

TOWN BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF NEWTON
FEBRUARY 7, 2018

The town board meeting for the Town of Newton was held on Wednesday, February 7, 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, Paulette Vogt, Barbara Pankratz, Mike Slattery, Dave Mueller, Ed Downing, and Charlie Bauer.

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 Denise Thomas made a motion to approve the submitted agenda. Supervisor Mark Knorr seconded the motion which carried.

Mark Knorr made a motion to approve the previously submitted January Board Meeting minutes. Denise Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

The treasurer's report which had been submitted to the Board previous to the meeting was approved by motion made by Mark Knorr and seconded by Denise Thomas. Motion carried.

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

Dave Mueller, Road Superintendent gave his report. He stated that Steve Hoffman did a GPS tile collection on Range Line Road and did not charge the town. The clerk will send him a thank you card. He also noted that he had gotten tile from Joel Luebke at no charge. Because of the cost of the same Mr. Luebke will receive a refund that he paid for rental of the Town Hall.

Dave informed the Board that when plowing snow at the Recycling Center when the Center is not open that people drive in to deposit which puts them at risk while he is plowing. He was instructed to put up barricades on each end of the drive into the Recycling Center to prevent anyone from driving in.

Other items that Dave addressed was that he is working on cutting trees; the WI FI booster is installed; that he had gotten new keys to replace some missing keys. Chairman Busse inquired about our salt inventory and Dave stated he would need to check the contract to see how much more salt we are contracted for this year. We will have enough to make it through the season baring a major ice storm.

Road Superintendent Dave Mueller was asked to get estimates on three culvert replacements: one on English Lake Road, one on Center Road South of Clover Road and one on Gass Lake Road between County F and County U. He was asked to get estimates from Bob Braun Excavating, the County and Madson Tiling and Excavating. The English Lake Road one should get done early so it can settle because they want to pave that section this year as part of the TRIP Program.

Law Enforcement Officer Dave Mueller gave a report on incidents he attended to.

Denise Thomas, Supervisor gave a report on the recycling trailer. She felt that the 12,000 lb. fourteen foot long axle trailer which has to have sides and would have to retro-fitted was more than what the town needed. Supervisor Knorr wants to find out what the new trailer costs. He stated that he thought that Stock Mfg. indicated that the cost of fixing the one we have would cost the same as buying a new one. Dave Mueller was asked to take the specifications to Stock Mfg. and find out exactly how much it would cost to fix the one we have. Further action will be taken after questions are answered.

Denise also indicated that we are down to one and a half pallets of Newton trash bags which probably will last until Fall but that it takes two months to get after ordering. It was decided that when our supply is down to a half pallet that bags will be ordered from the same company that we have been using for bags.

Supervisor Mark Knorr indicated that he wants to have a key pad installed on the door to the meeting room of the Fire Department. When the Sheriff's personnel need to do sobriety tests in inclement weather they use the Fire Department facilities and someone has to open the door and it is often very late at night. He stated that many Fire Departments do have key pad doors to facilitate this testing and eliminate having someone open the door. Mark Knorr made a motion to obtain said key pad. Denise Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

Supervisor Knorr attended the Board of Review training at the District and made the Board aware of many changes in procedures for the Board of Review. Two things that have to be addressed is an ordinance appointing the clerk as a member of the Board of Review since the clerk position is now an appointed position and not elected and one of the other items was the appointment of five alternate members of the Board of Review. Ed Downing and Charlie Bauer volunteered to be alternates and the chairman will find three more alternates.

The next item of business was the revision of the Fee Schedule. After approval of the same it will be put on the web site.

The Employee Policy was also reviewed. Denise Thomas made a motion that part-time employees that work on the mentioned holidays will receive time and a half pay. Roger Busse seconded the motion that carried.

Supervisor Mark Knorr made a motion to pay the bills which were submitted to the Board before the meeting. Chairman Roger Busse seconded the motion which carried.

Supervisor Mark Knorr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Denise Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

Barbara Pankratz

