

TOWN BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF NEWTON
JANUARY 10, 2018

The town board meeting for the Town of Newton was held on Wednesday, January 10, 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 Michael Knotek.

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.

Denise Thomas made a motion to approve the previously submitted December Board Meeting minutes. Chairman Roger Busse 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. Michael Knotek appeared before the Board to voice his opinion on the proposals of the National Marine Sanctuary on West Shore of Lake Michigan. He was informed that there was a Resolution on the agenda stating that the Town Board of the Town of Newton was not in favor of the proposal and was going on record stating the same.

Dave Mueller, Road Superintendent gave his report. He stated that the Recycling Center had trouble with the compactor. He changed oil and it is working fine now. He also indicated that he posted the signs at the Recycling Center indicating the hours of operation. He will be trimming trees soon in the right-of-ways. The property owner can have the wood if they desire.

Dave Mueller, Law Enforcement Officer reported that he had given papers to the District Attorney for the person who failed to license his dogs and that he issued a citation for illegal burning.

Mike Slattery, Zoning Administrator gave his report and stated that the building permits totals for 2017 were \$18,442,935 of which 5.6 million is taxable.

Mark Knorr reported on the trailer for plastic at the Recycling Center. He indicated he had spoke to Dan and Duff Stock and they told him what modifications could be done to a 7 feet high, 8 feet wide and 16 feet long trailer with a tarp which costs approximately \$7,500. The Stocks said that they would make the doors swing open and they would make it so that the ramp slides. It was decided that the Town would purchase the trailer and that the Stocks would do the modifications. Road Superintendent, Dave

Mueller and Supervisor Denise Thomas will go to Mirsberger in Hilbert, WI to negotiate the price of purchase of the trailer. Supervisor Mark Knorr made a motion to purchase the dump trailer for the Recycling Center. Supervisor Denise Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

The next matter on the agenda was the zone change request for the Ethel Backus estate, 4622 Clover Road, Manitowoc, WI for a zone change from A-3 Farmland Preservation District to A-2 General Agricultural District on property located in the SW1/4 of the SE1/4, Section 11, T18N, R23E in the Town of Newton. Motion was made, seconded and passed at the Newton Plan Commission meeting on January 6, 2018 to approve this zone change. Supervisor Denise Thomas made a motion to approve this zone change. Chairman Busse seconded the motion which passed.

Richard Stock, benefactor for the Town of Newton passed away on January 7, 2018. The Town Board decided to honor him for his more than generous contributions of money and services to the Town of Newton for many years. Mark Knorr will look into obtaining something to memorialize Dick's memory and the same will be presented to the family at the Annual Meeting of the Town of Newton in April.

Chairman Busse made a motion to reappoint Ed Downing and Deb Reis to the Plan Commission for a term ending in 2021 and reappoint Lee Holschbach, Secretary and Chairman of the Board of Appeals for a term ending in 2021. Supervisor Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

There was a discussion about holiday pay for the Road Superintendent. It was decided that the road superintendent is entitled to seven days of Holiday Pay - namely: New Years Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. If any of the holidays fall on a Saturday or Sunday, the employee may take either the Friday before or the Monday after. Employees must work the scheduled day before and after a holiday to be eligible for holiday pay. Employee may take vacation before or after the holiday. Working on a scheduled holiday will be paid at time and a half in addition to holiday pay.

The Resolution entitled Proposed National Marine Sanctuary on the Western Shores of Lake Michigan was passed by motion made by Supervisor Thomas and seconded by Supervisor Knorr. Motion carried. A copy of the Resolution will be sent to the County Clerk's Office to be presented to the County Board meeting.

The Lakeshore Humane Society, Inc. Agreement between the Town of Newton and the Lakeshore Humane Society, Inc. was presented by the clerk and upon motion made by Chairman Busse and seconded by Supervisor Thomas the same was signed by the chairman and clerk. Said agreement shall be in full force and effect through December, 2020.

The matter of reviewing building permit rates which is on the agenda for the January 10, 2018 meeting will be addressed at the town board meeting which will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2018.

Motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) was made by Chairman Busse and seconded by Supervisor Knorr. Motion passed. After said session motion was made by Supervisor Knorr and seconded by Supervisor Thomas to go back into open session. Motion passed.

Supervisor Knorr made a motion to accept the statements as presented previously to the Board. Supervisor Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

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

Barbara Pankratz, Town Clerk