

TOWN OF NEWTON BOARD MEETING- ROUGH DRAFT

MARCH 8, 2023

The Town Board meeting of the Town of Newton was held on Wednesday, March 8, 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present and roll call was taken. Present: Denise Thomas, Chairman; Kevin Behnke, Supervisor #1; Kelly Christiansen, Supervisor #2; Alyssa Grotegut, Clerk; Dave Mueller, Road Superintendent/Law Enforcement; Michael Slattery, Zoning Administrator; Paulette Vogt, Treasurer was excused.

An affidavit is on file showing that the agenda was posted in the proper posting places. Kevin Behnke made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and Kelly Christiansen seconded said motion. Motion carried. Kelly Christiansen then made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes as printed, seconded by Denise Thomas. Motion carried.

There were no questions on the treasurer's report submitted to the board, Kevin Behnke made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Kelly Christiansen. Motion carried.

Public input was opened at 5:02 pm, and with no public input, agenda item was closed at 5:03 pm.

Road Supervisor/Law Enforcement Officer, Dave Mueller gave his report mentioning a few more calls on a loose dog. Along with the request that we make a reminder on the website that Dog Licenses are due by April 1st. After April 1st, there will be citations given for dogs not licensed. Next, Dave mentioned how he talked with Alfson's to get our culvert repair season lined up and which culverts the Board would like to repair. He also gave a list of roadwork that needs to be done for the Board to look over and discuss. Lastly, he asked the Board for approval to shop around for new sand supplier for better cost efficiency, the Board approved his request.

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

Kevin Behnke, Supervisor #1 checked into the E-Cycle Grant and came to the conclusion it's not worth the effort due to the qualifications of this Grant. Next, he brought a proposal from Backroads Recycling LLC and what he could do for the Town. Kevin requested the rest of the Board look over it and then discuss more at the April Meeting. Following the recycling agenda item, Kevin received more information on pricing and options for special markings on intersections and the mention of rumble strips. The Board will review that information and make a decision at the next meeting. Until then Kevin Behnke made a motion to put flags on the stop sign at the intersection of Union Road and Carstens Lake Road, Kelly Christiansen seconded said motion. Motion carried. Kevin then brought information/options for a new digital sign to replace our current one outside the Town Hall, to the Board and they will review and discuss this more at the next meeting. Lastly, March 20th and 21st guys are going to pick up our firetruck.

Supervisor #2, Kelly Christiansen, discussed our future building and how we have a budget price and we will sit on that until we decide when/if we want to move forward. He then mentioned the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands Lending and what he learned about them at the District Meeting, and how they could potentially benefit the Town. Broadband discussion was next on the agenda, there was just a quick update on how to get funding for this. Kelly then presented a bid from Extreme Audio to get a TV for the meeting room and he is currently waiting for another bid. Kevin Behnke made a motion to approve the current bid of \$3135.28 unless the second bid comes in lower, seconded by Denise Thomas. Motion carried. Lastly, the Town of Newton is hosting the Manitowoc County Unit Meeting at City Limits on March 16th.

Denise Thomas, Chairman started with the Bid from ACE to repair town shop walls, Kevin Behnke made a motion to approve the bid, seconded by Kelly Christiansen. Motion carried. The Town Board then discussed the approval of the Francis Lulloff Zone Change, Kelly Christiansen made a motion to approve this Zone Change, Kevin Behnke seconded. Motion carried.

Next, Kevin Behnke made a motion to approve Randy Kaften's Pond permit, Kelly Christiansen seconded said motion. Motion carried. Chairman Thomas, then made the appointments for the Board of Appeals and Plan Commission. The appointment of Lee Glaeser and Charlie Bauer for Plan Commission. Their present tenure expired January 1, 2023 and since they accepted a new term, that now expires on January 1, 2026. Appointments for the Board of Appeals were Dan Stock and Scott Konik whose terms also expired January 1, 2023 and now expires on January 1, 2026.

Denise then discussed CR Motel and the Junk Ordinance, she will be working with the Health Inspector before moving forward. The next agenda item is the discussion of the Annual Meeting, the meeting will be held **April 18th, Dinner at 6:00 pm, and Meeting at 7 pm.** Lastly, the Driveway Permit was discussed and will be decided at the April meeting.

The clerk stated that the Audit will be held on March 15th at the Town Hall. She also mentioned she received a letter from Glacierland and a final notice requesting funding for Phragmites. Kevin Behnke made a motion to pay the bills. Said report was submitted to the Board previous to the meeting. Kelly Christiansen seconded the motion which carried.

Denise Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting until April 17, 2023 at 5:00 pm. Kevin Behnke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alyssa Grotegut, Clerk