

TOWN OF NEWTON

NEWTON NOTES

FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

Thank You!

I sincerely appreciate all of the support you have shown me during the four years I was blessed to serve as your Town Chairman.

Roger Busse



Over the Years

A Lot to be Thankful For

I will not be taking a third term as your Town Chairman, and I want you to know how much I appreciate all of you.

A special thanks to the constituents of the Town of Newton for all the support you gave me through my two terms of being your chairman. I appreciated your encouragement, cooperation and most of all the respect you gave to me.

Thank you to all of our recycling workers for a job well done and for giving up your time every Saturday!

Thank you Debra Behnke for always keeping the Town Hall so nice and clean!

Thank you to all the poll workers again this past year!

A BIG thank you to the Newton Fire Department and First Responders for taking care of the health and safety of the town. Job well done!

Thank you to Dave Mueller our Law Enforcement Officer and Road Superintendent for keeping our town so nice. Your timeliness of the grass cutting, the tree removal you take care of in our ditches, and the snow removal. You always make sure our roads are safe and in good repair. In addition, thank you to those who assist you with this over the years!

Thank you Michael Slattery our Zoning Administrator & Roger Mayer our Building Inspector for your work and years of dedication!

Thank you to our Supervisors Denise Thomas and Mark Knorr for all their time and dedication to the Town!

Thank you to our Town Clerk Barbara Pankratz, and our Town Treasurer Paulette Vogt. Your time, detail, and teamwork keeps the town running!

Last, but not the least by far, thank you to my loving wife for all your support!

May the Lord continue to bless the Town of Newton!



Highlights

OVER THE YEARS

The Town has not borrowed money for the past 26 years!

Changed insurance company and saved the Town over \$60,000 over the past 4 years!

Two of the 3 town officials used to be on the Planning Commission Board. When it came time to vote at the Board level, the majority had already voted at the Commission level. To avoid this quorum of the Town Board, one town official was removed from the Planning Commission Board.

New Businesses in Town Over the Past 4 Years:

- T&L Tactical (corner of Cty Road C and Cty Road. CR)
- DTE Biomass Energy (corner of South Union Road and Newton Road)
- Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center (on Gass Lake Road)



In 2020 the Town had \$2,741,005 worth of improvement permits taken out!

Stecker Machine added a large addition.

The Town Board took action at the beginning of this year to change the tax information reporting for 2020 saving approximately \$2800 in the years to come.



Noteworthy News

SINCE THE LAST NEWTON NOTES

Newton Road needed repair and the bid for the job came in at \$376,000. Supervisor Denise Thomas wrote a grant where the State would be willing to pay 90%. When the grant actually came in however, it changed to 70%. The Town decided to have the job rebid, and that bid came in at \$280,340. The state then said they would go back to a 90% grant! Out of pocket came to only \$28,034 instead of \$112,800, a savings of \$84,766!

English Lake Road also needed some repair. We received a \$26,659 grant for this project and the grant had to be used in 2020. Total cost for black topping English Lake Road was \$176,735.

We replaced 4 culverts this year and black top over two of them for a total cost of \$19,400. More culverts will need to be replaced over the upcoming years.

Chip sealing and crack fill were completed for \$34,552.

Three overlays were completed for \$18,390.00. (2 culverts & 1 railroad track)

Town of Newton
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balance - Modified Cash Basis
Year ended December 31, 2020

	2020	(Memorandum Only) 2019
Revenues		
Taxes	\$ 440,145	\$ 441,180
Intergovernmental revenues	552,295	231,999
Licenses and permits	13,192	23,148
Fines, forfeits and penalties	657	430
Public charges for services	31,174	27,699
Intergovernmental charges for services	9,660	9,909
Miscellaneous	<u>15,896</u>	<u>23,037</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 1,063,019</u>	<u>\$ 757,402</u>
Expenses		
Current		
General government	\$ 119,217	\$ 106,005
Public safety	90,527	85,173
Public works	210,165	226,851
Conservation and development	29,017	22,412
Capital outlay	<u>710,014</u>	<u>225,288</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$ 1,158,940</u>	<u>\$ 665,729</u>
Excess revenues over (under) expenses	<u>\$ (95,921)</u>	<u>\$ 91,673</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>572,496</u>	<u>480,823</u>
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 476,575</u>	<u>\$ 572,496</u>

Town of Newton
Detailed Schedule of Revenues - Modified Cash Basis
Year ended December 31, 2020

Taxes			
General property taxes	\$	438,042	
Managed forest land taxes		1,451	
Use-value penalties		407	
Annexation taxes		<u>245</u>	\$ 440,145
Intergovernmental revenues			
Shared revenues	\$	47,209	
Fire insurance tax		9,919	
Exempt computer aid		652	
Personal property aid		2,009	
General transportation aid		167,088	
Road improvement grants		278,970	
Recycling grant		13,036	
Managed forest land aid		62	
Aid on certain land equivalent to taxes		10	
Routes to recovery grant		31,540	
State election aid		<u>1,800</u>	552,295
Licenses and permits			
Beer and liquor licenses	\$	775	
Operator licenses		300	
Cigarette licenses		10	
Dog license refund from County		1,935	
Dog licenses retained		697	
Building permits		1,685	
Home inspection fees		3,435	
Utility connection permits		400	
Zoning permits and hearing fees		3,335	
Driveway and culvert permits		600	
Sign permits		<u>20</u>	13,192
Fines, forfeits and penalties			
Court fines and costs	\$	418	
Dog license penalties		<u>239</u>	657
Public charges for services			
Publication fees	\$	147	
Special assessment letters		1,700	
911 address signs		369	
Road materials and services		1,526	
Solid waste disposal and recycling fees		11,808	
Garbage bags / disposal fees		<u>15,624</u>	<u>31,174</u>
Forward to page 3			<u>\$ 1,037,463</u>

