

**TOWN OF NEWTON  
MINUTES FROM MAY 14, 2025**

The 05/14/25 meeting of the Town of Newton was called to order by Chairperson Thomas at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 6532 Carstens Lake Rd, 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. Excused – Mike Slattery – Zoning Administrator.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairperson Thomas made two changes to the agenda, the time of June’s meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. not 6:00 p.m. and to add Action under the Public Hearing. Supervisor Behnke made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Supervisor Downing. All approved, motion carried.

Supervisor Behnke made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Downing. All approved, motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Chairperson Thomas requested Treasurer Vogt to update the committed fund. Supervisor Downing made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report, seconded by Supervisor Behnke. All approved, motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Chairperson Thomas opened public input, there being no public input, public input was closed.

**REPORTS**

*Road Supervisor* – Road Supervisor Mueller stated his list of spraying for invasive weeds, the Board approved Zach Birenbaum to complete the spraying. Mueller informed the board that in the next few years we will need a new plow truck. Mueller provided the board with a contract from Manitowoc County Highway Department to do the culvert work by the Wigands. The contract was signed and returned to Highway Commissioner Grotegut.

*Law Enforcement* - Law Enforcement Officer Mueller reported a dog call and informed the board he is almost out of DNR books for Burning Permits. Treasurer Vogt added all but 4 dogs are registered.

*Zoning Administrator* – Zoning Administrator Slattery requested a larger drop box in the back of the Town Hall for residents to drop of paperwork/maps that don’t fit in the front drop box. Chairperson Thomas made a motion to purchase a secure drop box for the back of the Town Hall, seconded by Supervisor Behnke. All approved, motion carried.

*Supervisor 1* – Supervisor Behnke stated the electronic collection went well. Behnke also discussed his time in Madison for Town Official Day.

*Supervisor 2* – Supervisor Downing proposed a larger turn around on Orchard Road, to which Mueller confirmed that is what was being done.

*Chairperson* – Chairperson Thomas opened the Public Hearing for the Adoption of Zoning Changes of our Zoning Ordinance. There being no public comments, the public hearing was closed. Chairperson Thomas made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Plan Commission, Supervisor Downing seconded. All approved, motion carried.

The board discussed our Driveway Permit on what a Permeable Driveway Surface means. They will update the ordinance, and it will be added to next month's agenda.

Thomas discussed the Fire House Project Meeting, which is made up of the Town Board, 12 Fire Dept Members and Kelly Christiansen as the secretary. They will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month. Supervisor Behnke discussed his concerns with the response on fundraising.

ARIP Grant Bids for an engineering firm were submitted and the Board will set up a meeting to open those bids.

Thomas opened the bids for Culverts. Alfson Excavating was the only business to submit bids for the Culverts. Supervisor Behnke made a motion to approve Alfson Excavating to do the culvert work on Carstens Road, East of HWY 42 for \$44,865.23, culvert on Union Road, North of Wilharms Rd for \$22,827.46 and the culvert on Union Road, North of HWY 42 for \$13,784.63 for a total of \$81,477.32. Chairperson Thomas seconded the motion, all approved, motion carried. Next, a bid from the Manitowoc County Highway Department for Various Paving work was opened. With the Highway Dept being the only bid Supervisor Behnke made a motion to approve Manitowoc County Highway Dept to do the following work: Hecker Rd, bridge approaches over Silver Creek for \$6500.00, Shoulder on Gass Lake Road for \$9000.00 and paving on Norheim Lane for \$6,250.00. Seconded by Supervisor Downing, all approved, motion carried. The board did not approve any chip sealing this year.

The Town of Manitowoc informed Chairperson Thomas they wanted to have a meeting with the City and the residents affected by the watermain project. They reached out to Mayor Nickles and will update us when they have more information.

*Clerk* – Clerk Grotegut stated we received \$13,163.81 for our recycling grant. Our Nsight contract is to be renewed and the board approved. We received a letter from the DA stating there is an Initial Appearance court date that we could attend for Kevin Staudinger via Zoom. Lastly, Grotegut submitted the bills. Chairperson Thomas made a motion to approve paying the bills, seconded by Supervisor Behnke. All approved, motion carried.

#### **NEXT MEETING DATES**

June 11, 2025 @ 05:00 p.m. – Monthly Town Meeting

There being no further discussion Supervisor Behnke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Downing seconded, the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alyssa Grotegut, Clerk