

TOWN BOARD MEETING

TOWN OF NEWTON

March 29, 2017

Our meeting for the month of March was held on March 29, 2017 pursuant to posted notices. Said meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Kevin Behnke. An affidavit of posting signed by Dave Mueller and notarized by Barbara Pankratz stating that the notice was posted in the posting places in the Town and inserted on our Town of Newton web site is on file.

Present were: Kevin Behnke, Denise Thomas, Mark Knorr, Paulette Vogt, Barbara Pankratz, Mike Slattery, Dave Mueller, Charles Bauer, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Kysiak, Patricia Koppa and Roger Busse.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by everyone present. Mark Knorr made a motion to approve the previously submitted February minutes which motion was seconded

Denise Thomas made a motion to accept the submitted treasurer's report. Since there were no questions Mark Knorr seconded the motion which carried.

Under the agenda item "Public Input" Patricia Koppa, who is running for the elected position on the Circuit Court appeared before the Board to present her credentials and ask for our support. Immediately following her presentation public in-put was closed since there was nothing further presented.

Road Superintendent, Dave Mueller presented a "wish list" for items for the Town Shop. Amongst the items were bolt bins; a cordless impact wrench for changing signs; pry bar; different bulbs, possibly LED type; DeWalt cordless impact wrench \$103.20; DeWalt 12 volt charger \$99.; drill set \$33. Denise Thomas made a motion that Dave could purchase the cordless impact wrench from Fleet Farm; the battery charger and drill set from Amazon and the bolt bins from Koeppen. Mark Knorr seconded the motion which carried. The Board indicated that the other items will be addressed in the near future.

Dave issued two citations to the same person for a dog matter. He also indicated there was a stray dog without a license so Paulette will send them a letter about that. Dave also indicated that Kelly Christiansen is having water problems on his road and it is the town's tile. Dave will text Kevin Madsen to look at the problem. It was also noted that Lakeside Pest Control will be investigating taking care of the fly issue.

Treasurer, Paulette Vogt indicated she has forty dogs left for licensing. In the middle of April the list will be given to Dave Mueller for collection. She also indicated that Bank First National is now paying one per cent on certificates of deposit. Paulette spoke to our auditor, Paul Corson who questioned her about the Committed Fund. Paul was told to call Chairman Behnke about the same and the clerk will remind Paul to call Kevin.

There is a drain oil tank at the Recycling Center that should be disposed of. It will be looked into whether or not the sludge can be sucked out. It will be kept covered so that no one can deposit oil in it.

Dave inquired if the Foster Parent Group can post a sign at the Recycling Center and he was told that would be ok.

The old landfill site was discussed and it was decided that a sign of what is and is not acceptable as well as the hours of operation at the old landfill has to be erected.

The salt shed was inspected and it was decided that it should be crack sealed. At present it is blacktopped. Chairman Behnke informed Dave that he should contact Crack Filling about this matter.

Chairman Behnke asked Dave Mueller to review the Utility Policy Permit that might address boring under the road for a manure pipe line. If there is nothing in the Utility Policy Permit then it will be addressed and a fee charged.

The Plan Commission recommended to the Town Board that it accept the zone change on South 26th Street, Manitowoc, WI from I-1 to R-2 (Industrial 1 to Residential 2) since I-1 is not conducive since it is residential property. By motion made by Supervisor Mark Knorr and seconded by Supervisor Denise Thomas this zone change was passed by the Newton Town Board. The information will be submitted to the County Board for their April 11, 2017 County Board Meeting.

Joe Denor of Fair Market Assessment appeared before the Board to talk about the CNC Links property assessment matter. Kevin Behnke made a motion that the Town Board deny the request for recovery of unlawful taxes. Said motion was seconded by Denise Thomas and passed. CNC will be sent a certified letter stating this fact.

Chairman Behnke and Road Superintendent Dave Mueller will view crack filling and road work for some roads in the near future. Crack Filling will take care of some of the bridge. Spend fifty per cent product; fifty per cent labor. Motion was made by Superintendent Thomas and seconded by Superintendent Knorr for the \$12,000. contract with CrackFilling Service in the Town of Newton.

It is noted that Ron Kysiak is going to give Chairman Behnke a letter of intent in reference to the Pine Creek North Conservancy matter which will be on the May Plan Commission agenda. In June there will be a public hearing and approval of the plat.

The next item of business was the discussion about the sale of the Newton Fire Truck 15 for \$8,500. An offer was received but no action on the sale was decided at this time because of the inclusion or exclusion of the radio. The matter will be addressed at the June meeting.

Superintendent Mark Knorr made a motion that the statements, previously submitted, be approved. Denise Thomas, Superintendent seconded the motion.

Denise Thomas made a motion to adjourn and said motion was seconded by Kevin Behnke. Motion carried.

Barbara Pankratz, Clerk