

**TOWN OF NEWTON
MINUTES FROM JANUARY 21, 2026**

The 01/21/26 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 Rd, Manitowoc, WI.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and members present were Denise Thomas – Chairperson, Kevin Behnke – Supervisor 1, Edward Downing – 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

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

TREASURERS REPORT

Chairperson Thomas made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by Supervisor Behnke, all approved, motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Larry Stock questioned the change in the Road Superintendent's report.

REPORTS

Road Supervisor – Supervisor Mueller submitted his report prior to the meeting and the Board discussed snow and ice, equipment repair and DNR well updates.

Law Enforcement – Law Enforcement Officer Mueller submitted his report prior to the meeting and there was a dog found on Norheim Lane. A Deputy Sheriff was dispatched to the residents from the previous meetings.

Zoning Administrator – Zoning Administrator's report was submitted prior to the meeting, there were no questions.

Supervisor 1 – Supervisor Behnke stated there isn't an update on the City Water Project Hydrant issue. The Recycling Center will be open this weekend. Supervisor Behnke made a motion to approve AJ's Recycling as our electronic collector, seconded by Supervisor Downing. All approved, motion carried. Manitowoc County update, election coming up in April and Sheriff Hartwig's presentation at the unit meeting was very eye-opening.

Supervisor 2 – Supervisor Downing and the board discussed possible road work the Town can take care of this year. Supervisor Downing gave praise to our snow removal crew.

Chairperson – Chairperson Thomas made a motion to approve the paying of the Keller Bill for the Firehouse bill for \$325,588.83 and \$115,813.91, seconded by Supervisor Downing. All approved, motion carried. Chairperson Thomas discussed the changing of Banks from Bank First to Cleveland State Bank. Treasurer Vogt gave her opinion on changing banks. Chairperson Thomas made a motion on making Cleveland State Bank the official Town Bank, seconded by Supervisor Downing. All approved, motion carried. A short discussion on ARIP project and potential financing occurred.

Clerk – Clerk Grotegut mentioned a complaint from a resident on Carsten's Lake. Chairperson Thomas made a motion to approve the paying of the bills. Seconded by Supervisor Behnke, all approved, motion carried.

MEETING DATES

Monthly Town Meeting – February 11, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.

Monthly Town Meeting – March 5, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.

Monthly Town Meeting – April 20, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting – April 21, 2026 – Meal @ 6:00 p.m., Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

With no further discussion, Supervisor Behnke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Downing. All approved, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Alyssa Grotegut