

TOWN OF NEWTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 2011

Our October meeting was opened by Chairman, Kevin Behnke on Wednesday, October 12, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken: Kevin Behnke, Chairman; Roger Busse, Supervisor; Mark Knorr, Supervisor; Paulette, Vogt, Treasurer, Ed Downing, Road Supervisor; Barbara Pankratz, Clerk, ValJean Marcoe, Law Enforcement Officer as well as Charlie Bauer, Bob Marheine, and Jennifer Mundstock were in attendance. 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 Mark Knorr, Supervisor to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Roger Busse, Supervisor and passed.

The minutes of the September, 2011 meeting were accepted by motion made by Roger Busse and seconded by Mark Knorr. Motion carried. Upon acceptance of the minutes by the Board they are posted by the clerk on the Town of Newton website which can be found at townofnewton.org.

Mark Knorr made a motion to accept the treasurer's report submitted by Paulette Vogt which motion was seconded by Roger Busse and passed.

Chairman Behnke opened the public in-pur session of the Board meeting. Jennifer Mundstock appeared before the Board to inquire about the newly started bill paying system that the Board, Treasurer and Clerk instituted. She was assured that it would be adjusted so that pay checks were received timely. She also indicated that the increased charges at the Recycling Center has resulted in her receiving complaints and more things are dumped in ditches in the Town. She also suggested that the dividers be removed from the dumpsters and was told they would be removed. She also requested a listing of recycling costs to be posted at the Recycling Center. Supervisor Busse will make a price list showing recycling costs which will be posted at the Recycling Center. He stated that he has received only one complaint about the pricing and compliments about how nice the Recycling Center is set up. It was decided that the large item dumpster will not stay at the Recycling Center during the Winter and that the Recycling Center will not take large items until Spring. A sign indicating this will be displayed very soon.

Bob Marheine submitted the Fire Department and First Responder budget for 2012 to the Board.

Roger Busse informed the Board that Larry's Hauling has sold out to Veolia and as a result will obtain pricing from different haulers and submit them to the Board.

Since there was no further public in-put said session was closed by motion made by Kevin Behnke and seconded by Mark Knorr. Motion carried.

Our zoning administrator Joe Janowski then submitted his report for the month of September. He also indicated that Gary Truettner's concern about John Dondlinger and Bob Sickinger's state of building on their property has been addressed. He also stated there would be a home built in Rochon's Development on Seagull Road in 2012 and he was told that if there was any building in the development Ed Downing, Road Supervisor should be informed so that he can make sure any roads are not damaged.

Ed Downing, Road Supervisor indicated that the guard rail on the bridge on Union Road by the old Getter farm is loose. John Kropp will have the County re-do it and the same will be eligible for bridge aid.

Ed indicated that Feldman Equipment of Howards Grove has a post hole digger for sale which originally cost \$2500. He can purchase it for \$1500. and he would need a special bracket and hoses resulting in a final cost of \$2,000. Mark Knorr made a motion that Ed be authorized to purchase the same. Roger Busse seconded the motion which passed.

Supervisor Mark Knorr told the board about a dip on Carstens Lake Road near Grossheusch's as well as a dip in the road at Hecker and Viebahn. Kevin Behnke told Ed Downing to check with Brian Glaeser from the County. Kevin felt the only way to correct the spot on Carstens Lake Road would be to put an overlay on the road which should be a Spring project.

Paulette Vogt, Treasurer had no business to bring before the Board. She was authorized by the Board and by motion made by Kevin Behnke to look into the purchase of a lap top computer which she will clear with Chairman Behnke before the actual purchase. Said motion was seconded by Mark Knorr. Motion carried.

ValJean Marcoe, Law Enforcement Officer has submitted his resignation to the Board effective January 1, 2012. He is trying to aid the Board in finding a replacement. He submitted a verbal report about incidents he addressed such as dog at large; burning permit call; Erdman property; Schuricht property (some work has been done but Michael Slattery, Building Inspector will have to inspect the property).

The next item of business was the matter of South 26th Street. Kevin, Mark and Ed met with Dale Marquardt of the Town of Manitowoc Board and they felt that the easiest way to handle snow plowing and road maintenance would be for the Town of Newton to take over the road on the North end because of businesses being located there and the Town of Manitowoc take the South end because Newton would do Orchard Lane. A new agreement would have to be drawn up which amongst other things would state the actual jurisdiction area. We would share the cost of the bridges as well as road work on South 26th Street.

Kevin Behnke inquired of the Board how much we should raise Centerville's Recycling Contract in 2012. Our policy has been a one per cent increase. The matter will be addressed at our Budget Meeting next Wednesday.

Kevin also gave an update on the Schuricht property indicating he is working with our Attorney Kate Reynolds in reference to condemnation of the property. She stated violations in a letter which will be signed by our Building Inspector, Mike Slattery and notarized by her.

Doug Oswald informed Chairman Behnke that trees were cut in the right of way on his property. Kevin assured him that he would be reimbursed. Kevin told the road supervisor to encourage people not to plant trees in the right of way if at all possible.

Wind generation is an important matter to residents of the Town of Newton and as a result there will be a meeting addressing the pros and cons of wind generation in the Town in the near future.

Chairman Behnke was also made aware of smells generated by the Grotegut farm. He informed the caller that the Town does not regulate smells in the Town and suggested the person contact the Soil and Water agent.

Reflective sign regulation legislation is pending but Ed Downing, Road Supervisor assured the Board that the Town of Newton signs would pass inspection. newn

There will be a Bicycle Race in the Village of Cleveland, Town of Centerville and Town of Newton for which there will be a meeting at LTC on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. which Kevin will attend.

Mark Knorr made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.86(1)(c). Roger Busse seconded the motion which carried.

Immediately following the closed session Kevin Behnke made a motion to go back into open session. Mark Knorr seconded the motion which carried.

Kevin made a motion to accept the check report which motion was seconded by Roger Busse and passed.

Motion was made by Mark Knorr to adjourn our October meeting. Roger Busse seconded the motion which passed.

Barbara Pankratz, Clerk