

PROPOSED BUDGET MEETING & REGULAR BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 2, 2022 (ROUGH DRAFT)

Chairman, Denise Thomas called the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2023 budget meeting to order at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, November 2, 2022. Present: Denise Thomas, Chairman; Kevin Behnke, Supervisor #1, Kelly Christiansen, Supervisor #2, Barbara Pankratz, Clerk; Alyssa Grotegut, Deputy Clerk, Paulette Vogt, Treasurer; Dave Mueller, Road Supervisor/Law Enforcement Officer; Michael Slattery, Zoning Administrator; Charlie Bauer, Ed Downing, Larry Stock and Gary Truettner.

Denise Thomas, Chairman asked if anyone had any questions or concerns about the budget. Larry Stock asked for the exact total amount of the budget and Chairman Thomas responded with \$761,496.90. With no further questions public input was closed. A motion was made by Kelly Christiansen to close the public hearing and seconded by Kevin Behnke. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Denise Thomas, Chairman; then called the Proposed Budget meeting to order, pursuant to Sec. 60.12(1)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

The notice of said meeting has been published in the Herald Times Reporter and posted on the official posting places in the Town of Newton. An affidavit indicating that such postings took place is on file with the clerk.

Chairman Thomas asked if the public had any questions, with no questions public input was closed.

Larry Stock made a motion to approve the use of carry-over tax levy capacity for the 2022 tax levy funding the 2023 operating budget. Said motion was seconded by Ed Downing, all in favor. Motion carried.

Charlie Bauer made a motion to adopt the Town of Newton 2023 budget, Larry Stock, seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the Proposed Budget meeting was made by Kelly Christiansen, seconded by Kevin Behnke. All in favor, motion carried.

Alyssa Grotegut, Deputy Clerk

ADOPT THE LEVY MEETING

Chairman, Denise Thomas called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM. Kelly Christiansen made a motion to adopt the 2023 budget and 2022 tax levy. Kevin Behnke seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Kevin Behnke made a motion to adjourn the Adopt the Levy Meeting, seconded by Kelly Christiansen. All in favor, motion carried.

Alyssa Grotegut, Deputy Clerk

TOWN OF NEWTON BOARD MEETING (Rough Draft)

Immediately after the proposed budget meetings the regular town board meeting was opened by Chairman Thomas at 5:05 PM. Everyone joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Verification of posting which was done by the Road Supervisor was stated. Kevin Behnke made a motion to approve the agenda as posted, Kelly Christiansen seconded said motion. All in favor, motion carried. Acceptance of the October minutes as printed was done by a motion made by Kevin Behnke and seconded by Kelly Christiansen. All in favor, motion carried.

The treasure's report submitted to the Board by Paulette was accepted with a motion made by Denise Thomas and seconded by Kelly Christiansen. All in favor, motion carried.

Nothing was said at the time of public input, agenda item was then closed.

Road Supervisor, Dave Mueller gave his report, stating the city water project is complete and the Highway Department will fix all the damages made to our roads. All culverts that were replaced are now black topped.

Dave Mueller, Law Enforcement Officer gave his report on a few dogs being loose and returned.

The Zoning Administrator, Mike Slattery, had nothing more to add to report that was submitted to the Board.

Supervisor #1 Kevin Behnke verified that as of January 1, 2023, stickers will be increasing, and all old ones are still valid. A motion was made to accept The Town of Centerville's Recycling Contract by Kevin Behnke and seconded by Denise Thomas. All in favor, motion carried. No update on the fire truck.

Kelly Christiansen, Supervisor #2 updated us on future building needs and A.C.E will have an estimate for us in December. Updates were made and discussed on Driveway Permit/Ordinance and will be continued to be worked on. He also stated he had a conversation with a Broadband company rep, he met at the WTA conference and will update us on that as more comes in.

Chairman Thomas updated us on the ARPA funds, and we should receive a reimbursement of \$48,700.87 if everything is approved. We spent a total of \$130,427.14 and remaining total to spend for next year at \$102,774.40. What we can use these funds for to reinsure the was also mentioned. The Board then went over the Town of Newton Employee Handbook and will update and approve at December's meeting. WTA Christmas Party was mentioned.

Barb Pankratz, Clerk mentioned that Chris Hill is retiring and now all towns will oversee Voter Registration on their own. Also, WPS would like to know about plans and a timeline for any projects we may have in the future.

Kevin Behnke then made a motion to adjourn and go into closed session, seconded by the Kelly Christiansen. All in favor motion carried. The Board is now in closed session pursuant to Chapter 19.85 (1) (c) discussion with the Road Supervisor/Law Enforcement wages for 2023.

A motion to adjourn from closed session and open back to regular meeting was made was made by Denise Thomas, Kevin Behnke seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

Lastly, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Denise Thomas, Kelly Christiansen seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

Alyssa Grotegut, Deputy Clerk.