

TOWN OF NEWTON – BUDGET MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2023

The October 6, 2023 Budget meeting of the Town of Newton was called to order by Chairperson Thomas 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.

VERIFICATION OF POSTING – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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.

DISCUSSION

The agenda for the meeting was further discussion of the Town of Newton 2024 Proposed Budget. First the Board had a discussion via phone with Brian from Centerville to increase their contract by 3%. The Newton Fire Department submitted their budget at \$92,000 due to State Mandates on equipment. The Board then went through the budget line by line.

Chairperson Thomas asked for a roll call vote to go into close session pursuant to Chapter 19.85 (1)(c) of Wisconsin Statutes to discuss personnel matters. All approved, the Board was now in closed session.

Chairperson Thomas asked for a roll call vote to adjourn close session and open back up to open session. All approved, the board was now in open session. Once in open session clerk Grotegut announced the Board recommendations for wages as followed:

Road Superintendent - \$28/hr. Law Enforcement Officer - \$26/call. Part-Time Workers \$22/hr. Recycling Workers - \$18/hr. Election Workers - \$14/hr. Chief Inspector - \$16/hr. The Cleaning person will stay the same at \$16/hr. Board of Appeals and Plan Commission members will stay the same at \$27/meeting with each Secretary's at \$37/meeting. Clerk - \$18,280.00/year. Supervisor Christiansen makes a motion to approve the wage increases as stated, Supervisor Behnke seconded. All approved, motion carried.

A short discussion was had on how the levy is created with the net new construction already in due to town growth, which is determined by the State.

NEXT MEETING DATE

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

Proposed Budget Meeting/Special Electors/Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further discussion, Supervisor Christiansen 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