

TOWN OF NEWTON  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 11, 2017

Our October meeting was held at the Newton Town Hall, 6532 Carstens Lake Road, Manitowoc, WI on October 11, 2017 at 6:00 pm. The meeting was posted at the three official posting places as well as on the web site for the Town of Newton. An Affidavit of Posting was signed and notarized indicating that the meeting had been posted properly.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Busse. Present: Roger Busse, Denise Thomas, Mark Knorr, Barbara Pankratz, Paulette Vogt, Dave Mueller, Michael Slattery, Ed Downing, Charlie Bauer, Tom and Lori Mahoney.

Mark Knorr made a motion to accept the agenda for the meeting. Denise Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

Motion was made by Denise Thomas and seconded by Mark Knorr to accept the minutes of the September meeting which were submitted to the Board previous to the meeting. Motion carried.

There were no questions about the treasurer's report and as a result Roger Busse made a motion to accept the report which motion was seconded by Denise Thomas. Motion carried.

Public in-put was the next item on the agenda. Tom and Lori Mahoney appeared before the Board last month about the speed limit on Silver Creek Road and were told to return to the October meeting. A discussion was held about the speed limits on Silver Creek Road from Hecker Road to County CR. The County's section on Hecker Road is 55 MPH and 50MPH on County Road CR. Alteration of the speed limit to 45MPH or 35MPH on Silver Creek Road depends on the number of residents on said road. This matter will be looked into by the Road Superintendent, Dave Mueller.

Road Superintendent Dave Mueller indicated that the overlays are done but there is a little grading to be done yet. He is working on ditch cutting now. Right Way Applications did jetting on Range Line Road and did not charge the Town. They will be sent a thank you card by the clerk. Dave also indicated that center striping is being worked on and a couple of culverts need replacing. A burning permit incident was taken care of by a letter from our Attorney, Kate Reynolds and the matter ended up being a no contest. Dave indicated that he had received a neglected horse complaint and since our previous law enforcement officer was familiar with horses, he was asked to look at the animal.

Zoning Administrator, Michael Slattery submitted his report for the month of September. There were no questions about the same.

The new building permit form was submitted and motion was made by Mark Knorr to approve the same. Denise Thomas seconded the motion to accept the new building permit form. Motion carried.

Treasurer, Paulette Vogt indicated that she would be attending a treasurer's meeting at the County on the 25th of October at which time she will find out if the County will be raising the fee by a \$1. If that fee is raised then the Town will also raise their dog license fee by \$1.

Bids were received from Schnell Electric, Nichols Electric and Larry Stock for material and labor to replace the main electrical panel in the Town Hall and wire two electric heaters in the Town Hall restrooms. Mark Knorr made a motion to accept the bid from Larry Stock for the above work in the amount of \$2,200. The motion was seconded by Roger Busse and carried.

The next item of business was the submission of Ordinance #101117 Ordinance To Establish All-Terrain/Utility-Terrain Vehicles (ATV'S/UTV'S Routes and Regulations For The Operation Of All ATV'S/UTV'S In The Town of Newton, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. Denise Thomas made a motion to pass this ordinance which motion was seconded by Mark Knorr and passed.

The contract with Roger E. Mayer as the new building inspector for the Town of Newton was accepted and signed by the Board by motion made by Roger Busse and seconded by Denise Thomas. The clerk will send Roger E. Mayer a copy of the signed contract.

The matter of whether or not to get a check scanner for the Treasurer was discussed and it was decided to table the matter until next year by motion made by Denise Thomas and seconded by Mark Knorr. Chairman Roger Busse was in favor of getting a check scanner.

Roger Busse indicated that he was informed that there should be stop ahead signs for roads that approach of fifty-five MPH roads. Mark Knorr asked Greg Grotegut from the County Highway Department about this and was told that Stop Ahead signs were needed at State and County roads. After discussion between the Board and Road Superintendent it was decided that we would install seven stop ahead signs on State and County roads. The road superintendent informed the Board that stop ahead signs that measured 30 X 30 would cost \$39.28 each. Said signs could be installed on lanes.

Notices will be inserted in the tax bills - one for town residents asking them if they need assistance of any kind and the other will be for businesses asking if they would be able to provide shelter, equipment or assistance in the event of an emergency.

Denise Thomas made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1)(c). Mark Knorr seconded the motion which carried.

Roger Busse made a motion to go back in to open session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.84. Denise Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

The check report for the month of September was submitted to the Board previous to the meeting. Motion was made by Denise Thomas to accept said report and the same was seconded by Mark Knorr and passed.

Denise Thomas inquired about the Falling Apple Newsletter which Roger Busse should address.

Roger Busse made a motion to adjourn. Mark Knorr seconded the motion which carried.

Barbara Pankratz, Clerk