

TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF NEWTON  
JANUARY 10, 2018

The town board meeting for the Town of Newton was held on Wednesday, January 10, 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, Dave Mueller, Ed Downing, and Michael Knotek.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by everyone present. 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 December Board Meeting minutes. Chairman 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. Motion carried.

Public input was opened. Michael Knotek appeared before the Board to voice his opinion on the proposals of the National Marine Sanctuary on West Shore of Lake Michigan. He was informed that there was a Resolution on the agenda stating that the Town Board of the Town of Newton was not in favor of the proposal and was going on record stating the same.

Dave Mueller, Road Superintendent gave his report. He stated that the Recycling Center had trouble with the compactor. He changed oil and it is working fine now. He also indicated that he posted the signs at the Recycling Center indicating the hours of operation. He will be trimming trees soon in the right-of-ways. The property owner can have the wood if they desire.

Dave Mueller, Law Enforcement Officer reported that he had given papers to the District Attorney for the person who failed to license his dogs and that he issued a citation for illegal burning.

Mike Slattery, Zoning Administrator gave his report and stated that the building permits totals for 2017 were \$18,442,935 of which 5.6 million is taxable.

Mark Knorr reported on the trailer for plastic at the Recycling Center. He indicated he had spoke to Dan and Duff Stock and they told him what modifications could be done to a 7 feet high, 8 feet wide and 16 feet long trailer with a tarp which costs approximately \$7,500. The Stocks said that they would make the doors swing open and they would make it so that the ramp slides. It was decided that the Town would purchase the trailer and that the Stocks would do the modifications. Road Superintendent, Dave

Mueller and Supervisor Denise Thomas will go to Mirsberger in Hilbert, WI to negotiate the price of purchase of the trailer. Supervisor Mark Knorr made a motion to purchase the dump trailer for the Recycling Center. Supervisor Denise Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

The next matter on the agenda was the zone change request for the Ethel Backus estate, 4622 Clover Road, Manitowoc, WI for a zone change from A-3 Farmland Preservation District to A-2 General Agricultural District on property located in the SW1/4 of the SE1/4, Section 11, T18N, R23E in the Town of Newton. Motion was made, seconded and passed at the Newton Plan Commission meeting on January 6, 2018 to approve this zone change. Supervisor Denise Thomas made a motion to approve this zone change. Chairman Busse seconded the motion which passed.

Richard Stock, benefactor for the Town of Newton passed away on January 7, 2018. The Town Board decided to honor him for his more than generous contributions of money and services to the Town of Newton for many years. Mark Knorr will look into obtaining something to memorialize Dick's memory and the same will be presented to the family at the Annual Meeting of the Town of Newton in April.

Chairman Busse made a motion to reappoint Ed Downing and Deb Reis to the Plan Commission for a term ending in 2021 and reappoint Lee Holschbach, Secretary and Chairman of the Board of Appeals for a term ending in 2021. Supervisor Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

There was a discussion about holiday pay for the Road Superintendent. It was decided that the road superintendent is entitled to seven days of Holiday Pay - namely: New Years Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. If any of the holidays fall on a Saturday or Sunday, the employee may take either the Friday before or the Monday after. Employees must work the scheduled day before and after a holiday to be eligible for holiday pay. Employee may take vacation before or after the holiday. Working on a scheduled holiday will be paid at time and a half in addition to holiday pay.

The Resolution entitled Proposed National Marine Sanctuary on the Western Shores of Lake Michigan was passed by motion made by Supervisor Thomas and seconded by Supervisor Knorr. Motion carried. A copy of the Resolution will be sent to the County Clerk's Office to be presented to the County Board meeting.

The Lakeshore Humane Society, Inc. Agreement between the Town of Newton and the Lakeshore Humane Society, Inc. was presented by the clerk and upon motion made by Chairman Busse and seconded by Supervisor Thomas the same was signed by the chairman and clerk. Said agreement shall be in full force and effect through December, 2020.

The matter of reviewing building permit rates which is on the agenda for the January 10, 2018 meeting will be addressed at the town board meeting which will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2018.

Motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) was made by Chairman Busse and seconded by Supervisor Knorr. Motion passed. After said session motion was made by Supervisor Knorr and seconded by Supervisor Thomas to go back into open session. Motion passed.

Supervisor Knorr made a motion to accept the statements as presented previously to the Board. Supervisor Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting we adjourned by motion made by Chairman Busse and seconded by Supervisor Knorr.

