

TOWN OF NEWTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 23, 2011

Chairman, Kevin Behnke called our town board meeting to order on Wednesday March 23, 2011, at 7:00 p.m . Roll call was taken: Kevin Behnke, Chairman; Donald Schuette, Supervisor, Paulette Vogt, Treasurer, Barbara Pankratz, Clerk, Joe Janowski, Zoning Administrator, Bob Braun, Roger Busse and Gary Truettner were present. John H. Karbon, Jr., Supervisor, Ed Downing, Road Supervisor and ValJean Marcoe, Law Enforcement Officer were excused. After roll call 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 Kevin Behnke to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Donald Schuette, Supervisor and passed.

The minutes of the February, 2011 meeting were accepted by motion made by Donald Schuette and seconded by Kevin Behnke. Motion carried.

Joe Janowski, Zoning Administrator submitted a report on the subdivisions located in the Town of Newton. He also submitted his report for the month of February.

Donald Schuette indicated he had received a letter from Holy Family Memorial Hospital about the person designated in the Town of Newton to be in charge of the drug and alcohol testing. It is necessary at this time to designate a person for this position which would entail taking a class for this position. The matter will be addressed.

The treasurer submitted her report which was approved by motion made by Donald Schuette and seconded by Kevin Behnke. Motion carried. Paulette also indicated that she had sent letters to those people that were delinquent for their dog licenses.

Kevin Behnke stated that he had a report from ValJean Marcoe, Law Enforcement Officer that he was working with Darlene Schuricht in reference to the clean up of the Schuricht property on Bonde Lane. ValJean also indicated to Kevin that he is also working on the Meyer property on Union and English Lake Road in reference to a fence matter and that he will do a fence inspection in Spring.

Ed Downing had submitted the fuel bids to Kevin for this meeting. Bids were received from Quality State Oil and Country Visions. After discussion it was the consensus not to enter into a fuel bid agreement at this time.

Kevin indicated that the fire truck committee had spoken to people at Pierce in Appleton about a fire truck. The decision of the committee was to go with a pumper probably purchasing the chassis in 2013 and the truck in 2014 which will help financially at this time. Bob Marheine is writing a grant for the truck which may or may not be granted. Kevin commended Bob for the effort since writing a grant is not an easy task.

Road work for 2011 was discussed. The Board did look at roads for crack filling. Northheim Road in the Pine Creek Conservancy Subdivision area will need work and bids will be sought. Clover Road and South 26th Street will also possibly be addressed.

Kevin stated that there are three things that will impact our 2011 budget, namely: the Recycling Contract will be taken out which is \$19,000.; Transportation Aids will be cut three per cent which approximate \$4500.; and Shared Revenue will be cut. He stressed that the Town will have to look at ways to cut expenses.

Large and small wind systems were discussed last month. Kevin Behnke, Chairman made a motion that the Town of Newton extend the moratorium on the large wind systems for one year and dissolve the moratorium on the small wind systems. Donald Schuette seconded the motion which carried.

The statements and statement report was submitted to the Board and approved.

Kevin Behnke made a motion that the Board and Clerk go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss personnel matters. Donald Schuette seconded the motion which carried.

Immediately following the closed session Kevin Behnke made a motion to go back into open session. Said motion was seconded by Donald Schuette and passed.

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

Barbara Pankratz, Town Clerk