

TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF NEWTON  
JULY 12, 2017

Our July meeting was held on July 12, 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, and Ed Downing.

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.

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

Supervisor Mark Knorr questioned the treasurer's report about the Committed Fund. After considerable discussion and input from the Clerk who had the Committed Fund file, it was decided that the amount stated in the Treasurer's report was incorrect because she was never given an updated version of the same. The Board was made aware of the correct amount. The clerk was asked to check with the auditor and report back to the Board next month as to how much money can be in the Committed Fund as well as the General Fund. Chairman Roger Busse asked that the numbers of the accounts be explained and Treasurer Paulette Vogt explained why the Town has three accounts at Bank First National. There being no further discussion Supervisor Mark Knorr made a motion to accept the submitted treasurer's report. Chairman Roger Busse seconded the motion which carried.

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

Road work was discussed and it was decided that the salt shed and the apron on the side work will be done this year as well as the work behind the Fire House/Town Shop. Union Road South of Dehne will also be done. Scott Construction is working on the dead-ends and slag seal.

Road Superintendent Dave Mueller spoke about the tile problem Gass Lake Road near Jason Gamble's property, Kelly Christiansen and Newton Meat Market where at least nine tiles are broken. The property is in the right-of-way. It will be looked into further in the near future. There was also a discussion about spraying parsnips - cutting first and then spraying was talked about on Newton Road before it goes to seed. Dave also indicated that the ATV signs are ordered.

The Paser Program was discussed and it will be addressed later in the year since it is due in December.

Law Enforcement Officer Dave Mueller also stated that he had issued a citation for illegal burning and a citation will also be sent to a person whose property is considered a public nuisance as well as a citation for refusal to get a dog license. Road Superintendent Dave Mueller also received a notice from Charlie Bauer about a grave stone leaning in the cemetery adjoining the Town Hall property. It was stated that the Plan Commission is working on a Cemetery Ordinance which would address cemetery matters.

Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Mike Slattery submitted his report for the month of June. The new form entitled Addition - Remodel Building Permit was presented to the Board and it will be on the August agenda for passage.

Supervisor Denise Thomas reported on the Recycling Center and stated that the report received by the Clerk from Manitowoc County in reference to tires and sent to Denise will be posted at our Recycling Center. The sign for larger items was also ordered for the Recycling Center.

Chairman Busse stated that on Highway 42 on the South side of Gass Lake Road there is a speed limit sign on the South side of the curve but coming off of Hwy. 42 there is 35 for the curves but people are complaining that cars speed through this area. He thought that maybe there could be a sign indicating the lower speed limit just off of Highway 42. Road Supervisor Dave Mueller indicated he was thinking that when the ATV signs are posted he could use the same post for weight limit signs as well as a speed limit sign. Also on Gass Lake Road near Joe Janowski's driveway there is a curve sign and he thought a 35 MPH sign could be posted on that post as well.

Supervisor Mark Knorr indicated that the old fire truck was going to be put on the auction site this week. He also indicated that either him or I would be notified about spraying pfragmites so if calls were received we would be able to inform them about the spraying. Mark thought at present it will only be on County Roads. Mark stated that the John Deere tractor is in need of tires. The State price is \$8,300. for four tires but BauerBuilt will sell them for \$7,535 if invoiced by October 31, 2017. The Board indicated he should get the tires from BauerBuilt.

It was stated that in our Driveway Ordinance we do not have anything on what materials should be used for driveways. It was suggested by the Road Superintendent that aggregated fill be used.

Chairman Busse talked about road bids for Wehausen Road which will go to Northeast Asphalt for a total of \$15,216.25.

The clerk indicated that on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 a registered letter was sent to the property owner of property on Southwest corner of Center Road and County C indicating it was a public nuisance. A copy of our Public Nuisance Ordinance as well as a citation was enclosed. Road Superintendent Dave Mueller will cut the grass up to the wooden stakes in the right of way so that motorists can see at the intersection.

The next item of business brought up by Chairman Busse who indicated that the bathrooms in the Town Hall were very cold in the winter and what can be done to alleviate this. He is going to check into whether or not a heater can be installed that would be flush with the wall. An electrician would have to install the wiring. The heaters could be turned up when the hall would be rented.

Chairman Busse stated that the Newton Fireman are celebrating seventy years and he felt that we should have a wagon with signs instead on the back of the pick-up truck. Chairman Busse will contact Donald Schuette for a flatbed trailer. It was suggested that a banner be made for a trailer. Treasurer Paulette Vogt suggested getting a banner with the 70 year sign and make it that it could be changed from year to year. Supervisor Denise Thomas will take care of getting banners.

Clerk Barbara Pankratz submitted liquor licenses for the term of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018: CR Stop, City Limits, Twin Fountains, Hide-Out and County of Manitowoc Gun Club. The Board was informed that the Recycling Contract was successfully submitted by the clerk and the Town will receive \$13,033.13 during the calendar year 2017.

Letters were sent to St. John's Lutheran Church, Salem Ebenezer Church and the Manitowoc County Gun Club stating that the Board has created a policy not to plow private parking lots.

There was no further business to come before the Board. Supervisor Mark Knorr made a motion to adjourn and Supervisor Denise Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

Barbara Pankratz, Clerk

