

TOWN OF NEWTON BOARD MEETING

February 9, 2022 - ROUGH DRAFT

The Town Board meeting of the Town of Newton was held on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at the Newton Town Hall, 6532 Carstens Lake Road, Manitowoc, WI 54220 at 6:00 pm. pursuant to posted notices at the posting places as well as on the web site..

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Denise Thomas. Present Denise Thomas, Chairman; Kevin Behnke, Supervisor #1; Kelly Christiansen, who was sworn in as Supervisor #2, Barbara Pankratz, Clerk; Dave Mueller, Road Superintendent/Law Enforcement Officer, Mike Slattery, Zoning Administrator, Larry Stock, Ed Downing and Charlie Bauer. Paulette Vogt, Treasurer was excused. All those present joined in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Denise Thomas, Chairman made a motion to appoint Kelly Christiansen to the position of Supervisor #2 to fulfill the remaining term of supervisor #2 which term ends April, 2023. Kevin Behnke, Supervisor #1 seconded the motion. The clerk administered the Oath of Office to Kelly Christiansen.

The minutes of the January meeting, which were amended, were accepted by motion made by Kevin Behnke and seconded by Kelly Christiansen.

The treasurer's report which was submitted to the Board was accepted by motion made by Denise Thomas and seconded by Kevin Behnke.

Denise Thomas indicated that the Board would be meeting to discuss roads at a later date. Dave Mueller, Road Supervisor gave his road report and discussed possible culvert work and tree cutting.

Mike Slattery, Zoning Administrator presented a new building permit form which was reviewed by the Board. A Pond Excavation Application form was also presented and a motion was made by Kevin Behnke to accept the Plan Commission recommendation. Denise Thomas seconded the motion which passed.

Chairman Thomas indicated that at their meeting on February 7, 2022 the Plan Commission recommended to the Board that the Pond Excavation Permit fee of \$20. was acceptable and only ponds with a maximum depth over four feet will require a permit. Kevin Behnke made a motion to accept the Plan Commission's recommendation. Denise Thomas seconded he motion which carried.

Kevin Behnke indicated that the Board should review the Utility Policy and the matter be put on the agenda for March. He indicated that work on getting the fire truck is proceeding. The statement from GFL Environmental might show a slight increase because of tipping fees. He also indicated everything is going well at the Recycling Center.

Chairman Thomas discussed the ARPA Funds and made a motion that the Town accept the Procurement Policy for the ARPA Funds. Kelly Christiansen seconded the motion which carried.

At last month's meeting a letter from Glacierland Resource Conservation and Development was received by the Board suggesting that \$6,577. would be needed to support the retreatment of Phragmites in the 49 acres impacted by Phragmites in our township. After discussion motion was made by Kevin Behnke to approve the amount of \$6,577. be taken out of chart of account #53311 Brush Control. The clerk will notify Glacierland that a check will be forthcoming and the Town would appreciate timely notification of future requests. Denise Thomas seconded the motion which passed.

A motion was made by Denise Thomas to grant a written notice to Jeff Rochon per recommendation from the Plan Commission. The motion was seconded by Kelly Christiansen and passed.

The next item of business was discussion about the Annual Meeting for the Town of Newton which will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. After discussion it was decided that a meal would be served at 6:00 p.m. followed by a 7:00 meeting. Dave Mueller will order the food.

Denise Thomas made a motion to pay the bills. Said motion was seconded by Kevin Behnke and passed.

Kelly Christiansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting until Wednesday, March 16, 2022. Kevin Behnke seconded the motion.

Barbara Pankratz, Clerk