

**TOWN OF NEWTON
MINUTES FROM MARCH 5, 2026**

The 03/05/26 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, Dave Mueller – Road Supervisor/Law Enforcement Officer. Excused – Paulette Vogt – Treasurer & Michael Slattery – Zoning Administrator

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

TREASURERS REPORT

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

PUBLIC INPUT

Ethan from Comcast gave a presentation on what Comcast has to offer soon for our township with fiber connections. Devin from Keller gave an update on the Firehouse Project. Devin provided the Board with Action Items & Cost Implications so far for the project and discussion points for the board. Chairperson Thomas made a motion to approve the changes for \$10,291.25, seconded by Supervisor Downing. All approved, motion carried. Mark Knier brought up his concern on the furnace in the Town Hall not working properly. Kathy Eckhardt Thome requested an enforcement on the Public Nuisance Ordinance on Carstens Lake for noise complaints. Larry Stock commented on the Policy for Remote/Telephone Procedure Policy.

With nothing else public input is closed.

REPORTS

Road Supervisor – Road Superintendent Mueller provided his report to the board prior to meeting. The board discussed pothole patching, weight limit signs will be going up and pulling papers down from upstairs.

Law Enforcement – Law Enforcement Officer Mueller had a few dog calls.

Zoning Administrator – Zoning Administrator's report was submitted prior to the meeting. Chairperson Thomas questioned a few things about Conditional Use Permits.

Supervisor 1 – Supervisor Behnke stated there will be an Electronic Collection on May 9th and August 23rd. He discussed a few recycling center things. Supervisor Behnke gave an update on the County. Looking for a jail nurse, there are 6 new board members on the fair board and the sheriff's office received their body cameras and are in the training process.

Supervisor 2 – Supervisor Downing brought forth a Resolution for Supporting a Comprehensive and Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution to be sent to the Governor's Office, all members of the of the WI State Senate and Assembly representatives. Chairperson Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution and seconded by Supervisor Downing. All approved, motion carried.

Chairperson – Chairperson Thomas brought forth a Policy for the Town Board to attend meetings via telephone or Internet. Supervisor Behnke made a motion to approve both policies, seconded by Supervisor Downing. All approved, motion carried. Chairperson Thomas made a motion to release Dan Goodine for the Building Inspector Contractor, and hire with Scott Beining, seconded by Supervisor Behnke. All approved, motion carried. Supervisor Downing made a motion to pay Keller \$16,567.00 for the firehouse project, seconded by Supervisor Behnke. All approved, motion carried.

Clerk – Clerk Grotegut confirmed the meeting dates for Open Book and Board of Review. Chairperson Thomas made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Supervisor Downing, all approved. Motion carried.

MEETING DATES

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.

Open Book – May 4th – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m

Board of Review – May 12th - 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Alyssa Grotegut