

TOWN BOARD MEETING
JULY 15, 2026

The 07/15/26 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, Lee Glaeser – Zoning Administrator.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES

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

TREASURERS REPORT

Supervisor Downing made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Supervisor Behnke, all approved, motion carried. Treasurer Vogt brought to the board the County Treasurer is looking into charge cards for paying taxes and this will be on next month's agenda.

KELLER

Devin from Keller provided an update of the Firehouse and discussed action items and cost implications. Chairperson Thomas made a motion to approve action items 1-10, seconded by Supervisor Downing. All approved, motion carried. Devin wanted to remind the Board to keep in mind ribbon cutting with fall coming.

PUBLIC INPUT

Jeff Holschbach questioned how the asphalt over the railroad tracks would affect his driveway approach. Larry Stock questioned again why the Road Supervisor isn't on the WRS.

REPORTS

Road Supervisor – Chairperson Thomas made a motion to approve Mueller Repair to complete the ditching for \$800 on Norheim Rd. A discussion was had for the culvert on S. 26th St. The Fire Department is requesting no parking from in front of the park to Wetenkamp's Driveway for the picnic. A resolution will be made and discussed at the next meeting. Road Supervisor Mueller brought up the AC in the Town Hall and how it doesn't get out to the meeting room. Supervisor Behnke requested we have someone come in and look at why this is a problem in the Town Hall. Mueller stated a resident brought to his attention there are wet spots in the right of way/ditch when cutting the lawn. The Board discussed this and wanted more information and come back with a recommendation.

Law Enforcement Officer – Law Enforcement Officer Mueller received a few dogs calls over the 4th of July. There was a steer on the roadway. Another resident had ducks in their yard.

Zoning Administrator – Nothing additional to the report he submitted to the Board.

Supervisor 1 – Justin Fries was hired as the New Recycling Attendant. Supervisor Behnke gave an update on what is happening within Manitowoc County. The Highway Department is not going to be contracting out snowplowing to Town's and Villages they had in the place. The Town of Manitowoc reached out and asked if we would be interested in contracting snow plowing services. This will be on next month's agenda.

Supervisor 2 – Supervisor Downing discussed a few small road work projects that could be done.

Chairperson – Updated Employee Handbook was discussed and will be added to next months agenda for approval. Chairperson Thomas made a motion to approve the Driveway Ordinance with the Agriculture Driveway addition. Seconded by Supervisor Downing, all approved motion carried.

Clerk – Supervisor Downing made a motion to approve ARIP Inv #2501310-10 for \$14,000, seconded by Supervisor Behnke. All approved, motion carried. Supervisor Behnke made a motion to approve paying the Keller June Invoice for

\$112,266 Supervisor Downing seconded, all approved motion carried. Chairperson Thomas made a motion to approve the payment of the bills, seconded by Supervisor Downing, all approved, motion carried.

NEXT MEETING DATES

August 12, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m. – Monthly Town Board Meeting

With no further discussion, Supervisor Behnke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Chairperson Thomas, all approved, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Alyssa Grotegut, Clerk