

TOWN BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF NEWTON
DECEMBER 20, 2017

Our December meeting was held on December 20, 2017 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, Dave Mueller, Ed Downing, and Tom Ward.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by everyone present. The agenda has been posted by the Road Superintendent as well as put on the web by the clerk and the affidavit of said posting is on file with the clerk. Mark Knorr made a motion to approve the submitted agenda. Denise Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

Roger Busse, Chairman made a motion to approve the previously submitted November Board Meeting minutes with the correction indicating that the October minutes were approved by Roger Busse and seconded by Denise Thomas. NOTE: Said correction was included in the November minutes previous to posting on the web. Motion carried.

Public in-put was opened. Tom Ward appeared before the Board to give a report on the progress of the Phragmite project. There being no other public in-put said agenda item was closed.

Road Superintendent Dave Mueller indicated that the lights were fixed on the Fire House and that the tractor tires purchased through Hi-Way 42 Garage were installed by him. Upon motion made by Chairman Busse and seconded by Supervisor Thomas, the Town will pay Hi-way 42 Garage the amount of \$75.00 for getting rid of the old tractor tires as well as other tires throughout the year. Motion passed. Mark Knorr abstained from voting on this motion. Dave indicated that the ditches are mowed and the WISLR report is taken care of. He is now working on truck maintenance. He then talked about the plastic trailer and will be discussing the options with Stock Mfg. There are problems with the internet in the town office and Jeff at JS Solutions, LLC gave Dave an estimate of \$454.50 to upgrade the router, cable, connectors, wire ties, staples, clips and labor. Supervisor Denise Thomas made a motion to have JS Solutions, LLC upgrade the internet connection. Supervisor Mark Knorr seconded the motion which carried.

Law Enforcement Officer Dave Mueller indicated that the neighbor next door to the dog matter that he has been dealing with is moving but that the dog owner has not obtained a dog license. Dave has attempted to send certified mail about this matter which does not get picked up as well as citations. He was told to make documentation of what he has attempted thus far and deliver the information to the District Attorney's office. Dave indicated he would attempt delivery one more time.

Ordinance No. 121317 - Cemetery Ordinance was adopted by motion made by Supervisor Knorr and seconded by Supervisor Thomas. Motion passed.

Ordinance No. 121317A - Household Pet and Animal Control Ordinance was adopted by motion made by Chairman Busse and seconded by Supervisor Knorr. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Supervisor Knorr to adopt a Resolution Transferring Funds from Chart of Account Number 53313 Highway Maintenance Others to Chart of Account Number 53315 - Road Sign Outlay. Motion was seconded by Chairman Busse.

The next item of business was election workers wages. After discussion Supervisor Thomas made a motion that the election workers receive \$10.00/hour and that Chief Inspectors receive \$11.00/hour.

Motion was made by Chairman Busse to appoint Ray Ross as a member of the Plan Commission starting January 1, 2018 for a three year term expiring in December, 2021 and he also appointed Mark Knorr as Chairman of the Plan Commission. Supervisor Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

Upon motion made by Supervisor Thomas \$300. will be returned to the Wisconsin Agricultural Center which is for a variance they paid for but do not need. Chairman Busse seconded the motion which carried.

Supervisor Thomas talked about our coupon program for Town of Newton bags that are used at the Recycling Center by Town of Newton residents. Presently Town of Newton residents receive coupons with their tax bills entitling them to receive bags. Supervisor Thomas thought that if the Town Board of Centerville knew about our coupon system they might encourage Centerville residents to use clear Town of Newton bags.

Zoning Administrator, Mike Slattery gave his report for the month of November. The building permit changes were on the agenda but it was decided that they would be addressed at a later date.

The clerk indicated that the Fee Schedule for charging residents for various services has not changed since 2012 and said matter will also be addressed at a later date.

Because of conflicts the date of the February meeting will be February 7, 2018 and the March meeting will be held on March 28, 2018.

The clerk submitted the following Resolutions:

1. Stating the names of eligible election officials for the term of 2018 - 2019. Motion made by Supervisor Thomas and seconded by Supervisor Knorr. Motion carried.
2. The discretion of setting the number of election officials working an election which have to be 3,5,or 7. Chairman Busse made the motion to this effect. Supervisor Thomas seconded the motion which carried.
3. Allowing clerk to fulfill the position of Voter Registration Duties. Supervisor Thomas made the motion which was seconded by Supervisor Knorr and carried.

Supervisor Knorr made a motion to accept the Joint Powers Agreement between Manitowoc County Joint Dispatch Center and the Town of Newton. Motion was seconded by Chairman Busse.

Supervisor Knorr made a motion to accept the statement report as submitted by the clerk previously. Chairman Busse seconded the motion which carried.

Supervisor Thomas made a motion to adjourn since there was no further business to come before the meeting. Supervisor Knorr seconded the motion which carried.

Barbara Pankratz, Clerk