

TOWN OF NEWTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 12, 2011

Chairman, Kevin Behnke called our town board meeting to order on Wednesday, January 12, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken: Kevin Behnke, Chairman; John H. Karbon, Jr., Supervisor; Donald Schuette, Supervisor; Joe Janowski, Zoning Administrator; Paulette, Vogt, Treasurer, Ed Downing, Road Supervisor; ValJean Marcoe, Law Enforcement Officer; Barbara Pankratz, Clerk, Roger Busse, Leroy Waack, Jr., Bob Marheine, Tom Lalko, Charlie Bauer, Bob Braun, Jeff Rochon, Catherine Egger and Gary Truettner were present. Everyone joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The clerk verified the posting of the agenda in the three designated public places and affidavit of posting for this meeting after which motion was made by John H. Karbon, Supervisor to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Donald Schuette, Supervisor and passed.

The minutes of the December 8, 2010 and December 29, 2010 meetings were accepted by motion made by John H. Karbon, Jr. and seconded by Donald Schuette. Motion carried.

The treasurer had submitted her report which was approved by motion made by John H. Karbon, Jr. and seconded by Donald Schuette after a correction that the container that Halron Oil will be installing at the Recycling Center is for oil and not oil filters. Motion carried. It is noted that the oil collection tank will be delivered to the Recycling Center as soon as the permit is received from the State.

Bob Marheine and Leroy Waack appeared before the Board on behalf of the Newton Fire Company who were returning \$20,000.00 to the town treasurer which was recently given to the Department by the Town because of financial needs for the department.

Kevin Behnke, Chairman opened the public in-put. Gary Truettner commented that he felt it was unethical that the clerk posted a rebuttal on the official posting places. It is noted that such rebuttal was for incorrect allegations made about the clerk which were published in the Herald-Times-Reporter. He also stated that he felt that the Plan Commission minutes should be posted on the web site. He also felt that the election in 2011 should have been advertised more than it has been.

Tom Lalko stated he could not keep updated on board meetings since the last minutes which were posted on the web site were the November, 2010 minutes. He was told by the Chairman that the board meeting minutes are not posted on the web site until approved. The December minutes would be approved at this meeting in January and would be posted after approval. He asked about renting the Town Hall and was told that a resident of the Town of Newton could rent the facility. He also inquired about the Lakeshore Humane Society matter and was informed that the contract between the Town of Newton and the Lakeshore Humane Society was signed in December. Val Jean Marcoe explained the contents of the contract to Mr. Lalko.

Jeff Rochon, representative of the Community Bank and Trust in reference to the Pine Creek Conservancy North appeared before the board to submit the final plat review. The Newton Plan Commission, at its January 3, 2011 meeting recommended approval of the Subdivision Plat with the following adjustments: A) The lights and light standards are to be removed from the right of way; B) Blacktop will be applied to come to the town road standard; C) The name of Stan Schoenborn is to be added to the plat with regards to the easement; D) Road names are to be correctly spelled in the appropriate places where misspelled. The town board also indicated that there were rocks in the right of way that had to be removed. Tim Ryan of Manitowoc Parks and Planning also recommended passage of this plat. Upon completion of the above, a copy of the recorded survey is to be sent to the State and our Attorney Kate Reynolds will also review the same. Donald Schuette, Supervisor made a motion to approve this plat review upon the conditions stated. John H. Karbon, Jr. seconded the motion which carried.

Joe Janowski, Zoning Administrator submitted his statement for December, 2010 as well as a listing of all of the new homes built in the town and building permits issued for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010

ValJean Marcoe, Law Enforcement Officer indicated that the Hoffmans located on Norheim Road are burning pallets in their wood burning outdoor furnace which is against the law. They received a verbal warning about this matter. Val Jean will monitor the pallet pile to determine if the burning is continued.

Chairman Behnke asked that if anyone has anything to insert in the Annual Report that they give it to him timely.

The town hall remodeling is just about completed. Ceiling tiles that are damaged have to be replaced and window treatments have yet to be done.

The statements and report were submitted to the Town Board and approved.

There being no further business to come before the meeting we adjourned by motion made by Donald Schuette and seconded by John H. Karbon, Jr. Motion carried.

Barbara Pankratz, Town Clerk