

TOWN OF NEWTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2010

Chairman, Kevin Behnke called our town board meeting to order on Wednesday, January 13, 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 Joe Denor, appraiser 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 December, 2009 meeting as well as the special meeting held on December 23, 2009 in reference to Focus on Energy were accepted by motion made by Donald Schuette and seconded by John H. Karbon, Jr. Motion carried.

The treasurer had submitted her report which was approved by motion made by John H. Karbon, Jr. and seconded by Donald Schuette. Motion carried. The tax collections went well with no problems.

Kevin Behnke, Chairman opened the public in-put Joe Denor spoke about the County Assessment matter. Since there was no further public in-put said segment of the meeting was closed.

Joe Janowski, Zoning Administrator submitted his report for the month of December. He also gave a report of new homes which were built in 2009 – 4; 2008 – 9; 2007 – 9; 2006 – 10; 2005 – 7. Building permits issued in 2009 – 55; 2008 – 66; 2007 – 57; 2006 – 60.

Ed Downing, Road Supervisor indicated that thus far snow plowing for the Town of Manitowoc is going well. He is keeping track of the hours and work involved.

John Karbon, Supervisor inquired if another door could be put in the trailer at the Recycling Center that holds the plastics. After discussion the board decided that no more money should be put into the present trailer at this time.

The next item of business was the matter of the wood burner on Northeim Lane. ValJean Marcoe, Law Enforcement Officer indicated that the party in question is burning wooden pallets and it is felt that the chimney on the unit does not meet regulations. Chairman Behnke will contact Attorney Kate Reynolds to find out what can be done about this matter.

Kevin Behnke made a motion to implement the building inspector fee of an additional

\$300.00 deposit to be added to the deposit for new homes to cover above and beyond inspections. Donald Schuette seconded the motion which passed.

It is necessary that a town board member be on the committee for a new fire truck. The board nominated Chairman Behnke who will be on that committee and he will report back to the Board what progress occurs on that committee.

The matter of parking in the right-of-way at Center and County Road U was brought up. Ed Downing will contact the home owner about this matter.

The County will no longer be providing SVRS service to the Towns. Chris Hill, Clerk of the Village of Whitelaw has offered to take over the work that was done at the County level. There were many questions which arose and will be answered before a commitment will be made.

The clerk submitted the names of the Chief Inspectors for elections for a two year term which were Pat Korlesky, Arlene Hubbartt and Bonnie Barnes. Kevin Behnke made a motion which was seconded by Donald Schuette to accept these nominations. Motion passed.

The clerk also submitted the Joint Powers Agreement between Manitowoc County Joint Dispatch Center and the Town of Newton which Chairman Behnke signed. Motion was made by Chairman Behnke to enter into this agreement. John H. Karbon, Jr. seconded the motion which 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 Donald Schuette and seconded by John H. Karbon, Jr. Motion carried.

Barbara Pankratz, Town Clerk