

TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF NEWTON  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

Our September meeting was held on September 6, 2017 pursuant to posted notices. Said meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Roger Busse who asked for verification of posting and was told by the clerk that a signed affidavit indicating said meeting was posted at the three official posting places in the Town and inserted on our Town of Newton web site is on file.

Present were: Roger Busse, Chairman; Denise Thomas, Supervisor #1; Mark Knorr, Supervisor #2; Paulette Vogt, Treasurer; Barbara Pankratz, Clerk; Mike Slattery, Zoning Administrator and Building Inspector; Dave Mueller, Road Superintendent and Law Enforcement Officer; Charlie Bauer, Tom Maloney, Maura Yost and Doug Kieffer.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance after which Mark Knorr made a motion to approve the agenda. Denise Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

Denise Thomas made a motion to accept the May 25, 2017 Board of Review minutes. Said motion was seconded by Mark Knorr and carried.

Mark Knorr made a motion to accept the submitted August 9, 2017 minutes. Denise Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

Doug Kieffer, who has done extensive electrical work for the Town indicated that he is retiring and that he would no longer be able to continue working for the town. He, however, appeared before the Board to discuss electrical problems that the Town Hall has that should be addressed including the main breaker box main panel which has been in use since the seventies and is no longer up to code. He also indicated that the electrical panel in the Town office is screwed shut and he suggested that the screws be removed and that nothing should be put in front of the panel. As a result the Board will look into having these matters rectified and Chairman Busse will find someone to do the electrical work that has to be done.

Denise Thomas made a motion to accept the previously submitted treasurer's report. Roger Busse seconded the motion which carried.

Public in-put was opened and the first person to speak was Tom Maloney who lives on Silver Creek Road just West of the overpass. He asked that the speed limit on Silver Creek Road in his area be changed. At present it is 55 MPH and because of the number of children living in the area he felt that the speed limit was too high. After discussion the Board informed Mr. Maloney that they would discuss it and the matter would be placed on the October agenda.

Maura Yost appeared before the Board to introduce herself as she is contemplating running for County Board Supervisor for District 12. She indicated her qualifications

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

Dave Mueller, Road Superintendent submitted his report indicating that the ATV signs were installed. He also stated that the tile on Range Line Road was dug open and water went down eighteen inches over the weekend and that the water is running. The Newton tile matter is being handled on County U. The slag sealing and most of the shouldering is done. There is a concrete hole on Gass Lake Road in the ditch. Dave stated he would install a grate over it .

Dave Mueller, Law Enforcement Officer issued one citation for burning.

Mike Slattery, Zoning Administrator/Building Inspector gave his report for the month of August. He also indicated that he had sprayed by the trees near Highway 42 at Deb Schuette's home. Mike also submitted his resignation for the position of Building Inspector effective as soon as possible. He suggested Roger Mayer as a replacement. He indicated he would continue as Zoning Administrator if the Board wished. The Board thanked him for his services as Building Inspector and stated that he could continue as the Town's zoning administrator.

Barbara Pankratz informed the Board that the signed Certified Mail Certificate has been received from Floyd Kappus. Said certificate will be kept on file for reference until further proceedings are started.

Paulette Vogt had submitted her report to the Board about interest rates that other banks paid versus what Bank First National pays. She had contacted Bank First National and they would not adjust our rates so our banking arrangements will not be changed.

Paulette also inquired about about a check scanner which could be used during property tax collections. She did check with Bank First National and they would be willing to allow the town to rent a scanner for three months. The scanner would cost \$50.00/month which includes \$25.00 for the scanner and \$25.00 per month for the software. A scanner could be purchased for \$325. The Board decided to address this matter at the October meeting.

Denise Thomas informed the Board that Carol Entringer of the English Lake Protection and Rehabilitation will be retiring from her position on that board. Denise also indicated that Carol had informed her that the milfoil weed is gone.

Roger Busse indicated that the breaker box matter will be addressed by himself . Denise Thomas stated that we should get a couple of bids and there were three names suggested by the Board.

Mark Knorr made a motion to pay the bill statement which had been sent to the Board previous to the meeting by the clerk. Roger Busse seconded the motion which passed.

There being no further business to come before the Board we adjourned by motion made by Denise Thomas and seconded by Roger Busse.

Barbara Pankratz, Clerk