

TOWN OF NEWTON BOARD MEETING

MARCH 20, 2024

The March 20, 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 & MEETING MINUTES

There is an affidavit on file stating the agenda was posted in the posting places. Supervisor Christiansen moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Behnke. All approved, motion carried. Supervisor Behnke made a motion to accept the Feb 14 meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Christiansen. All approved, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Vogt submitted her report prior to the meeting and there were no questions. She also stated the CD got renewed at 5.3% instead of the 5.18% we were anticipating.

PUBLIC INPUT

Roger Busse questioned the Board about a January Meeting they had with Mike.

REPORTS

Road Supervisor – Chairperson Thomas asked Dave about weight limits signs, and Dave stated that those signs were posted in 2023 by the County's recommendation and were up for a minimum of 4 weeks. He also has them posted now as well. Dave then told the Board that Stock's donated scrap for burning barrel covers. He is still working on tree cutting. He then questioned the Board on laying gravel on Hutchinson Lane, the Board told him to get figures and bring back next meeting. Dave then brought an estimate to the Board for a new repeater because ours is outdated.

Law Enforcement – Dave Mueller had a dog and horse call. He asked a resident to move a sign out of the right of way and Chairperson Thomas asked Dave to ask a resident to move things out of the right of way. Dave then updated the Board on the progress of the resident that had a fence at the end of their driveway in the right of way.

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

Supervisor 1 – Supervisor Behnke just had a reminder about the electronic collection on April 6th. He then mentioned his stance on the upcoming meeting about Fire Districts.

Supervisor 2 – Supervisor Christiansen touched on how the Fire Department is still in discussion for future building. Next, he brought up the shed at Recycling Center that was discussed last month and how we aren't ready to invest money in that at this time. Then Supervisor Christiansen specified The Intersection of C and CR is becoming a serious problem and safety hazard. This item was discussed and

the Board decided that we need to send a letter to the Highway Committee on this issue. Lastly, he suggested that the Law Enforcement Officer gets paid OT for after hour calls that exceed a certain amount of time, this will be on next months agenda with more documentation.

Chairperson – Chairperson Thomas made a motion to have Mike send a resident on LS a letter to get another address sign for their pool house, for emergency services to better find said residence. Supervisor Behnke seconded said motion, all approved, motion carried. Tree cutting maps were in question and after research and work with the County, the maps we are currently using are correct. Chairperson Thomas then presented the Board with ARIP Grant Project, she discussed all her work she has done so far on this project and then recommended we hire Cedar Corp to write the Grant Application for us, as it is out of her realm. Supervisor Christiansen made a motion to approve Cedar Corp to write this Grant Application, seconded by Supervisor Behnke. All approved, motion carried. Supervisor Behnke told Chairperson Thomas how great of a job she did with getting all of that information and letters for this project done and together. A quick update on the Annual Meeting was mentioned. Next, she brought up the Driveway Obstruction Ordinance, made a few additions and changes and will discuss/take action next month. Lastly, Road Bids and specs were discussed along with what Roads the Board are considering on doing this year. Supervisor Christiansen then mentioned shouldering and it was discussed working with the Town of Manitowoc Rapids, this will be on next months agenda as well.

Clerk – Clerk Grotegut informed the Board on how the audit went. Also mentioned was WI has new legislative Maps and that she sent out Thank You's to Stock's MFG and Mike Kaufmann for their donations to the Town. Supervisor Christiansen made a motion to approve the statements and reports submitted by the Clerk. Seconded by Supervisor Behnke, all approved, motion carried.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Monthly Board Meeting – April 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Annual Board Meeting – April 16, 2024, Meal at 6:00 p.m. and Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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