TOWN OF NEWTON BOARD MEETING – ROUGH DRAFT

SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

The September 7, 2023, meeting of the Town of Newton 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 Office. 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. Supervisor Christiansen moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Behnke, all approved, motion carried. Chairperson Thomas presented the minutes from the August 9 meeting and the Board of Review meeting. Supervisor Behnke made a motion to approve all presented minutes, Supervisor Christiansen seconded. All approved, motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The treasurer’s report was submitted to the Board prior to the meeting. Treasurer Vogt stated her, and clerk Grotegut don’t come out, but both come out with the bank. Clerk Grotegut will work with the auditor to resolve this. Supervisor Behnke moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Supervisor Christiansen. All approved, motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Chairperson Thomas opened public input. Dan Habermann asked the Board to compare wages and benefits for snowplow drivers and our Road Supervisor to surrounding townships and report back at the next meeting.

With no other input, public Input was then closed.

**REPORTS**

*Road Supervisor-* Dave Mueller gave his report stating that there is an issue on Lakewood Lane with clarification of what is public road and what is not. He then gave an update that all culverts are done just have the culverts with Alfson Excavating left. He also stated that the A.C.E bill for fixing the building will be much less than estimated. Dave submitted the County Bridge Aid.

*Law Enforcement –* Dave Mueller stated he received a call about a problem on Luckow Lane with cutting/trespassing. The complaint was unwarranted and there was no wrongdoing.

*Zoning Administrator –* Mike Slattery submitted his report prior to the meeting, there were no questions.

*Website Discussion –* Carrie Kost owner of SparkWorks was present to address concerns and suggestions the Board had with the current website. The Board stated what they would like to change and requested that the Town have more access to make changes. Clerk Grotegut and Carrie will work together to make those changes.

*Supervisor 1 –* Supervisor Behnke started his report letting everyone know that the new digital sign arrived! There were a few minor glitches, but it is working great now. He also discussed where the money to purchase this sign is being pulled from. Next, he updated everyone on the electronic collection. He was not receiving a call back from our previous provider, so he will be reaching out to others to hopefully allow a collection to happen this fall. Lastly, he addressed a few concerns from citizens on the recent Sex Offender Notice that was released. He just informed everyone that all those decisions are regulated by the state.

*Supervisor 2 –* Supervisor Christiansen began his report with an update on the Orchard Road agreement, he discussed the changes that were made, then Chairman Thomas made a motion to accept the agreement for access and improvement of Orchard Lane as they lawyer drew up. Supervisor Behnke seconded said motion. All approved, motion carried.

*Chairperson –* Chairperson Thomas opened with a discussion on Glacierland’s bid on spraying for Phragmites. After discussion, the Board decided to come back to this when they have the budget meeting. Next was an update on the Motel on CR, the owner is aware it needs to be cleaned up and has made progress and will continue to take care of it. The trailer on Newton Road and Center is also being cleaned up and will be taken down by that owner as well. Chairman Thomas then made a motion to accept Nsight’s Contract Renewal as our internet and phone provider. Said motion was seconded by Supervisor Christiansen, all approved, motion carried. Lastly, The Board discussed an Ordinance that pertains to Obstruction Free Area for Driveways on all existing driveways, prior to our new Driveway Permit. This will be looked at and reviewed again at the next Board Meeting.

*Clerk –* Clerk Grotegut stated she received a Thank You from Scott’s Construction for doing business with them. She also read a letter received from a resident stating how nice the Town looks and a thank you to Dave Mueller for his work keeping it that way. A motion was made to approve the paying of the bills by Chairman Thomas, Supervisor Christiansen seconded, all approved motion carried.

*Other Discussion –* Treasurer Vogt requested we add a few things to next month’s agenda regarding “eye sores” within the Town. Regarding properties of Satori’s abandoned home, Barn on Center (Schleis’s) and Raoul Bustamante’s Barn across from Michael Slattery.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

Special Budget Meeting – Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting – Wednesday October 11, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Grotegut, Clerk.