TOWN OF NEWTON

JANUARY 6, 2023 MINUTES

On Friday, January 6, 2023, a posted meeting was called to order by Denise Thomas, Chairman. Present: Denise Thomas, Chairman, Kevin Behnke, Supervisor #1, Kelly Christiansen, Supervisor #2, Barbara Pankratz acting as recorder of the minutes, Paulette Vogt, Treasurer, Dave Mueller, Road Supervisor, Charlie Bauer, Larry Stock.

After recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance roll call indicated that all of the Town Board members were present and verification of posting, and affidavit was ascertained after minor corrections. Kevin Behnke made a motion to approve the proposed agenda and the motion was seconded by Kelly Christiansen which passed.

Kevin Behnke indicated he had a conversation with Jim Jost about recycling prices. Kevin indicated he was contacted by a party who is interested in recycling and is going to find out what he is offering with electronics and appliances and then bring the matter back to the Board and decisions can be made at that time.

Kelly Christiansen gave a detailed report on the proposed constructions and electrical requirements for the Fire Department/First Responder building(s) across the street. The matter of Broadband was brought up by Kelly and he will be talking to someone In the near future who will be able to tell Kelly what could be offered to the Town. Kevin indicated that he also would be talking to someone about the Broadband and would report back to the Board at the next meeting.

The next item of business was the budget for 2023. Denise was informed about the ARPA funds; they should not be included in the budget. It was decided that the Board would discuss this with the Town's auditor at the next meeting to get his input about this matter. Denise brought up the fact that there are document policies for the Town that should be reviewed for any changes which should be done.

The next matter to be discussed was the Employee Policy. Any changes in the policy were highlighted, which Deniseexplained. Motion was made by Kevin and seconded by Kelly to approve the Town of Newton Employee Handbook with changes. Motion passed. Every employee will be given a copy.

The next item of business was the matter of the Road Supervisor's pay. It was decided to shift the payment of wages from hourly to salary. After a lengthy discussion the board decided to have a town board meeting in closed session on Tuesday Jan 10th at 9:30 am.

Said meeting was adjourned by motion made by Kevin Behnke and seconded by Kelly Christiansen. Motion carried.

Barbara Pankratz