

TOWN OF NEWTON BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 11, 2023

The October 11, 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 September 7 meeting and the October 6 budget 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. No questions, 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. Larry Stock stated a few of his observations. Roger Busse questioned the Board about the budget for the auditor. Lastly, Paulette Vogt brought back some information from clerk workshops she has attended for the Town to utilize. She also stated a few other concerns she has.

**REPORTS**

*Road Supervisor* – Dave Mueller gave his report stating there is a resident asking for more gravel on the lane on which he resides, will discuss this again in spring. He cleaned up an excavator accident and had requested a bill from the company for his time and services. Dave did black topping and patching the last few weeks. Next, was an update on the Lakewood Lane ownership. Stock’s Manufacturing finished refinishing the doors on the Town Hall all as a donation. THANK YOU, STOCK’S! Lastly, he asked The Board their thoughts on ditch cutting, they replied with use your best judgement.

*Law Enforcement* – Dave Mueller stated he received a few dog calls.

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

*Supervisor 1* – Supervisor Behnke stated we will have a free electronic collection on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. More details coming soon. He then touched on the language barrier with the Hispanic community in our township at the Recycling Center and that he is working on a solution to help all involved.

*Supervisor 2* – Supervisor Christiansen presented the Board with the signed contract from the City of Manitowoc regarding the agreement for Access and Improvement of Orchard Lane, he then requested Dave move the weight limit sign on Orchard Lane.

*Chairperson* – Chairperson Thomas requested the Board table the Obstruction Free Area of Driveway Ordinance until January, but requested they start the process of informing the residents that would be affected by this ordinance. Next, Chairperson Thomas is waiting on a few more bids for a Pickup Truck replacement and will discuss this more at the next meeting. Lastly, Plan Commission is going to be looking for one or maybe two appointees, if anyone is interested or knows of somebody who would be interested, please let the Board know.

*Clerk*- Clerk Grotegut received an email about trash being dumped on Silver Creek Road, seems to be a hotspot lately. She updated the Board on the website updates/changes. A motion was made to approve the paying of the bills by Chairperson Thomas, seconded by Supervisor Christiansen. All approved, motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

Proposed Budget Meeting/Special Electors/Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Supervisor Christiansen and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alyssa Grotegut, Clerk