

TOWN OF NEWTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2011

Our February town board meeting was called to order by Chairman, Kevin Behnke on Wednesday, February 9, 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, Tom Lalko, Charlie Bauer, Bob Braun, Jim Hansen, Dennis Kope 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 January 12, 2011 meeting was 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.

Kevin Behnke, Chairman opened the public in-put. Jim Hansen inquired about the residential wind power update. Kevin indicated that he was not sure about the wind matter at this time. Our Ordinance has not been passed as yet as the Town is waiting to see what the PFC is requesting.

Joe Janowski, Zoning Administrator submitted his report for January, 2011. He also stated he had a copy of the sign section from the Town of Franklin dealing with business/industrial which is very simple and easy to follow. Shawn Malarkey will be sending Joe a draft of the wording which will be submitted to the Plan Commission.

Ed Downing, Road Supervisor indicated that the new oil tank at the Recycling Center has been installed. He stated that a step should be installed to make it easier to deposit oil in the tank. Kevin told him to get a couple of bids for the project. The State has to inspect the same. Ed will also look into disposal of the filters.

Don Schuette, Supervisor indicated he had received a call from Deb Bohn about the recycling center being open on Wednesdays. She felt that it was not necessary. Kevin again stated that he was not in favor of the Wednesday opening but he was outvoted by the two supervisors and the same will remain open on Wednesdays.

Don also informed the Board that the Newton Fireman Park received a \$50,000.00 grant from the West Foundation for a shelter for the park.

ValJean Marcoe, Law Enforcement Officer indicated that the Hoffmans located on Norheim Road are adhering to the regulations pertaining to their wood burning outdoor furnace. The same is still producing heavy smoke in the area resulting in a health hazard. Kevin will contact our attorney to see what constitutes a nuisance and see what can be done about this matter.

Val Jean also indicated he had received calls from residents who had cats. The Town does not deal with cats and the people were told to take them to the Humane Society themselves.

He also indicated that the Schuricht property is at a standstill at this time. He is going to give Mrs. Schuricht a forty-five day notice about the vehicles and trees on the property. When the forty-five days are up the building inspector will go into the property. If the Schurichts do not comply within sixty days then action will be taken. Mr. Truettner suggested that the Town move along on this matter as it has been dragging on for some time. He was told that at one time there was actually twenty cars and some cleaning had been done on the right of way. This matter should be resolved after the proper notices are rendered this time.

Don Schuette, Supervisor presented an agreement between the Town of Newton and Community Bank and Trust, Sheboygan, WI for the blacktopping and any other work that has to be done in the Pine Creek Conservancy North Subdivision. The Agreement and Corporate Authorization Resolution was signed. A copy will be sent to our Attorney, Kate Reynolds and to the Community Bank and Trust of Sheboygan, WI.

The clerk asked the Board to appoint Pat Korlesky as Deputy Clerk since she will be bringing the papers from the February election to the Court House since the clerk will be out of town. Mr. Truettner felt the position should be posted for filling and indicated that he wanted to go on record that said deputy clerk position was not budgeted for. According to Wisconsin Statute 60.331 the town clerk may appoint one or more deputies for whom the town clerk is responsible. The town clerk may designate a deputy to perform the clerk's duties during the absence, sickness or other disability of the clerk.

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 H. Karbon, Jr. and seconded by Kevin Behnke. Motion carried.

Barbara Pankratz, Town Clerk