

**TOWN OF NEWTON
MINUTES FROM APRIL 20, 2026**

The 04/20/26 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, Paulette Vogt – Treasurer, Lee Glaeser– Interim Zoning Administrator.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Thomas made a few corrections to the agenda moving Public Input before the Keller Update and removing the Resolution Protect Local Roads as we completed that already. Supervisor Downing made a motion to approve the amended 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

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

PUBLIC INPUT

Chairperson Thomas opened public input, no public input. Public input was closed.

REPORTS

Keller – Devin and Hayden were here to provide updates for the Fire House project. It has begun and it is delayed due to the rain. They provided how far along the building process is; with steel being delivered this week. He walked through proposed cost changes needed for certain items. Chairperson Thomas made a motion to approve to add \$87,495 to the Fire House Budget, seconded by Supervisor Downing. All approved with a roll call vote, motion carried. Chairperson Thomas made a motion to approve the upgrades for a total of \$32,741.82 to be taken from the fire department's budget, seconded by Supervisor Behnke. All approved, motion carried.

Road Supervisor – Road Supervisor Mueller submitted his report prior to the meeting. The Board discussed the well monitoring and who would be responsible for this. Cedar Corporation will be taking care of submitting a proposal to us. They discussed a plow truck going down in the snowstorm. The Board discussed moving slowly about the water in the ditches on Wilharms Rd. Invasive spraying discussion was had.

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

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

Supervisor 1 – Supervisor Behnke discussed the electronic collection on May 9th. County Board Executive will be inaugurated on April 21, 2026. He has a big worry for the 2028 County Budget with the unknown of ACT 10. Chairperson Thomas made a motion to approve the Responsible Unit Recycling Ordinance 042026. Seconded by Supervisor Downing, all approved motion carried.

Supervisor 2 – Supervisor Downing discussed and provided the Board with Scotts Constructions proposal/recommendations. Supervisor Downing made a recommendation to lower the 45 MPH speed limit each way on Carstens Lake Rd. The board discussed this and will discuss it again next month.

Chairperson – Discussed ARIP Road Project Reimbursement possibilities. LSSI Program was discussed and Chairperson Thomas made a motion to accept Client Confirmation Request from Cedar Corporation for the LSSI Program, seconded by Supervisor Downing. A discussion for the interim loan for the Fire House was had. Supervisor Behnke made a motion to approve financing with Cleveland State Bank for Construction to Term Loan, seconded by Supervisor Downing, all approved, motion carried. Chairperson Thomas made a motion to approve Kelly Christiansen as the Board of Review alternate, seconded by Supervisor Behnke. All approved, motion carried.

Clerk – Clerk Grotegut provided a resident's concern about Outdoor Storage. Chairperson Thomas made a motion to approve paying Keller Invoice for \$27,977.20, seconded by Supervisor Downing, all approved, motion carried. Chairperson Thomas made a motion to approve paying JT Engineering's March Invoice #250130-6 for \$3,600 and April's invoice #250130-7 for \$3,000 for the ARIP project. Seconded by Supervisor Behnke, all approved, motion carried. Supervisor Behnke made a motion to approve the paying of the bills, seconded by Supervisor Downing. All approved, motion carried.

MEETING DATES

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.

Special Town Board Meeting (Fire house) – May 11th @ 10:00 a.m.

Town Board Meeting – **THURSDAY**, May 14th @ 5:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Alyssa Grotegut, Clerk