

TOWN OF NEWTON BOARD MEETING

APRIL 15, 2024

The April 15, 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

An affidavit is on file stating the agenda was posted in the posting places. Supervisor Behnke made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Christiansen. All approved, motion carried. Supervisor Behnke had a change due to spelling error in last month's meeting minutes, and then made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Supervisor Christiansen seconded, all approved, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Vogt submitted her report prior to the meeting, there were no questions. Treasurer Vogt pointed out a spelling error on her report to fix, Supervisor Christiansen then made a motion to approve her report. Chairperson Thomas seconded said motion, all approved. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Larry Stock questioned the Board on where they were on getting Dave on the State Retirement program.

REPORTS

Road Supervisor – Dave Mueller questioned next steps on Crack Filling, Board asked him to let them know a day they would be in the area to discuss. He then updated the Board on the progress of tree cutting, Chairperson Thomas questioned how much is completed from his tree report, he responded nothing is completely done but there is a little bit all over. Next, he informed the Board about guardrail posts that are rotted, along with a culvert that would qualify for Bridge Aid. Right Way Applications came and jetted out a line and the catch base at the Town Hall. Lastly, he questioned the Board on if he was taking care of the lawn cutting, they responded with yes.

Law Enforcement – Dave Mueller updated the Board on the cleaning of a resident's yard to get items out of the right away and that there was an illegal burn on Easter Sunday.

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

Supervisor 1 – Supervisor Behnke mentioned the electronic collection went well. Next, he discussed his thoughts and information he received from attending a meeting on Broadband. Lastly, he discussed the information he received from the meeting at Manitowoc Rapids pertaining to the Fire Districts.

Supervisor 2 – Supervisor Christiansen stated that the intersection of C and CR is now in the County’s hands and we are on the Traffic and Safety agenda. He mentioned the Bids for Orchard Lane were submitted to the City of Manitowoc and to be open at their meeting on April 15th. Lastly, Supervisor Christiansen presented the Board with an Employee Wage update for our Law Enforcement Officer. He will now receive \$26/call, if that call extends longer than one hour, he will be paid \$26 per hour for the first hour, and \$9.75 per every 15 minutes for the duration of the same call.

Chairperson – Chairperson Thomas began by stating our ARPA balance is now at zero. She then updated the Board that the ARIP Grant was submitted through Cedar Corp on April 5th, and we will know if we received the grant by July. Next, the Board discussed 2024 Road Work, Supervisor Christiansen made a motion to accept Bob Braun’s estimate of \$2,635 for gravel from Valdars Stone to repair Hutchinson Lane. Supervisor Behnke seconded, all approved, motion carried. They then discussed what roads they should request bids for repairing along with chip sealing. The Board decided on requesting road bids for Gass Lake Road under the LRIP and Northeim Road from Carstens Lake Road to C and chip sealing bids for English Lake Road, Newton Road and Gass Lake Road. Everything is set for the Annual Meeting. Chairperson Thomas then read the Obstruction Free Area for Driveways for the public; she then made a motion to adopt this Ordinance. Supervisor Christiansen seconded the adoption of the Ordinance, all approved, the motion was adapted by acclamation. Lastly, the Board discussed Jeff Rochon’s request of changes to Lot 3 of the Conservancy to add an Orchard and build a barn. Chairperson Thomas made a motion to accept Jeff Rochon’s change requests, seconded by Supervisor Behnke. All approved, motion carried.

Clerk – Clerk Grotegut let everyone know when Open Book and Board of Review will be held. She then mentioned the accusations that have been made around the county about our Elections and how they are run. All these accusations are untrue and have no merit. Supervisor Behnke then made a motion to pay the bills that were submitted, Supervisor Christiansen seconded. All approved, motion carried.

NEXT MEETING DATES

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

Open Book – April 29, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Board of Review – May 7, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Grotegut, Clerk