the high voltage wiring to be done by someone else. Supervisor Knorr made a motion to proceed with the installation of the heaters. Supervisor Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

The ATV Ordinance was the next item on the agenda. Motion was made by Supervisor Mark Knorr and seconded by Supervisor Denise Thomas to pass this ordinance. ATV's include four wheelers, three wheelers and UTV's .

Supervisor Mark Knorr made a motion to accept the monthly bills for the month of July. From now on only the previous month of statements will be submitted to the Board at its Board meeting instead of the way it was done previously.

There was no further business to come before the meeting. Supervisor Denise Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Roger Busse seconded the motion which carried.

Barbara Pankratz, Town Clerk