Barbara Pankratz, Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF NEWTON  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

The town board meeting for the Town of Newton was held on Wednesday, September 19, 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, Dave Mueller, Charlie Bauer, Steve Thomas, Ron Ratajczak, Steve and Joyce Vetter, Shawn and Howard Linsmeier and Bruce Robley.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by everyone present. 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 August Board Meeting minutes. Mark Knorr 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. Motion carried.

Public input was opened. Ron Ratajczak came before the meeting to voice several concerns and comments in reference to a motor home parked illegally, dog barking, price of cigarette license, Clover Gun Club shooting, ATV on Newton Roads, speed limit on Silver Creek Road, City Pit, sewers on CR, etc.

Steve and Joyce Vetter appeared before the Board to request that a stop sign be put at Northeim Lane and County U. The Board will review the matter and a decision will be made at the October Board meeting.

Shawn and Howard Linsmeier appeared before the Board in reference to an easement on Sonnenburg Lane. They intend to remove their double wide trailer and existing garage on Sonnenburg Lane. After discussion with the Board and Mike Slattery it was decided that a new easement has to be drawn up for the driveway and a variance to build a house because there is not one hundred and fifty feet of frontage. It was decided that they should set up a meeting with Mike Slattery who will inform them what has to be done.

Dave Mueller, Road Superintendent indicated that one side of the project on Newton Road is done and a permit which has to be posted five days from the DNR has been received. A forty foot by thirty-inch plastic culvert is ordered at a cost of \$1,360. The DNR requires it to be seeded and Dave will check on prices and get back to the Board at the October meeting.

Mike Slattery and Dave talked about the presence of parsnip and Dave suggested a public informational campaign to make the public aware of this weed and what it does. Supervisor Denise Thomas agreed that the public should be made aware and something could also be inserted on the web site about this matter and brochures handed out at the Recycling Center and at the Annual Meeting in April. Dave indicated he would talk to Tom Ward and check if he has any literature in reference to parsnips and would report to the Board in October.

Recycling bags are getting low and Dave checked again on the order for them and found they were not shipped yet. Denise said she will check with the supplier who is located in North Carolina. (Note: As of this typing Denise did check and found that because of the hurricane our shipment would be delayed.) The clerk will put a statement on the web site asking for the public's cooperation in obtaining recycling bags until we receive our shipment.

Dave Mueller, Law Enforcement Officer reported handling stray dog matters as well as addressing the matter of a kennel license with an individual in the town.

Mike Slattery, Zoning Administrator submitted his building permit report for the month of August which generated \$1,219.

Paulette Vogt, Treasurer stated that she was told by the bank that they will not monitor all three signatures on a check.

The matter of trucks owned by Jesse Patrick - Rush Logistics was addressed. It seems that the trucks are being driven on Silver Creek Road and there was concern about safety and speed since there is a lot of residential in the area. They will be asked to divert their trucks off of Silver Creek Road.

The matter of a person parking a semi-truck by the salt shed was the next item of business. After discussion the Board decided that anyone not doing town business should not be allowed to park on any town property because of liability issues. A motion was made by Denise Thomas to this effect and seconded by Mark Knorr. Motion passed.

The window in the kitchen is leaking and after discussion it was decided to contact ACE Building to look into fixing the same. Dave Mueller will contact ACE about this matter.

The town needs to use a boom mower and there was a discussion about renting one from Weyer at a cost of \$2,400. for a week at forty hours. Any time after that it would cost \$60./hour or a monthly rate of \$7,200. If it was decided to rent the unit we could pick it up to save the cost of trucking. Dave Mueller said that the project it is needed for could wait until November since he is very busy right now. Denise asked Dave to check to see if the Town could get the boom mower in three weeks and how much it would cost to haul it here. Weyer Is located in Kaukauna.

There was a discussion about transferring funds. A budget resolution will be submitted at the October meeting for the transfer.

The Board and Clerk will meet at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 to work on the proposed budget for 2019 for the Town. The public meeting for the budget will be held on November 14, 2018 Immediately prior to our regular town board meeting.

Motion was made by Chairman Busse to accept the statement report which was submitted to the Board prior to the meeting. Supervisor Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting we adjourned by motion made by Roger Busse and seconded by Mark Knorr.

Barbara Pankratz, Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING  
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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 trailer. 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 11<sup>th</sup> of December, 2018.

Supervisor Mark Knorr stated that County U from Gass Lake Road to I-43 is a ATV route. You can use an ATV on a County Road the speed limit is 35MPH 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