TOWN OF NEWTON BOARD MEETING

June 10, 2020

The Town Board meeting of the Town of Newton was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at the Newton

Town Hall, 6532 Carstens Lake Road, Manitowoc, WI 54220 at 6:00 pm. pursuant to posted notices.

The meeting was opened at 6:00 pm by Chairman Roger Busse. Present: Roger Busse, Chairman;

DeniseThomas,Supervisor #1; Mark Knorr, Supervisor #2; Paulette Vogt, Treasurer; Barbara Pankratz, Clerk;

Dave Mueller, Road Superintendent, Charlie Bauer and Larry Stock.

All those present joined in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. The clerk stated that the agenda

was posted by her on the official posting places as well as on the Town of Newton web site. Said agenda

was notarized by Paulette, Vogt, Treasurer. Mark Knorr made a motion to approve the agenda as posted.

Said motion was seconded by Denise Thomas and passed.

The minutes for the May meeting, which were submitted to the Board previously, were approved by

motion made by Denise Thomas and seconded by Mark Knorr. Said motion passed.

Denise Thomas made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report which was submitted to the board

members previous to the meeting. Roger Busse seconded the motion which passed.

The first item on the agenda was public in-put. Larry Stock questioned why he had not received the

building inspector inspection refund. Chairman Busse will look into it. He also questioned the road

work expenses and the rate for borrowing money. There being nothing further public input was closed.

Dave Mueller, Road Superintendent indicated that the weed spraying is done. He talked about road

work on English Lake Road and indicated that the culverts were done on Union Road by the County. Kania Lane

was damaged by a home builder during construction of a new driveway. Dave will be contacting the home

builder about taking care of repairs. Dave also contacted the railroad about paving over the tracks on

Clover Road and Gass Lake Road. They will be sending an agreement the town needs to sign before the work

is done. Work on English Lake Road will start the end of June.

When Dave was ditch cutting last year on Clover Road he took down trees he thought were in the right-

of-way. The property owner feels they were on their property and provided a new certified survey map

with new right of way measurements. Dave called the County for a right-of-way map but there is no

updated map. He also called Liberty and Manitowoc Rapids and they said 33 feet is the right-of-way

measurement they use. Dave also asked that if there is some road the supervisors want overlaid they should

let him know now so he can check culverts before it is done.

Dave Mueller, Law Enforcement Officer mentioned about some lawns being long. He will contact property

owners to inform them they need to cut their lawns.

Roger Busse mentioned that he received a call from someone on Clover Road and brought up about

abandoned cars. Dave was instructed to go and talk to the person about the abandoned cars. Chairman Busse also

stated that there was a shed that looks close to the lot line in the area and Dave should check on that as well.

The next item of business was the approval of two zone changes. The Plan Commission at its June 1,

2020 meeting approved **two** zone changes to be presented to the Town Board. The first zone change

request was from Geraldine Barnes, 9906 Pine River Road, Manitowoc, WI to rezone a 2.51 acre-parcel

from A-3 Farmland Preservation to A-2 General Agricultural District. The change in zoning is to facilitate

the sale of the home on the farm. Denise Thomas, Supervisor made a motion that the Board pass this

zone change. Mark Knorr seconded the motion which passed.

The second zone change request was from James Henry, 7909 Gass Lake Road, Manitowoc, WI to rezone

a **.24** acres parcel from A-3 Farmland Preservation to **A-1** Agricultural Rural/Residential District, and a **.24**

acre -parcel from A-1 Agricultural/Residential District to A-3 Farmland Preservation. The change in

zoning is required for construction on the property within the Town Zoning Ordinances. Mark Knorr

made a motion that the Board pass this zone change. Roger Busse seconded the motion which carried.

Denise Thomas presented a report to the Board about how seven other townships - namely:

Cooperstown, Kossuth, Liberty, Manitowoc Rapids, Maple Grove and Schleswig handle their garbage

disposal. Cooperstown has no stickers or bags required; Kossuth charges $2.00 each for stickers; Liberty

charges .75 for each bag; Manitowoc Rapids charges $1.00 for each bag; Maple Grove charges $3.00 per

bag, $6.00 per barrel and pick-ups or trailers - small $20., large $30.00; Meeme $1.00 each for stickers;

Schleswig $1.00 for each bag.

Mark Knorr asked the board's opinion about whether or not the Newton Fireman should hold their

annual picnic. Discussion ensued but it was decided that the firemen could decide whether or not they

would hold the picnic. The fact was mentioned that if anyone who attended would get COVID 19 that

everyone who was in contact with that person would be quarantined for fourteen days.

Chairman Busse mentioned he was contacted by the Gass Lake Association indicating they wanted to

revert the creek running into Gass Lake. There was no discussion about this matter.

A resolution waiving interest on property tax payment installments due on or After April 1, 2020 was

submitted to the Board and approved by motion made by Denise Thomas and seconded by Mark Knorr.

Motion passed.

A discussion about road work ensued as well as lack of funds. Denise Thomas suggested a three - five

year plan on the culvert situation. Dave Mueller indicated he was going to look at them and inventory

them and prioritize them. Denise Thomas suggested that the roads should be addressed in the same

way. Roger Busse stated that was good but that the traffic would have to be taken into consideration.

Mark Knorr said that he thought that the Newton Road should be done. Denise Thomas suggested that

we open the road expenses up for bids so they could get an idea of how much roads would cost. If Newton Road

is to be done information is needed. Roger Busse suggested they open up for bids on Newton Road and then

decide whether or not it will be done. Dave was instructed to put an ad in the paper about the work to be done

on Newton Road. Bids will be presented at next month's meeting.

Paulette Vogt, Treasurer spoke to the board about obtaining a Dymo Label maker for upcoming elections

for the Town of Newton. She is going to get one for the township she is clerk for. The cost will be reimbursed

to us from the State. Roger Busse made a motion that a Dymo Label maker be purchased for elections. Denise

Thomas seconded the motion which passed.

Chairman Busse indicated that a paneling is peeling on the South gable end of the salt shed. He

instructed Dave Mueller to get bids for replacement. The matter will be addressed at the July meeting.

Mark Knorr made a motion that the check report which was presented to the Board previous to the meeting

be accepted. Denise Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting Mark Knorr made a motion to adjourn.

Denise Thomas seconded the motion which carried.

Barbara Pankratz, Clerk