

TOWN OF NEWTON BOARD MEETING (ROUGH DRAFT)

JANUARY 11 2023

The Town Board meeting of the Town of Newton was held on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at the Newton Town Hall, 6532 Carstens Lake Road, Manitowoc WI at 4:30 pm pursuant to posted notices at the posting places as well as on the website.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Chairman Denise Thomas. Present: Denise Thomas, Chairman; Kevin Behnke, Supervisor #1; Kelly Christiansen, Supervisor #2; Alyssa Grotegut, Clerk; Paulette Vogt, Treasurer; Dave Mueller, Road Superintendent/Law Enforcement Office; Michael Slattery, Zoning Administrator. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present and roll call was taken.

The posting and affidavit were verified and a motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Kelly Christiansen, seconded by Kevin Behnke. Motion carried.

A motion was made to accept all meeting minutes with the amended meeting minutes from January 6, 2023 by Kevin Behnke and Kelly Christiansen seconded. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was submitted to the board. Paulette mentioned the bank switched us to a different way of depositing, which allows us to receive interest right away. She also mentioned that taxes are going well. Kelly Christiansen made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented to them, Kevin Behnke, seconded said motion. Motion carried.

Next item on the agenda was public input, Rodney Fischer expressed his concerns about certain intersections being unsafe, and asked if the board could consider taking action. Next, multiple town members discussed what they thought about the Road Supervisor wages. Lastly in public input, Dan Habermann congratulated the Newton Fire Department for their outstanding picnic they put on every year, and also thanked our snow plow drivers for keeping our roads, safe and clear. You do a wonderful job and it doesn't go unnoticed. Public input was then closed at 5:00 pm.

Next, Isaac Patterson, the Town's auditor, made a quick introduction and discussed his services. He also answered a few of the Board's questions on funds.

The Road Superintendent, Dave Mueller gave his report by giving a list of culverts to the Board and which ones he believes are a necessity to be replaced. Also, brought up a few structural issues on the building, and that action needs to be taken right away.

The Law Enforcement report also given by Dave Mueller, indicated there were a few residents with issues with dogs. One resident was bit and the Sheriff's Department is involved; we want everyone keep an eye out.

Mike Slattery, Zoning Administrator mentioned all of the 2022 zoning paperwork is scanned into his computer. His report was submitted to the board and there were no questions.

Supervisor #1, Kevin Behnke mentioned he went to a meeting about Broadband. There was a discussion at said meeting on what the next steps are for Towns and how they can get a better understanding of their needs.

Kelly Christiansen made a motion to utilize the Road Supervisor Wage Package effective January 1, 2023 and was seconded by Kevin Behnke. Motion carried.

Supervisor #2, Kelly Christiansen talked about how he received a price from A.C.E for our future building add on, and exactly what is included within this add on and the estimate being \$650,000. This is just a number and there is no commitment. Also stated, the actions needed to receive this estimate was to no expense of the Town. Next, Kelly touched on Broadband a little more and mentioned he will be going to a symposium on the topic at the end of this month.

Denise Thomas, Chairman, stated the Local Road Improvement Program for the town roads, have a sunset of 2027. She quickly mentioned that the Board will meet and take care of the Resolution of the Profit & Loss now that Isaac answered their questions. Lastly, Denise went over the changes to the new Employee Handbook. Denise made a motion to accept the Town of Newton Employee Handbook dated January 1, 2023 as printed, seconded by Kelly Christiansen. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was the clerk's report, Alyssa Grotegut brought up how the Town got the minutes back from the county on the November election, and the Town of Newton had no mishaps and did every thing correctly. Denise Thomas made a motion to pay all the bills and Kelly Christiansen, seconded said motion. All agreed, motion carried.

Kelly Christiansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting until February 1, 2023. Denise Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.

Alyssa Grotegut, Clerk