

TOWN OF NEWTON BOARD MEETING – ROUGH DRAFT

April 17, 2023

The Town Board meeting of the Town of Newton was held on Monday, April 17, 2023, at the Newton Town Hall, 6532 Carstens Lake Road, Manitowoc WI at 6:00 pm pursuant to posted notice at the posting places as well as on the website.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chairman Denise Thomas. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present and roll call taken. Present: Denis Thomas, Chairman; Kevin Behnke, Supervisor #1; Kelly Christiansen, Supervisor #2; Alyssa Grotegut, Clerk; Dave Mueller, Road Supervisor/Law Enforcement Officer; Michael Slattery, Zoning Administrator; Paulette Vogt, Treasurer.

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

There were no questions with the treasurer's report. There was a short discussion on what to do with the unpaid dog licenses and will be discussed further in the next meeting. There was also mention of what needed to be cleaned up on the website, moving forward any problems with the website, please contact Denise Thomas and/or Alyssa Grotegut and they will take care of it as best they can. Kelly Christiansen then made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Kevin Behnke. Motion carried.

Public input was next on the agenda, there was just a question on what the purpose of the new digital sign would be and that was answered. It was mentioned, about what else we could do for the stop sign on Carstens Lake Road and Chairman Thomas responded with we are getting another stop sign, more flags and reflecting tape if needed. Also was asked if at the Annual Meeting during Public Input mention the collection of the soda can tabs at the Recycling Center and have this information posted on the website and the Board agreed. Public input was then closed.

Dave Mueller, Road Supervisor/Law Enforcement Officer gave his report mentioning he had approx. 2 miles of spraying to do, Denise Thomas made a motion to approve doing that spraying with Michael Slattery at \$235 per mile. Seconded by Kelly Christiansen, all agreed, motion carried. He then brought up looking at 2023 Road work and what we should do, and the Board will look over and discuss more. Dave and Kelly then talked about a few issues with water/ditching. Moving, into Law Enforcement's report, there was a few residents who complained about the smell of smoke where other residents aren't following the correct permits/ordinance's and handled those. Also, there was a few stray dogs got picked up and returned.

Zoning Administrator submitted his report to the Board prior to the meeting. A short discussion on why we need permits for holding tanks was had as well.

Kevin Behnke, Supervisor #1 stated Backroads Recycling will be our new provider for all our needs moving forward. There is a free recycling pick up day April 29, 2023, 8 am – Noon. Next, being discussed was the bid RLO Sign Inc. for our new digital sign for \$22,649.23. Kevin Behnke made a motion to accept the bid, Kelly Christiansen seconded said motion. All approved, motion carried. Dave and Kevin went on crack filling tour and discussed bad places on where they need to be improved. Kevin Behnke then made a motion to approve the amount of \$15,000 for time and materials from Crack Filling Services to make those repairs. Seconded by Denise Thomas, motion carried.

Kelly Christiansen, Supervisor #2 talked to the Fire Department, and they are looking at the costs for blacktop and excavating costs. Trying to get everything set up so we have the totals for when we need/want to make the decision for the next step. Broadband was mentioned, and we just need to know what we need and what it will costs, so we can stay a step ahead. Driveway Permit updates were stated and other possible things we could add, along with a

few questions. After this discussion, the Board is going to contact the Wisconsin Towns Association to answer a few of their questions. Once they have those answers, they will discuss this more at the next meeting.

Chairman, Denise Thomas had a few things to discuss. First, we discussed that we will be putting another stop sign at the Carstens Lake Road and South Union Road. Next, the chairman opened the sealed bids for the Culvert work and stated that all bids will now be sealed bids. These bids were from CJL Excavating, Essential Sewer and Water, Alfson Excavating, Stemper Quality Excavating, and Billmann Construction Company. The Board will look over these bids, get any clarification if needed and discuss at the next meeting. Next on the agenda, CR Motel and what the next step should be with dealing with this property. The Board agreed to have Roger our building inspector go through it and deem it inhabitable if that's the case. Also, brought up was the trailer on the corner of Center Road and Newton and what we should do next after we sent a warning via certified mail. The Board agreed to send a citation for the Public Nuisance Ordinance, for not complying. Gary Kastner was present on behalf of the English Lake Board of Directors, to discuss if there was anything we could do to have No Wake during High Water Mark times. The Board stated that they will get ahold of the Sheriff's Department to see if they would enforce this and then will get back to him on what we could do moving forward. Law Enforcement Position Duties got moved to next meeting. Annual Meeting will be held April 18, 2023, dinner at 6:00 pm and meeting at 7:00 pm, everything is all set for this.

The clerk just mentioned that the best way to reach her in the upcoming month will be via email at newtonclerk24@gmail.com or text and if really important please leave a message as she will be busy with her full time position. All Official Oaths were read and stated. Denise Thomas made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Kelly Christiansen. Motion carried.

Kelly Christansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting until May 10, 2023. Kevin Behnke seconded said motion. Motion carried; meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Alyssa Grotegut, Clerk.