

TOWN OF NEWTON  
BOARD MEETING  
March 31, 2010

Our March Town of Newton Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 pursuant to posted notices and an affidavit on file with the clerk. Immediately following the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call our meeting proceeded with a motion made by John H. Karbon, Jr. to accept the minutes of the February, 2010 meeting. Said motion was seconded by Donald Schuette. Motion passed.

The next item of business was public in-put. A person appeared before the Board to inquire about wind energy systems. One of the items on the agenda was the Ordinance to establish a temporary moratorium on wind energy systems.

Bob Marheine of the Fire Dept. inquired if the Town Board would allow the keeper of the keys to give Lee Glaeser, Secretary of the Plan Commission, a key to allow him to enter the Town Hall office. Upon motion made by Kevin Behnke and seconded by Donald Schuette the Board approved this action. Motion carried.

Ron Ratajczak addressed the Town Board about several matters of interest. The first item was his request for Town support in reference to him putting approximately eighty acres of his land into a new program for Wisconsin called PACE wherein a landowner voluntarily sells development rights to property to a local government or charitable organization. The land itself remains in private ownership. Sale of development rights is recorded in an easement that is attached to the deed and the land can be sold or passed down to heirs but all future landowners are bound by the easement.

Ron also enumerated several other items such as mufflers on the stock cars; speed limit signs on Silver Creek Road from CR to Gass Lake Road; noise from Roberts operation and Fricke dumping and letting their tail gates clash at 5:30 a.m. Chairman Behnke indicated he would check the conditional use in reference to these businesses.

Donald Schuette, Supervisor made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. John H. Karbon, Jr. seconded the motion which carried.

Zoning Administrator, Joe Janowski submitted his report as well as a street lighting location map. He issued three farmland preservation forms and also indicated that Soaring Eagle sold land to Jason Scheidt and Todd Remiker purchased acreage from Sonnenburg. Both will be building in the future.

Ed Downing, Road Supervisor submitted fuel bids from Quality State Oil Co., and Country Vision. Kevin Behnke made a motion to accept the bid of Country Vision for 2.476 for diesel and 2.50 for gas for the terms of the contract running from April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. Donald Schuette seconded the motion which passed.

Ed also submitted the Town of Manitowoc documentation of snow plowing services as well as general maintenance.

Paulette Vogt, Treasurer indicated that the Market Plus account was covered for \$650,000. always. From the middle of December to the end of January when the amount exceeds that it is put into a Cedar Program (goes to other banks) which is insured and can be put into the program for however long the Town desires. The treasurer has recovered all but two delinquent personal property taxes but she will look into recovering these through the County.

ValJean Marcoe gave his report for the month of March. He requested a list of the people that were late in obtaining a dog license. They will receive correspondence.

The next item of business was the passage of Ordinance 2010-3-31 to Establish a Temporary Moratorium On Wind Energy Systems. Said request was put into a motion by Kevin Behnke and seconded by John H. Karbon, Jr.

Chairman Behnke had a discussion with Tom Hochkammer, Fire Chief in reference to commercial entities depositing mud on town roads. After discussion the Board decided that if there are abusers who are repeat offenders that the taxpayers should not have to pay for this cleanup. Kevin indicated that our attorney, Kate Reynolds will look into a policy to take care of this matter. She is also going to revise the Outdoor Wood Burning Ordinance.

It was decided by the Board that Chris Hill, Clerk of Whitelaw will maintain the SVRS voting information for the Town of Newton. Kevin Behnke made a motion to this effect which motion was seconded by Donald Schuette and passed.

Kevin Behnke made a motion to pass the Resolution verifying that the Town Board agreed that the proposed industrial development revenue bond financing by changed from U.S. Bank to Bank First National. Motion was seconded by Donald Schuette and carried.

The prevailing wage matter was discussed by the Board and Ed Downing, Road Supervisor. Kevin indicated that the Board and Ed should meet to get an idea of what roads will be blacktopped, etc. so that an estimate can be decided upon. The Board will meet with Ed on Monday, April 5, 2010 about this matter. Chapter 60.47 dictates that two notices are required for road bids.

Kevin Behnke made a motion to adopt the Dog Lister and Collector Resolution which appoints a designated person as a dog lister and collector of dog license fees. Motion was seconded by Donald Schuette and passed.

The Town Board authorized the purchase of 2010 QuickBooks Software with accompanying payroll software for the Town of Newton.

There being no further business to come before the meeting we adjourned by motion made by Kevin Behnke and seconded by Donald Schuette. Motion carried.

Barbara Pankratz, Town Clerk