

TOWN OF NEWTON BOARD MEETING

JUNE 12, 2024

The June 12, 2024, 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 Road, 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 Office. Excused was Mike Slattery – Zoning Administrator.

VERIFICATION OF POSTING – APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

An affidavit is on file stating the agenda was posted in the posting places. Supervisor Christiansen made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Behnke, all approved, motion carried. A motion to approve last month's minutes with the correction of the spelling of Hecker was made by Chairperson Thomas. Said motion was seconded by Supervisor Behnke, all approved, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Vogt submitted her report prior to the meeting, there were no questions. Treasurer Vogt stated discrepancies in the Balance Sheet. Supervisor Behnk made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Supervisor Christiansen. All approved, motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Larry Stock expressed his negative feelings on the 5 p.m. start time and where public input is on the agenda. Ron Ratajczak voices his opinions and concerns on Town topics.

REPORTS

Zoning Administrator – Mike didn't have a report for May.

Road Supervisor/Law Enforcement Officer – Dave had a resident call about the culvert on Sunset Lane and Dave thought it could use extensions. The Board agreed to take care of that. Liberty is black topping Rangeline Road and maybe the intersection of Carstens Lake Road and Rangeline Road, which is a shared expense. He is working on mowing and fixing the mower. The sign at the dump doesn't state for Town of Newton residents only, the Board agreed to replace that sign so it states Town of Newton residents only. There were High water calls on Memorial Day. Next, for Law Enforcement, he had a long lawn call at 8729 Center Road. There is a south view fence in the ditch and right of way but due to the Zoning Ordinance it can stay where it is. Lastly, he got a dog call, and a town resident was bitten by a dog.

Supervisor 1 – Kevin gave a handout from the County Finance Committee meeting with budget numbers and discussed that in detail and what the next steps could be to relieve the debt problem within the county.

Supervisor 2 – Kelly discussed how we could use town support and input to help get information so we can have a greater probability of receiving funds for broadband. Next, he read the new Ordinance to adjust the speed limit on Silver Creek Road from Hecker to Gass Lake Road, and Supervisor Christiansen then made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Supervisor Behnke. All voted aye with a roll call vote, ordinance adopted on publication. The curve on Center Road between Hartlaub Lake to Clover

Road is very sharp and residents have suggested more identifying signs to give more awareness to that curve. The Board will look more into and will have it on next month's agenda. Lastly, Kelly had Garrett Braun speak on behalf of the Fire Department on the future building and he stated they have been meeting with Keller and he will be at the July and August meetings. The fire department wants to be upfront, and they are moving towards a separate stand-alone building.

Chairperson – The Board looked over the projected maps for Phase two of the City Water Project. Denise then made a motion to hire Jayden Schroeder for the cleaning position, seconded by Supervisor Christiansen. All approved, motion carried. The Plan Commission had a recommendation for the Zone Change for Dylan VanderWheele at 7028 South Union Road from B-1, Business District, to A-2, General Agricultural District. She mentioned this used to be zoned as A-2 prior to rezoning. Supervisor Behnke then made a motion to approve the Zone Change, seconded by Supervisor Christiansen. All approved, motion carried. As discussed in months prior the board will send out the Obstruction Free Driveway letters to residents and continue to move forward from there. The Salt shed needs a new roof and there were two bids submitted, Supervisor Behnke made a motion to have Overhead Solutions replace the roof for \$9,7421.42. Supervisor Christiansen seconded the motion, all approved, motion carried. Lastly, we received Insurance Renewal Bids and there are a few updates that need to be made and will be put on the July Agenda.

Clerk – Alyssa requested approval of the 2024-2025 Liquor Licenses and Operating Licenses for the following businesses: City Limits, The Hideout, Wisconsin Ag Education Center, Pine River Mini Marts Inc, Gun Club of Manitowoc County and 4 Christi's Vineyard LLC. Chairperson Thomas made a motion to accept these licenses, Supervisor Behnke seconded. All approved, motion carried. Supervisor Christiansen made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Supervisor Behnke, all approved. Motion carried. Lastly, Alyssa requested all employees and board members turn in receipts to her.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Monthly Board Meeting: July 10, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

With no further discussion Supervisor Christiansen moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Behnke, said motion was adapted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Grotegut, Clerk