

TOWN OF NEWTON BOARD MEETING – ROUGH DRAFT

JULY 12, 2023

The July 12, 2023, meeting of the Town of Newton meeting was called to order by Chairperson Thomas at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 6532 Carstens Lake Road, Manitowoc, WI.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called, and members present were Denise Thomas – Chairperson, Kevin Behnke – Supervisor 1, Kelly Christiansen- Supervisor 2, Alyssa Grotegut-Clerk, Paulette Vogt-Treasurer, Dave Mueller-Road Supervisor/Law Enforcement Officer. Members excused: Mike Slattery-Zoning Administrator.

VERIFICATION OF POSTING- APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES

An affidavit is on file showing the agenda was posted in the proper posting places. Chairperson Thomas presented the July 12, 2023, agenda with one change to moving the English Lake High Water Mark No Wake Discussion ahead of the Website Discussion, Supervisor Christiansen moved to approve the revised agenda, seconded by Supervisor Behnke. All approved, motion carried.

Chairperson Thomas presented the minutes from June 14 and 26 meetings. Supervisor Behnke moved to approve all the meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Christiansen. All approved, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was submitted to the Board prior to the meeting, nothing needed to be added. Treasurer Vogt mentioned she received our Community Firsts CD and we got paid \$1391.62 and the total is now \$257,207.92. Chairperson Thomas made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Supervisor Christiansen. All approved, motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Chairperson Thomas opened public input.

Roger Busse questioned the posting of June's rough draft minutes on the website. Larry Stock then requested those minutes to be read. Clerk Grotegut read both sets of minutes. Larry Stock expressed his concerns about financial decisions and how he is upset with the Board. Dan Habermann requested individual responses to Larry Stock's comments. Supervisor Behnke and Christiansen responded to his comments/concerns.

With no further input, Chairperson Thomas closed public input.

REPORTS

Road Supervisor – Dave Mueller gave the Board the information they requested on equipment. The Brunner Road culvert is done, and Wilharms Road will be worked on next week. He mentioned there was a new house being built and the driveway didn't meet the permit requirements, but the owner is willing to correct it. He mentioned Gass Lake Road has blacktop over the culverts and Center Road should be getting done tomorrow. Dave brought to the Boards attention that to work for the township operating power equipment must be seventeen or older. He then questioned the Board what the next steps should be for painting the doors and sandblasting truck 602, the Board asked if Dave could get a ballpark number from A.H Stock's Manufacturing.

Law Enforcement – Dave Mueller reported that he had a few dog calls and is in the process of writing a citation for illegal burning.

Zoning Administrator – The Zoning Administrator’s report was submitted to the Board prior to the meeting, there were no questions.

Supervisor 1 – Supervisor Behnke updated us on the possibility of having another Freon Collection and then possibly doing that on a more consistent schedule. He will get more information on who could handle this collection and provide that next month. Chairperson Thomas asked where residents could drop off refrigerators and other items, Supervisor Behnke will also look into that and discuss it next month. The digital sign is still in the shipment process. Lastly, he updated everyone on what is happening with the Courthouse renovations.

Supervisor 2 – Supervisor Christiansen updated the Board on Orchard Road and what he and the City of Manitowoc came up with. Supervisor Behnke made a motion to have The City of Manitowoc write up a proposal for Orchard Road, seconded by Chairperson Thomas. All approved, motion carried.

Chairperson – Chairperson Thomas discussed the progress of the English Lake High Water Mark No Wake and the Board will write up an Ordinance and have a public hearing on this matter next month. Next, the Board discussed what to do about the Town website, it was decided we start to look elsewhere so we can have more control and simplify it all. Lastly, the Town’s insurance is up for renewal and then discussed the two proposals. Supervisor Behnke made a motion to accept the proposal from CWG Insurance, seconded by Supervisor Christiansen. All approved, motion carried.

Clerk – Clerk Grotegut stated that we no longer have a line of credit with Eis Implement due to invoices getting sent to the wrong address, that is taken care of. Chairperson Thomas moved to approve the paying of the bills, Supervisor Christiansen seconded. All approve, motion carried.

Other Discussion – The cost of burning barrel covers was brought up again and what the next steps that should be. The Board will discuss this at next month’s meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Monthly Meeting – August 9, 2023

There being no further discussion, Supervisor Christiansen moved to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Behnke, and the motion was adapted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Alyssa Grotegut, Clerk