

TOWN OF NEWTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2010

Chairman, Kevin Behnke called our February town board meeting to order on Wednesday, February 10, 2010, 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, and Mark Knorr 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 Donald Schuette, Supervisor to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by John H. Karbon, Supervisor and passed.

The minutes of the January, 2010 meeting were accepted by motion made by Donald Schuette and seconded by John H. Karbon, Jr. Motion carried.

Paulette Vogt, Treasurer had submitted her report which was approved by motion made by John H. Karbon, Jr. and seconded by Donald Schuette. Motion carried. She indicated that she had sent out letters for delinquent property taxes. The Board asked her to check if a special assessment charge could be put on the delinquent person's tax bill. She also indicated that the Town had lost money on interest because of transferring money from the Money Market to Checking because of the ceiling on the FDIC insured accounts. She was asked to look into these accounts with the bank.

ValJean Marcoe, Law Enforcement Officer looked into the regulations for an outdoor wood burning stove. He contacted Kim Hoffman on Norheim Lane whom he asked to extend his stove pipe by four sections. ValJean contacted the stove manufacturer to get the specs on how high the pipe sections should be in relationship to the home. He will measure the height of the roof to determine how high the stove pipe should be. Atty. Kate Reynolds did submit to the Board a revised Ordinance for fuel and outdoor heating devices. Joe Janowski will have the Planning Commission look over the attorney's letter and the current ordinance. The ordinance will be addressed at the March meeting.

A letter was submitted to be sent to the Manitowoc County Planning and Zoning asking that before the County approves the certified surveys that they be sent to the Town Zoning Administrator for Town Planning Commission approval. Kevin Behnke made a motion that said letter be sent to Planning and Zoning to start this process. John Karbon, Jr. seconded the motion which carried.

Kevin Behnke, Chairman opened the public in-put. Mark Knorr appeared before the Board in reference to the matter of town radios. The County is putting in a dual program. We will be getting portable and a mobile radio through a grant. The rest of the vehicles will not be narrow band compatible. The proposal is to have VHF with everything we have except a one

portable 700/800 which Ed can talk to the County. Mark Knorr has received a proposal to put a VHF antenna at the Hall instead of purchasing a portable. The 700/800 is in the \$21,000. range for outfitting our trucks and vehicles. For \$500. to \$600. a frequency could be purchased. Frequency should be purchased immediately since they are limited. It will be required to go narrow band by the year 2011. Mark will get a complete proposal from Frank's Radio for what the town needs. Kevin Behnke made a motion to move forward with the radio project outfitting the town vehicles with VHF narrow band compatible radios as well as setting up an antenna system at the Shop for that VHF system. John Karbon, Jr. seconded the motion which carried.

Joe Janowski, Zoning Administrator submitted his report for the month of January.

Supervisor Donald Schuette indicated he had spoke to Deb Bohn (she e-mailed Kevin also) in reference to the trailer that holds plastic at the Recycling Center. The back door of the trailer will be used when it is windy.

Chairman Behnke was contacted by a town resident with a complaint about junked vehicles on Carstens Lake Road. Donald Schuette was directed to take a look at the property and work with Val Jean Marcoe, Law Enforcement Officer as necessary.

Supervisor John Karbon was asked to stop in at the Recycling Center to make sure that the attendant is attentive when anyone is on premises to make sure that items are being deposited in the correct containers.

The next item of business were whether or not ads should be part of the Annual Report. After discussion Kevin suggested continuing the process but that Ed Downing inform those people who do purchase said ad space that approximately fifty people are receiving a copy of the Annual Report. The report is put on the web for the rest of the citizens and these advertisements will be on the web.

Kevin Behnke was contacted by the Barnes and Dan Berlin inquiring as to who is paying for the light at County U and Gass Lake Road. Paulette will find this out and report back to the Board.

Lee Holschbach agreed to be the alternate on the Board of Appeals. This was put into a motion by Kevin Behnke and seconded by Donald Schuette. Motion carried.

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 John Karbon, Jr. and seconded by Donald Schuette. Motion carried.

Barbara Pankratz, Town Clerk

