TOWN BOARD MEETING TOWN OF NEWTON

December 12 . 2018

# The Town Board meeting for the Town of Newton was held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018

pursuant to posted notices. Said meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Roger Busse.

Present were: Roger Busse, Denise Thomas, Mark Knorr, Paulette Vogt, Barbara Pankratz, Mike Slattery, Ed Downing, Charlie Bauer, and Mark Dempsky.

Following the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by everyone present it was noted that the agenda has been posted by the Road Superintendent Dave Mueller as well as put on the web by the clerk and the affidavit of said posting is on file with the clerk. Supervisor Mark Knorr made a motion to approve the submitted agenda. Supervisor Denise Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

Denise Thomas made a motion to approve the previously submitted November Board Meeting minutes since there were no corrections or additions. Roger Busse seconded the motion which carried.

The treasurer's report which had been submitted to the Board previous to the meeting was approved by motion made by Mark Knorr and seconded by Denise Thomas.

Public input was opened. Mark Dempsky appeared before the Board to comment on the property of Mark Herman located on County Road CR for which Mr. Herman was given a conditional use permit in 2013. At last count on December 6, 2018 there were at least thirty-five vehicles on the property. Some of the vehicles are located on land to the South of the salvage business and this land was not designated for the use of Mr. Herman. Mr. Dempsky indicated that there are trucks with trailers parked on the shoulder of the road for a lengthy time and that there is a fire hydrant in the vicinity. Fire Department personnel would have a hard time servicing the area. Mr. Dempsky stated he felt that the property owner is responsible for what is going on at this property. Chairman Busse thanked Mr. Dempsky for coming to the meeting and told him that Mark Herman is working on the cleaning up of this property and the same should be done by December 22, 2018. Only the Plan Commission has the authority to pull the conditional use permit and if this is done it would have to be reissued with conditions stated.

Supervisor Mark Knorr, who is a member of the Plan Commission, indicated to Chairman Busse that pictures and documents have to be submitted to the Plan Commission who can allow or deny a conditional use permit.

Road Superintendent Dave Mueller was unable to attend the December board meeting and his report was submitted by Supervisor Mark Knorr. The report indicated that he will continue cutting trees as weather permits; that the salt has been delivered and that he will start working on the plastic t rail er. The law enforcement issues were dogs and chickens.

The Zoning Administrator, Mike Slattery, gave his report. He also indicated there is a problem with two people having the same address. It seems that Al Rady and Nelson Trucking have the same address - 3636 County Road CR. After discussion it was decided that Nelson Trucking will retain the address of 3626 County Road CR and that Al Radey's address will be 3628 County Road CR. The clerk was instructed to notify the Radeys of this change.

The next item on the agenda was the treasurer's report. Paulette Vogt, Treasurer indicated that she had sent out property tax bills on the 11th of December, 2018.

Supervisor Mark Knorr stated that County U from Gass Lake Road to 1-43 is a ATV route. You can use an ATV on a County Road the speed limit is 3SMPH or less. There will be an ATV sign facing West installed on Gass Lake Road and County Trunk U. Supervisor Mark Knorr made a motion to allow an ATV route on County U between Newton Road and Gass Lake Road. Supervisor Denise Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

The matter of the fence at the Recycling Center was discussed. The Town received bids for a new fence at the Recycling Center from Becker Fence and Phipps Construction. Both quotes exceeded $6,300. In Superintendent Dave Mueller's report he stated that if we used the town's existing wire, did the post hole digging and all of the other work the project could be done for $900. It was the consensus of the Board to have the Road Superintendent install the fence.

The matter of the Town of Newton/Town of Centerville Recycling Contract, which is renewable each year, was the next item to be addressed. Supervisor Thomas indicated she had received several calls from residents about the raise in the contract. Centerville was informed by someone from Newton that there would not be a raise. Centerville never asked any Newton Board member if this was the case and after Newton and Centerville's budgets were passed Centerville found out that in fact there was a two per cent raise for the contract. Chairman Busse stated we should revert back to the old contract and indicated that Supervisor Thomas should have informed Centerville about the raise to which she stated that she has never done so and it was the chairman who talked to the other chairman about this matter. Supervisor Thomas also stated that our budget has been passed and it would be necessary to have another public hearing, which Chairman Busse said we should do, to revert back to the old rate.

The supervisors decided that the contract would stand as passed in the Public Hearing. It was decided by the Board that the Chairman of the Town of Newton would talk to the Chairman of Centerville about all Recycling Contracts going forward. The Recycling Contract between the Town of Newton and the Town of Centerville will be signed at the January 9, 2019 meeting.

Supervisor Denise Thomas gave a report on the updated road project which has amounted to

$22,572.59 and more bills could follow.

Meeting was adjourned by motion made by Supervisor Denise Thomas and seconded by Chairman Roger Busse. Motion carried.

Barbara Pankratz, Clerk