

TOWN OF NEWTON BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 10 2024

The January 10, 2024 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 Officer. Members excused: Mike Slattery – Zoning Administrator.

VERIFICATION OF POSTING – APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MEETINGS

There are affidavits on file showing the agenda was posted in the proper posting places. Supervisor Behnke moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Christiansen, all approved. Motion carried. Supervisor Christiansen moved to approve the meeting minutes from the December 13 meeting, as well as the amended minutes from the December 28 meeting. Supervisor Behnke seconded, all approve, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Vogt submitted her report prior to the meeting and Chairperson Thomas informed Paulette that her ARPA beginning balance was incorrect, therefore making the ending balance incorrect. The Board also discussed our CD account and asked Paulette to look into finding the best rate. With no other questions, Supervisor Christiansen moved to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by Supervisor Behnke, all approved, motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Chairperson Thomas, opened public input.

Larry Stock just questioned what the money in the CD is used for and why the Board will be going into closed session. Supervisor Behnke answered both of his questions.

With no further input, Chairperson Thomas closed public input.

REPORTS

Road Supervisor – Dave Mueller gave a list of trees, mostly ash that need to be taken care of to the Board, and updated them on what he currently has done. He is waiting for pricing from Stock's Manufacturing for burning barrel cover. He then presented the Board with a picture of a resident with a fence at the end of their driveway in the right away and the Board asked him to have the resident move it. Lastly, he mentioned the cleaning of the Town Hall and a protocol was discussed and will be in place moving forward.

Law Enforcement – Dave Mueller just mentioned he had a dog call.

Supervisor 1 – Supervisor Behnke briefly mentioned how there was someone interested in being a Recycling Attendant, and the Board agreed to get an application and keep it on file for the future.

Supervisor 2 – Supervisor Christiansen stated he reached out to Keller on getting an estimate for some of the future building needs.

Chairperson – There was brief discussion on Radial Grade Tires that Dave presented to the Board a few months ago, and Supervisor Behnke made a motion to approve the purchase of the Michelin tires from Pat’s Tire for the amount of \$13,891.90 + \$60 for new Orings, with the intention of Mike Kaufmann mounting them. Supervisor Christiansen seconded said motion, all approved, motion carried. Chairperson Thomas, mentioned how next month she would like to make appointments to the Plan Commission Board, and briefly discussed the upcoming District and Unit Meetings.

Clerk – Clerk Grotegut gave the Board the Christmas Cards that the Town received. She then briefly discussed the Election Training she attended for the Express Vote machine and the DS200 new software update. Supervisor Behnke made a motion to pay the bills presented, Supervisor Christiansen seconded. All approved, motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

The Town Board will go into closed session pursuant to Chapter 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statues to discuss Future Fire Safety Equipment, when Chairperson Thomas made a motion to go into closed session with a roll call vote. All approved, the Board was now in closed session. The Board talked with Newton Fire Department members. Chairperson Thomas then made a motion to then go back into open session with a roll call vote. All approved, the Board was now in open session.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Monthly Board Meeting – February 14, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Dave quickly asked the Board if he could mention to others that the Town is selling the old Radial Grade Tires, the Board gave him permission to do so. With 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