

TOWN OF NEWTON BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2024

The August 7, 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.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called, 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 proper place. Chairperson Thomas moved to have the Fire Department presentation to after the treasurer's report, Supervisor Christiansen approved the amended agenda, seconded by Supervisor Behnke. All approved, motion carried. Supervisor Behnke then approved the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Christiansen. 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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION

Devon from Keller did a recap for the public on where the fire department is with the plans for the potential of a new firehouse. He also shared a visual and read the handout the fire department wants to advertise at the picnic. The project could potentially be between 5.5-6.5 million dollars. Residents then had questions and concerns about how this is getting paid for and the process behind this project. A few gave tips on what they believe the fire department should do to get Town support. The Town Board then gave their blessing to allow the fire department to advertise and inform the residents of this project at the picnic.

PUBLIC INPUT

Chairperson Thomas opened public input. With no public input, it was then closed.

REPORTS

Road Supervisor – Dave began his report by requesting if ACE could place a gutter canopy above the drop box because it leaks into it when it rains. The board approved ACE to complete the job. He then informed the board that he submitted Bridge Aid to the county. Mentioned Erik from Northeast Asphalt wanted to just leave the bump, but the Board wants it to be redone and will be in contact with him for that. Scott Construction should be done seal coating next week. The salt shed roof was replaced and done. Lastly, he inquired about tractor tires and Supervisor Christiansen and Dave will discuss what they think and bring to the next meeting.

Law Enforcement – Dave just had a few cat complaints by residents and a dog call.

Zoning Administrator – Mike submitted his report prior to the meeting, there were no questions.

Supervisor 1 - Kevin stated that the electronic collection will be October 5th, 2024, from 8 a.m. to Noon. Next, he updated the town that Manitowoc County will implement a 0.5% sales tax increase beginning January 1, 2025.

Supervisor 2 – Kelly updated everyone on the broadband, and they will be conducting interviews to see who a supplier can be and what they can do for the area. The signs for the curve on Center Road between Hartlaub Lake Road to Clover Road have arrived and Kelly and Dave also looked at other places to have proper signage as well.

Chairperson – Denise began her report with the Emergency Management Plan, the last time it has been done was 2017, therefore the board will work to update that. The Town of Newton was granted the 90/10 ARIP grant of \$1,646,795.45 for the Center Road project; this means the Town only pays for 10% of the project! This project will be completed in 2025. Residents have asked about Orchard Lane, and Vinton is working on that, and the city is paying for that project. Lastly, there have been requests from residents to put a Dead-End sign on Willever Lane, the board requests that Dave take care of that as well.

Clerk – Alyssa requested approval for Lincoln Mini Marts LLC for a Class A liquor license – Supervisor Behnke made a motion to approve, seconded by Supervisor Christiansen, Chairperson Thomas abstained. All approved, motion carried. Alyssa also had Ron Ratajczak reach out saying thank you to Dave for moving his mailbox so speedily after it was struck by a vehicle. Lastly, Alyssa submitted the bills and Chairperson Thomas made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Supervisor Behnke. All approved, motion carried.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Monthly Town Meeting – September 11, 2024

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

Respectfully submitted,
Alyssa Grotegut, Clerk