

TOWN OF NEWTON BOARD MEETING- ROUGH DRAFT

FEBRUARY 1, 2023

The Town Board meeting of the Town of Newton was held on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at the Newton Town Hall, 6532 Carstens Lake Road, Manitowoc WI at 5:00 pm pursuant to posted notices at the posting places as well as on the website.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 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 Officer; Michael Slattery, Zoning Administrator. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present and roll call was taken.

An affidavit is on file showing that the agenda was posted properly. Kelly Christiansen made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and Kevin Behnke seconded. Chairman Thomas stated that the Broadband discussion on the agenda would be moved to after public input. Kelly Christiansen made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes as printed, seconded by Denise Thomas. Motions carried.

There was no treasurer's report to be given.

Public input was opened at 5:02 pm. Garrett Braun, firefighter and Chairman of the Building Committee clarified why the committee was created and the goals that the committee has for the future building. With no other public input, agenda item was closed at 5:06 pm.

Next, Tim Michalak, the Director of Strategic Development at Ethoplex was present to provide us with more information on Broadband and it's benefits for us here in the Town of Newton.

Dave Mueller, Road Supervisor/Law Enforcement Officer gave his reports stating he was working on tree cutting and is working on getting a list of roads together for paving and filling. He also asked the Board on what the policy is to let out the tables and chairs from the Town Hall; the Board stated that there is no policy, we do not let out our tables and chairs at all. Dave then went into his Law Enforcement report, stating that he had a few dog calls again and requested we add to the website that all dogs need to be licensed and the Board agreed.

Zoning Administrator, Mike Slattery submitted his report to the Board before the meeting. There were no questions.

Kevin Behnke, Supervisor #1 stated he will check into the E-Cycle Grant to see if we qualify. He then mentioned that the Fire Truck is moving relatively quickly, and that we have one inspection left before delivery.

Supervisor #2, Kelly Christiansen, has nothing more to act on the future building needs. Next, Kevin touched on how Progress Lakeshore is having a meeting on Broadband at the end of February and will update us more on that next month.

Chairman, Denise Thomas, discussed Whilharms Lane for private event, the Board decided to have temporary no parking signs on one side of the road to keep the road clear. Next item that was talked about was having special marking on certain intersections within the town. The Board mentioned a few options, such as reflective tape and flags, along with maybe even having a stop sign on both sides of the road. Kevin will meet with the Highway Department to see the costs of these options and discuss this more next meeting. Kelly Christiansen made a motion to accept the Manitowoc County Joint Dispatch Contract and Kevin Behnke seconded. Motion carried. Lastly, the Town of Newton is the host of the Unit Meeting, March 16, 2023, and plans are being made for that.

Motion to approve and pay the bills was made by Kevin Behnke and seconded by Kelly Christiansen. Motion carried.

Denise Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting until March 8, 2023. Kevin Behnke seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm.

Alyssa Grotegut, Clerk