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Brought forward		\$ 1,037,463
Intergovernmental charges for services		
Solid waste disposal - Town of Centerville	\$ 3,805	
Recycling - Town of Centerville	<u>5,855</u>	9,660
Miscellaneous		
Interest income	\$ 4,479	
Interest on delinquent charges	45	
Town hall rent	500	
Sale of property and equipment	3,500	
Sale of recyclable materials	3,179	
Insurance recoveries and restitution	3,250	
Fuel tax refunds	932	
Refund of expenses	7	
Miscellaneous	<u>4</u>	<u>15,896</u>
Total revenues		<u>\$ 1,063,019</u>

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Detailed Schedule of Expenses - Modified Cash Basis
Year ended December 31, 2020

General government			
Town board			
Salary	\$	20,618	
Social security		1,577	
Town dues		1,155	
Supplies and expense		2,148	
WTA / education		175	
Flowers, memorials and gifts		<u>250</u>	\$ 25,923
Legal			
Professional services			2,345
Clerk			
Salary	\$	17,755	
Social security		1,358	
Supplies and expense		3,891	
WTA / education		<u>151</u>	23,155
Elections			
Poll workers	\$	5,392	
Social security		18	
Voter registration expense		103	
Supplies and expense		<u>4,957</u>	10,470
Treasurer			
Salary	\$	10,258	
Social security		785	
Supplies and expense		2,799	
WTA / education		<u>25</u>	13,867
Assessment of property			
Contracted services	\$	10,980	
Board of review		200	
Manufacturing property assessment fee		1,114	
Supplies and expense		<u>496</u>	12,790
Accounting and auditing			
Professional services			9,975
Town hall			
Salary	\$	517	
Social security		40	
Utilities		1,494	
Supplies and expense		<u>816</u>	<u>2,867</u>
Forward to page 5			<u>\$ 101,392</u>

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General government			
Brought forward			\$ 101,392
Insurance			
Property and liability insurance	\$ 7,508		
Workers compensation insurance	<u>4,157</u>		11,665
Other general government			
COVID grant payment to St. John's School			<u>6,160</u>
Total general government			<u>\$ 119,217</u>
Public safety			
Fire protection			
Newton fire company	\$ 55,200		
Utilities	3,318		
Supplies and expense	672		
Fire insurance rebate payment	<u>9,919</u>		\$ 69,109
Ambulance service / first responders			
Manitowoc ambulance service	\$ 11,545		
COVID grant payment to Newton first responders	<u>7,059</u>		18,604
Building inspections			
Salary	\$ 1,931		
Social security	148		
Supplies and expense	<u>201</u>		2,280
Other public safety			
911 address signs			<u>534</u>
Total public safety			<u>\$ 90,527</u>

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Public works			
Transportation			
Road maintenance	\$	37,482	
Vacation pay		2,256	
Holiday pay		1,500	
Social security		4,548	
Retirement		750	
Garage and machine shop		22,974	
Snow and ice removal		24,554	
Brush control		14,139	
Gas and oil		14,040	
Machinery repair		23,106	
Gravel, sand and blacktop		5,582	
Road signs		590	
Road lighting		212	
		<u> </u>	\$ 151,733
Solid waste disposal and recycling			
Salary	\$	8,595	
Social security		658	
Transfer station expense		28,854	
Recycling expense		6,229	
Utilities		471	
Bags and stickers		10,430	
Supplies and expense		960	
		<u> </u>	56,197
Landfill			
Ground water monitoring			2,130
Weed and nuisance control			
Supplies and expense			<u> </u> 105
Total public works			<u> </u> \$ 210,165

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Conservation and development			
Zoning administration			
Salary	\$	6,600	
Social security		505	
Supplies and expense		716	
Publication fees		<u>664</u>	\$ 8,485
Land use planning			
Professional services			17,543
Plan commission			
Salary	\$	2,324	
Social security		<u>178</u>	2,502
Board of appeals			
Salary	\$	452	
Social security		<u>35</u>	<u>487</u>
Total conservation and development			<u>\$ 29,017</u>
Capital outlay			
General government			
Town hall improvements	\$	4,225	
Town hall equipment		3,767	
Election equipment		<u>7,475</u>	\$ 15,467
Public safety			
Fire department improvements	\$	7,878	
Ambulance		<u>126,958</u>	134,836
Public works			
Road improvements	\$	558,040	
Bridge improvements		<u>1,671</u>	<u>559,711</u>
Total capital outlay			<u>\$ 710,014</u>
Total expenses			<u>\$ 1,158,940</u>