

## TOWN OF NEWTON BOARD MEETING

JULY 10, 2024

The July 10, 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, 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. Supervisor Behnke made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June. Supervisor Christiansen seconded, all approved, motion carried.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurer Vogt submitted her report prior to the meeting, there were no questions. Chairperson Thomas made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Supervisor Christiansen. All approved, motion carried.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Bonnie Luckow made a comment about how Gass Lake Road looks great but was upset about the lack of notice that the road was being redone. Larry Stock then questioned Northeast Asphalt and what they were doing with the excess blacktop. He then mentioned his opinions and concerns on the Gass Lake Road culvert, Supervisor Christiansen explained the situation. No further input, public input was closed.

### **REPORTS**

*Zoning Administrator* – Mike submitted his report to the board prior to the meeting. There were no questions.

*Road Supervisor/Law Enforcement* – Dave Mueller stated he had to put out high water signs with the recent storms. He also received quotes for tractor tires from Bauer Built and Pat's, he requested the Board look at those quotes. Lastly, he mentioned the price of salt has increased and we should be getting our preseason order soon. Next, for Law Enforcement, he had a loose sheep call, and a resident made him aware of a cat nuisance on Norheim Road. The Board suggested Dave sends the resident a letter and a copy of the Ordinances and stop by the resident who made him aware and give them an update.

*Supervisor 1* – Kevin quickly mentioned he has a call out to Plate Enterprises to possibly set up a date for a fall electronic collection. Next, he gave an update that the County Finance Committee recommended to the County Board to implement a 0.5% sales tax increase and that will be on the County Board docket at the next meeting.

*Supervisor 2* – Kelly mentioned there will be another broadband meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup> and will have an update on that next meeting. He then proposed signage for the curve on Center Road between Hartlaub Lake Road and Clover Road and where they should be posted. Supervisor Christiansen then made a motion to put up the signage on the curves for the safety of drivers on the curve on Center Road between Hartlaub Lake Road and Clover Road and then the additional signage on the curve between Hartlaub Lake Road and HWY 42. Supervisor Behnke seconded said motion, all approved, motion carried. Devon from Keller gave an updated presentation on the blueprints and outlay of the potential new Firehouse along with projected costs. He will be back again at the next meeting to answer more questions.

*Chairperson* – Denise stated that Northeast Asphalt contacted her and had to add additional expense of more wedging due to breakage in the road. Denise made a motion to approve the addition to the bid of \$29,022.40, Supervisor Christiansen seconded the motion. All approved, motion carried. Denise then updated everyone on how the Obstruction Free Zone Letter process is going. Residents have been wonderful and very receptive. Chairperson Thomas then made a motion to approve the renewal of our insurance for \$12,514.00, seconded by Supervisor Behnke. All approved, motion carried. Denise then presented two Ordinances designating the clerk to issue Operators and Picnic Licenses at any time throughout the year. Supervisor Christiansen made a motion to accept those Ordinances, seconded by Supervisor Behnke, all approved. Motion Carried.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairperson Thomas opened a public hearing to take action on a Resolution to recommend an amendment to the Town of Newton Year 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Chairperson Thomas spoke on behalf of the Plan Commission explaining in greater detail the Resolution. Larry Stock asked for clarification on the changes and Zoning Administrator Mike Slattery explained that. With no other public input and no correspondence, the public hearing was closed. Supervisor Behnke stated his thoughts and concerns and is against this resolution, but he believes in the committee system and because of that he will support the Plan Commission. Chairperson Thomas made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Supervisor Christiansen. A roll call vote took place and with 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

*Clerk* – Supervisor Christiansen made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Supervisor Behnke, all approved. Motion carried.

#### **NEXT MEETING DATES**

Monthly Town Meeting – August 7, 2024

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